



Dear Families and Friends

As we approach the half-term holiday (after what has been a rather wet and cold start to 2018), we want to remind you that the school is closed to pupils tomorrow (Friday) for a staff training day. We are then closed for a week for the half-term holiday and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 26th February.

Kind regards

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Headteacher

KEY DATES for your DIARY SPRING TERM 2018



<i>Thursday 15th February</i>	<i>School CLOSSES for the half-term holiday</i>
<i>Friday 16th February</i>	<i>School CLOSED for Staff Training</i>
<i>Monday 26th February</i>	<i>School opens for the remainder of the Spring Term</i>
<i>Wednesday 28th February</i>	<i>Year 3 Class Visit : Manchester Art Gallery</i>
<i>Thursday 1st March</i>	<i>Year 5 Class Visit : Central Library (Peterloo Workshop)</i>
<i>Friday 2nd March, 9.10am</i>	<i>World Book Day Assembly (see article)</i>
<i>Friday 2nd March, 7.30pm</i>	<i>Friends / PTA Quiz Night (adults only)</i>
<i>Tuesday 6th March, 6.45pm</i>	<i>Friends / PTA meeting at school</i>
<i>Friday 9th March, 9.10am</i>	<i>Year 4 Class Assembly</i>
<i>Wednesday 14th March</i>	<i>Year 2 Class Visit : Staircase House (Great Fire of London)</i>
<i>Friday 16th March, 9.10am</i>	<i>Year 1 Class Assembly</i>
<i>Monday 19th March</i>	<i>Year 5 Class Visit : Manchester MOSI</i>
<i>Tuesday 20th March</i>	<i>Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm)</i>
<i>Wednesday 21st March</i>	<i>Parents' evening (3.30pm – 7.30pm)</i>
<i>Friday 23rd March</i>	<i>Sport Relief Day</i>
<i>Wednesday 28th March</i>	<i>Year 4 Arts Performance at MHA (including evening)</i>
<i>Thursday 29th March</i>	<i>School CLOSSES for the Easter Holidays</i>
<i>Monday 16th April</i>	<i>School OPENS for the Summer Term</i>

WORLD BOOK DAY – FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

Friday 2nd March is World Book Day (officially it's the Thursday) when many schools all around the country celebrate the world of books. To mark the event, we are once again inviting the children to come to school on that day dressed as a character from a book. Assembly on the Friday morning will include a short talk from each class about a book or characters from a book.

Your child's costume can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish; it is not a competition and we are not expecting parents to purchase or spend hours preparing costumes. Think "simple" and use clothes and accessories you have available at home. We hope that all children might want to take part in this event in this way but it is entirely optional.



Whilst we try and mark World Book Day every year, what is more important is the partnership between home and school to encourage children to develop a love of books and reading. We know that there are perhaps more-inviting pastimes for children nowadays (iPads, online gaming, etc) and a lack of time within busy families, but the support and time you, as parents, commit to your child's reading (particularly in the early stages) is invaluable. Daily reading and sharing books at home can make all the difference to a child's enjoyment of reading and their ability to access other areas of the curriculum as they get older. Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY FOR 2017 – 2018



Our class attendance for the year up to 9th February 2018 is as follows ...

Class	Attendance	Days Missed	Attendance Thresholds				Late Marks
			Pupils who have attendance more or less than the percentage shown				
			100%	97%+	<90%	<85%	
Nursery	95.0%	91	3	14	3	3	60
Reception	96.0%	117	13	16	5	2	79
Year 1	96.8%	99	5	20	2	1	62
Year 2	97.9%	57	11	20	1	0	22
Year 3	96.7%	102	8	19	2	1	39
Year 4	96.4%	103	9	16	2	1	76
Year 5	97.4%	79	9	19	1	0	34
Year 6	97.2%	79	8	18	1	0	55
All	96.8%	726	66	142	17	8	427



97%

Three of the classes are achieving 97% target but others are quite close with achievement over 96%. Well done everyone, this despite a lot of illness during the winter period. 144 of our children have had at least one session of absence due to illness since September. 208 sessions have been lost due to family holidays taken during term time.