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*We are a global community, learning and growing together.*

**Monday, 05 February 2018**

### PTA

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Movie night**

*The movie choice is Madagascar*

Thank you to Abi for getting Waitrose to support the school with their token system during February. The money raised will go towards outside play equipment.

### Term Dates

#### **2017 -2018**

Half term ends on 9<sup>th</sup> February at **3pm**

The second half of term starts on 19<sup>th</sup> February

Term 2 ends on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at **1.30pm**

Term 3 starts on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Half term ends on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at **3pm**

The second half of term starts on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Term ends on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at **1.30pm**

#### **2018-2019**

School starts on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

Year 6 have left for a wonderful adventure at Yenworthy. Thank you for ensuring the children were ready to leave promptly today. Thank you to all the staff, I am so grateful to them for taking the children.

### **Collective Worship**

31<sup>st</sup> January Year 2 - I was so sorry to have missed the Paddington assembly but I hear it was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Paddington as a topic has been very popular.

7<sup>th</sup> February Art

21<sup>st</sup> February – P4C – always an interesting assembly with Miss Manley

28<sup>th</sup> February World Book Day a chance to dress up as a book character

7<sup>th</sup> March Yenworthy

14<sup>th</sup> March Year 3

21<sup>st</sup> March Curriculum Event

28<sup>th</sup> March The Library and Librarians

### **Thursday Collective Worship**

Collective Worship on Thursday, is led by the clergy from St Barnabas' Church. The theme on 8<sup>th</sup> February is Lent

22<sup>nd</sup> February we will be going to church for Ash Wednesday

**Write a thon:** Poetry writing was the theme last week. The theme this week will be writing a book. I know Year 2 are very inspired to write books about a topic they have chosen.

**Allergies:** Please remember we are a nut and seed free school. *Please do not send in Kiwi fruit as some children are allergic – thank you.*

Please see a link for information about allergies. 'living with anaphylactic allergies':

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zpdy6fr>

### **Weekly Attendance Data**

#### **Weekly number of children late per class:**

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): 5

Year 1: 5

Year 2: 1

Year 3: 4

Year 4: 0 (Well done)

Year 5: 3

Year 6: 2

Thank you to everyone that is regularly on time it really does make a difference to the children's learning, staff and the office.

**Lates:** thank you to families that are working with the class teachers to improve lateness. Please discuss with the class teacher if there is any way that the school can help you get your child to school on time. We know traffic can be an issue for some families but if you live locally and are having problems we may be able to arrange to come and walk your child to school.

#### **Whole School Attendance: 87.8%**

We aim to achieve a minimum of 95% attendance each week, however we would like this to improve and for the school to achieve at least 96% attendance or higher.

**Attendance:** If your child is unable to attend school then please telephone the office and leave a message, selecting the option to report an absence or alternatively you can email the office ([office.3832@st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3832@st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk)). As stated in our Attendance Policy 'It is expected that parents will contact school as soon as it is reasonably practical (eg by 9.30 am) on every day their child is unable to attend'. Thank you.

**Our value is Encouragement**

**Batteries:** Mrs Donaghey has signed up to a scheme so we can recycle old batteries the container is in the foyer.

**Dates:**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 6 at Yenworthy

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Travelling Book Fair in School

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February:** Dress up as your favourite book character for World Book day

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Class Photos

**Run Jericho is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June this year.** We will let you know when you can sign up for the race. Lots of the Run Jericho team are starting to prepare for the event. We will soon need to decide on the colour of the T Shirt. This wonderful event happens each year and raises crucial, additional money for the school. The money raised has supported the library, outdoor equipment and IT equipment. It makes such a difference to the school and we are so grateful to our wonderful families that make it possible.

**Book Fair:** The book Fair will be in school between the 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February and will be open Monday-Friday 3.00-3.30pm and Thursday and Friday mornings 8.15-8.45am. All purchases help earn free books for our school.

**After School Club:** Have you remembered to book your child's place at After School Club for next half term?

Places can be booked using the booking forms available from the office or After School Club staff. Ad Hoc (one off or short notice bookings) can be made via the office.

Please remember that we need a new booking form for each half term. It is essential that places are booked in advance so that we know whether to expect your child and we do check the whereabouts of children who do not arrive as expected.

**After School Activity Club:**

Sports Club, Chess Club & Girls Football Club. There are places available, if your child would like join please collect a form from the office.

**Yours sincerely**

**Fiona Hawkins  
Headteacher**