

Friendship

Love

Honesty

Hope

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Responsibility



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Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone that attended the attendance session on Wednesday, which was supported by our EWO (Education Welfare Officer), Caroline Holt. We were delighted to see so many parents and be able to discuss the importance of attendance, together with how we can support your children to attend. If you missed this session, please refer to the email sent yesterday, which included the ppt and attendance policy.

Having spoken with parents, staff and children I am delighted to announce that we will be bringing back the much loved **World Book Day!** World Book Day[®] is a charity that changes lives through a love of books and reading. Their mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. You may be interested to know that reading for pleasure is a vital indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. To celebrate, we are encouraging children (and staff!) to dress up on World Book Day, **Thursday 2nd March**, as their favourite book character. To support you with costume ideas, please see a handout which is helpfully provided by the WBD charity. I have also attached a family pack of resources for you, so that you can fully engage in the day at home.

Finally, I am delighted to let you know that after a rigorous recruitment process, Mr Steve McBride has been appointed as our new Deputy Head, he is very excited to start! Although he officially takes up his post after Easter, he will be visiting a couple of times before then. Mr McBride has extensive experience as a senior leader and I am certain will be a real asset to our dedicated staff team.

All that is left to say is that I wish you all a very happy half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 21st February.

Best wishes,

Mrs Becky McManus
Headteacher

Uniform Reminder

Please be aware that your child **MUST** be in full school uniform.

We will send out a revised uniform policy shortly, please be aware that there are no exceptions to this.



Dates for the diary

Date	What	Where and When
Friday 10 th February	Term ends	3.20pm – usual end of day
Monday 20 th February	INSET day	No children in school
Tuesday 21 st February	Term begins (All children return)	8.40am
Friday 24 th February	PTA AGM	9-10am School Hall
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day	Dress up as your favourite book character
Monday 13 th March	Parents' Eve	Appointments will be released in Feb
Thursday 16 th March	Parents' Eve	Appointments will be released in Feb
Friday 31 st March	Church Easter Service Parents Welcome, no ticket needed	2pm – St Martin's Church Usual dismissal from school at 3.20pm
Friday 31 st March	Term ends	3.20pm – usual end of day

PTA MEETING

We would like to encourage parents/carers to attend our PTA meeting on Friday 24th February.

PTA - what is it!?

The PTA is a Parent Teacher Association, this is anyone who is a parent or carer coming together to support the school and children.

How do I get involved?

Come along to the AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Friday 24th February (see above).

What does the PTA do?

The PTA run activities and events for the school children and their families, for them to enjoy but also to raise additional funds for the school. These funds are spent on things like new furniture for the classrooms, reading corners, additional books for the library, apps for the laptops/iPads and much more.

Do I need any skills/expertise?

Absolutely not – we welcome all, please do come along!