



Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week and for all members of the school community to enjoy the return of many of the opportunities we haven't been able to give the children recently.

Wider curriculum activities

In the list below are the opportunities we are able to continue with or are beginning in the period since half-term. Hopefully your children will have told you about some of them.

- Music lessons have continued to be led by the music specialist Mrs Jones in Year 2, Year 5H and Year 6 classes.
- Spanish continues in all Key Stage 2 classes.
- Swimming continues in Year 5 with the Year 4 children swimming shortly.
- Clubs have started around the themes of dance, gardening, art and football with more to be established shortly.
- Sporting competitions have begun with the children already competing in basketball and football whilst the Year 6 children took part in the Wath Academy Movement Evening. Shortly, Key Stage Two children will take part in a gymnastic competition with more sporting competitions to follow.
- Year 1 will have some exciting, new visitors.
- All children will visit church as part of the Easter celebrations for a child-led service.
- School council will take place each month to enable the children to share their ideas for school improvement with Mrs Thickett. Worship committee will also begin with Mrs Horner.
- Each class will take part in a curriculum visit during the summer term to help bring their curriculum focus alive.
- I am sure the list will get longer and even more exciting as the year progresses.

Attendance corner

Regular and consistent attendance at school supports children's social and academic development. For this reason, we don't authorise holidays in term time but try to support families in the best ways possible in obtaining holidays which aren't as expensive but don't take place during term time. As we have done before, the last day the children are in school during the first part of the summer term is Thursday 26th May 2022 and the children then return on Tuesday 7th June 2022. If families wish to, going on holiday on this Friday may enable them to get a better deal than normal school holidays. If you plan a term time holiday, the form which can be obtained from the office needs to be returned at least two weeks prior to your departure. After receiving this form, I will telephone to discuss the potential trip and its implications.

Ukraine/Red Nose day

Being aware of the upsetting situation within the Ukraine at the moment we would like to mention that

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Red Nose Day this year will be concentrating on supporting aid and the organisations relating to Ukraine. As well as selling Red Noses on Friday 18th March, we will be collecting donations from staff & the school community to send to Comic Relief and British Red Cross should you wish to contribute. We may plan further charitable contributions to this cause in the near future.

World Book Day

Please remember that we are celebrating World Book Day next Tuesday 8th March when children and adults can dress up in celebration of diversity and their own uniqueness or talents.

If you have any questions about the items in this newsletter, please contact me via the school telephone number of 01709 760471 or by emailing school@wce.jmat.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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