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Dear Parents,

World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March the school will be taking part in World Book Day. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. The children will be participating in exciting activities to promote pleasure in reading. Each child will receive a £1 book token to use towards a range of exciting books.

Y2 assessments parent meeting

We would like to invite parents with a child in Year 2, to a meeting to discuss the end of Y2 assessments. These assessments will take place in May and outcomes will be reported in their end of year reports. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss national expectations and see examples of test papers and ask any questions. The meeting will take place at 3pm on Monday 5th March in Mrs. Morris' room.

Easter Celebrations

Parents are invited to attend our Easter Assembly at 9am on Thursday 29th March. We are inviting all children to make an Easter Bonnet and a decorated egg at home for a competition which will be judged on the day for an Easter prize. The children can be as creative as they like with their bonnets and eggs. The prizes will be given to those children who have made an extra special effort in their own work. In school children will be decorating eggs for their traditional Easter Egg Roll competition on the last day of Spring Term.

Hockey Match 28th March

On 28th March children in Y3-5 have the opportunity to take part in an inter-school hockey competition at Duchess High School at 3:15pm. Any child wishing to participate needs parental consent via the ParentMail form.

Swimming

Swimming will continue this half term each Tuesday until Easter. Any voluntary donations, however small, would be greatly appreciated to support us with the transport costs of these sessions.

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Free School Meals

Your child is entitled to get free school meals if they are in Reception class, Year 1 or Year 2. However if you receive any of the following benefits below and apply through the local authority for the free school meal, you may be entitled to a significant sum of money which comes to the school to support your child. This may be used to support your child's academic achievements, help with costs of school trips or residentials or provide enrichment opportunities through extra-curricular clubs. If you receive any of the following, we would encourage you to apply for the funding.

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit

If you require any further information, please see Mrs Fletcher.

Safety

After recent local news items regarding children escaping from school, I would like to reassure parents that children on our site are safe and secure. Staff and Governors ensure that all health and safety and site security is maintained, monitored and reviewed regularly. The local authority recently carried out and health and safety audit including site security survey with pleasing results. The security, health and safety and safeguarding policies are reviewed regularly by the Governing Body and are available via the school website or on request.

H.S.A Easter Bingo

On Friday 23rd March 5pm the H.S.A. will be running their Easter Bingo event for families. This event is always well attended and packed full of family fun. We ask that parents donate Easter Eggs for this

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event as prizes for the children. There will be a donation box placed in the school entrance for this purpose. Refreshments will be available on the evening.

Dates For Diaries

Monday 5th March - Y2 SATS assessment meeting for parents.

Tuesday 27th March - Last whole school swimming session for this year.

Wednesday 28th March - Y3-5 hockey match at Duchess High School

Thursday 29th March - Children break up for Easter.

Monday 16th April - Children return to school.

Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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