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Dear Parents and Carers,
It is hard to believe that we are now
officially half way through the school year!

Notes for your diary

3rd March – Bingo Night (6.15pm Junior site)
7th & 8th March - Parent/Teacher Meetings both sites
30th March 7pm - Internet Safety Meeting For Parents and Carers

Events this week

All of our Key Stage 2 children took part in fantastic archaeology sessions in the Time Truck which came to visit our junior site this week.

Our Year 6 pupils went to visit St Thomas More for a really awesome science lesson, as part of our secondary school transition programme.

Our Year 2 pupils went to the Royal Festival Hall on Monday for a wonderful concert which was performed by the London Philharmonic orchestra.

All our Year 1 pupils went on a lovely walk to look at homes in our local area as part of their geography topic work. And to finish our week, our Friends ran a really successful Cake sale at both sites. Thank you all so much for your very generous donations of delicious cakes. I would also like to thank our Friends for all they do for our school.

School meals Years 3 - 6

Please make sure that you are up-to-date with payments for this half term.

Year 3 – 6 dinners will cost £60 – this is for meals from 20th February until 31st March.

Open Evenings

Tuesday 7th March

Infant site between 3.30pm and 6pm

Junior site between 4.30pm and 7pm

Wednesday 8th March

Infant site between 4.30pm and 7pm

Junior site between 3.45pm and 6.15pm

Don't forget to make your appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. On Friday 24th the forms will be available in the reception area for you to sign up for your preferred time. If you cannot pop in to sign up, then call the school office (also from Friday) and we will do our best to accommodate you.

There will be crèche facilities at both sites during these meetings.

Internet Safety

Online safety forms a very important part of our curriculum throughout the school. We are very committed to keeping our children safe online and, as such, we have filters in place which mean that children cannot access social media sites on school computers, nor can they log in and make comments on Youtube or other video sharing sites.

During discussions with pupils we have become very aware that a number of children are spending a lot of time online either at home or in their friends' homes and have access to social media.

Advice from all social media websites states that children under 13 should not be creating accounts on their sites. Google states its age restrictions on support.google.com as: all users need to be more than 13 years of age to open an account which would give access to Google products such as Gmail and YouTube. Facebook also has an age restriction of 13 years before an account can be opened as does Snapchat and Instagram. WhatsApp requires all users to be over 16.

These limits are there to protect children from potential harm from others online. This includes online bullying.

Please talk to your children about keeping safe online. If you choose to

allow them to have an underage social media account, it is vital that you supervise their use of it, to ensure that your child and any children they are contacting, are doing so safely. It is also vital that you know who is contacting them. If you are concerned about who is contacting your child on line please report directly to CEOP at www.ceop.police.uk or click on their icon which is on most social media sites. If you are concerned that your child is becoming a victim of online bullying, Childnet provides a wealth of excellent advice and support at WWW.Childnet.com/resources

On 30th March, all of our junior site children will take part in our annual E-Safety workshops run by Childnet. They will also be running another really informative session for parents and carers at 7pm. I would urge you to attend this session to ensure you are fully informed on how to keep your child safe on line.



Family Bingo & Cake sale

Thanks to all parents and carers who donated so generously to the Friends cake sale. As usual, the kids got very excited every time we came into the classrooms with their share! All proceedings will go to the school.

On Friday 3rd March The Friends are hosting the Family Bingo Night at the Junior School Hall at 6.15pm. It's an event for the whole family so come join us for nibbles, drinks and great prizes. We are still accepting prize donations so if you have any unwanted gifts please donate to us.

Board Games

If anyone has any Board Games that they could donate to our Thursday Afterschool Club at the Junior site, they would be gratefully received.



Attendance & Punctuality for this term

Total late 24 throughout the school. Congratulations to 4/5L & 1R with no late children. Well done to 1A with 100% attendance.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception C	93%	1	Year 2T	89%	1	Year 4K	94%	3
Reception B	92%	1	Year 2F	96%	1	Year4/5 L	98%	0
Year 1 A	100%	2	Year 3U	90%	2	Year 5T	97%	1
Year 1 R	98%	0	Year 3A	98%	4	Year 6M	97%	4
						Year 6F	99%	4

Have a wonderful half term.

Margaret Hanrahan