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New library and nurture areas.

Staff have been busy planning a new library and nurture area. The new library/ nurture areas will have new soft seating, new shelving and carpeted flooring. All books will be audited and re-organised so that they are easily accessible to all age groups and pupils will be able to spend more time enjoying all that the library has to offer. We will hold a 'grand opening' as soon as it is ready. The school council continue to work with me to select items for the playground to make it more lively and inviting. They would also like more seating and display boards to add colour.

New Computer Server

It is time for us to renew our computer server. This is the large computer that all of our computers operate through. It is never used by any people but sits in the background hosting all of the information. To replace it is quite an undertaking and means that the computer system will be unavailable from Friday 2nd February until the end of Tuesday 6th February.

The good news is that we will still be able to use the i-pads during this time!

Parents' Consultation Evening.

All parents are invited to join us on **Monday 5th February** for a **Parents' Consultation Evening** to discuss your child's progress. All pupils in KS2 are welcome to join the meeting so they can contribute to setting targets for the following term.

Times tables Apps

Pupils throughout the school need to learn their times-tables so we recommend these apps to help support with this task.

Squeebles Times tables – KS1 and KS2 Interactive times tables game to encourage children to learn times tables off by heart and earn 'squeebles' as a reward.

Mathboard – KS2- upper KS1 when using the customizable options Teaches addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. There are a number of options available to differentiate the questions asked. Quizzes can be timed or not.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 25th January - YR1 Phonics Meeting 3.30pm
Thursday 25th January—YR 6 SATs Meeting 3.30pm
Friday 26th January - Sharing Assembly 2.45pm—Kingfishers
Tuesday 30th January—YR2 SATS meeting 3.30pm
Thursday 1st February—House Dodgeball Challenge
Monday 5th February—Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6th February—Reception class trip to Pizza Express
Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day
Friday 9th February—House Challenge
Friday 9th February— Sharing Assembly 2.45pm—Parrots
Monday 12th February—16th February- YR5/6 Residential to Condover Hall
Thursday 15th February—Reception Class—Stay and play 1.15pm—2.15pm
Monday 19th February—23rd February—Half Term
Monday 26th February—Inset day (school closed nursery open)
Wednesday 28th February—Performance & Standards Committee
Thursday 1st March—World Book Day - Dress as a character
Friday 2nd March—Sharing Assembly—2.45pm—Falcons
Friday 2nd March—Open Books—3.15pm
Monday 5th March 9.30am—Class Photos
Wednesday 7th March—Art Day
Monday 12th March-16th March—Science & Engineering Week
Tuesday 13th March - Nursery Parents Evening
Wednesday 14th March - Recourses Committee
Friday 16th March—Knex Challenge
Friday 16th March—Sharing Assembly 2.45pm— Reception
Monday 26th March - Easter Reports to parents
Wednesday 28th March - Easter Service—11.00am
Wednesday 28th March - Full Governing Body meeting - 6.00pm
Thursday 29th March—Easter House Challenge
Thursday 29th March- Sharing Assembly—2.45pm—Nursery
Friday 30th March—Easter Holiday

Parents' Meetings

Pupils in Y1, 2 and 6 will be undertaking various statutory assessments in the summer term. To ensure that parents are fully informed and are able to support their child through this process we are holding three Parent Meetings as detailed below.

Thursday 25th January at 3.30 p.m.—Y1 phonics meeting

Thursday 25th January at 3.30 p.m.—Y6 SATs meeting

Tuesday 30th January 3.30 p.m.—Y2 SATs Meeting

Nursery News!

We would like to welcome Rebecca, Madison and Arabella to our nursery. They have all settled in very well and have enjoyed making new friends.

We will be undertaking a clothing collection this term to raise money for nursery equipment. So, if you have any old clothes, shoes or cuddle toys please bag them up, bring them into school and give them to nursery staff. The collection of clothes will then be weighed and will be exchanged for cash which, of course, will go to the Nursery.

Congratulations go to Michelle Hannaford and the whole Hannaford family who are expecting their forth child in Early May 2018. We wish Michelle a very healthy pregnancy and look forward to the arrival of their new chid in May.