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NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAY: **Monday 17th February 2020 – Friday 21st February 2020**

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON Monday 24th FEBRUARY 2020

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HOLIDAYS SHOULD NOT BE BOOKED IN TERM TIME

Events happening next week	
Mon 3 rd Feb	School Council visiting City Hall for a tour and workshop to learn more about society and democracy Groups of Reception children visiting Forest School Pippa's Y3 Class swimming. Returning to school at 4.00pm
Tues 4 th Feb	Emma's Y4 Class swimming. Returning at 4.00pm Forest School for groups of Nursery children
Wed 5 th Feb	Family English for Nursery parents Governors visiting classes to find out about teaching and learning in our school Daisy's Y4 Class swimming. Returning to school at 3.30pm
Thurs 6 th Feb	Laura's Y1 Class Assembly: 2.55pm. Parents of children in her class are warmly invited to attend
Fri 7 th Feb	School Disco for children Y1-Y6. Tickets cost £2 and will be available from the office from Monday 3 rd February.

News and Reminders

AVONDALE PARK SCHOOL DISCO

Our school disco will be next Friday, 7th February from 5.30-7.00pm for children from **Y1-Y6 currently in Avondale Park School**. Tickets will be available from Monday 3rd February from the school office for £2; and please note, we ask that an adult stays with any children who are in Y1 and still 5 years old. As well as dancing to the sounds of DJ Michael, there will be food to buy and games to play organised by the School Council. There will be prizes for the best dressed and the best dancers- so get ready to impress!

READING FORTNIGHT

After Half Term, as part of our Reading Fortnight, children will be reading and studying a class book, receiving visits from poets and authors and possibly dressing up as a book character! We invite parents to come and read with their child for 30 minutes in our **'#Reading Together'** Campaign and give you advance notice for the dates for each year group:

Tues 25th Feb 9.00-9.30am: **N and Y2**
 Weds 26th Feb 9.00-9.30am: **Y4 and Y6**
 Thurs 27th Feb 9.00-9.30am: **YR and Y3**
 Fri 28th Feb 9.00-9.30am: **Y1 and Y5**

CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to Emma's Y4 Class for their impressive and professional assembly this week all about their project on the rainforests. The children skilfully directed us on a tour of South America with tour guides along the way giving us facts and information about geography, climate, animals and indigenous peoples. They introduced us to new vocabulary through their knowledge organiser and talked about the serious issue of deforestation. Their song written as an anthem to saving the rain forest was beautifully sang - hopefully there will soon be a clip on our website. Thank you especially to those people stood in for those who were ill and a huge well done to you all!

PARKING

Thank you to parents for not parking on the zig-zags outside school. I am now concerned, however, that a number of parents are instead 'double parking' – some even leaving their cars double parked opposite the school while they bring their children in. This seems equally dangerous- I have seen children trying to cross between the cars and they cannot be seen by on-coming traffic at all. **Please help to keep all our children safe by parking safely.**

ATTENDANCE

20th-24th January

The overall figure for last week was 93.1%

The classes in each Key Stage with the best attendance were:

Alexa's Year 1 – 98.6%
Emma's Year 4 – 95.7%

Congratulations to those classes Keep up your good work!

P3 PLAYCENTRE AT HALF TERM.

A flyer went home this week on the app re pre-registration for the play centre at Half Term .Apart from registering on-line, parents can go to The Rugby Club (RPT) on Saturday 7 February from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Stars of the Week 20-24th January

A huge well done to you all!

Nursery	Well done Oak children . You are all getting along so well and have helped the new children settle by showing them the right things to do. Keep up all of your hard work and kindness.
Stephanie's Reception	LUCA BLU - For being a kind friend at school and for always being happy and cheerful!
Kripali's Reception	HASAN - For settling into Reception so well. You are making lots of progress with your speaking, reading and writing- well done!
Alexa's Year 1	WHOLE CLASS - For wonderful speaking and singing in our assembly. You are all stars!
Laura's Year 1	RAYYAN - For excellent behaviour in the classroom and enthusiasm for learning- you are making good progress!
Katie's Year 2	MOHAMED - For incredible writing this week. You are thinking carefully about the features you need to use to make your writing interesting and exciting. Well done!
Phoebe's Year 2	MOHAMMED - You have been contributing well during carpet discussions and feeling more confident in your learning. We are very proud of your efforts.
Pippa's Year 3	YUSUF -For your constant enthusiasm and hard work in everything you do, you always contribute to class discussions & show strong listening skills, which we can see in your work.
Connor's Year 3	ADNA -For showing golden zone behaviour by being enthusiastic for her learning. You have really focused during converting measurements. Well done!
Emma's Year 4	RYAN -For his amazing effort in all his learning. Thank you for trying 100% and we are so proud of you! Golden zone behaviour shown all week being enthusiastic and keen to learn.
Daisy's Year 4	RAYYAN - For being an impeccable role model by helping other children and always showing enthusiasm for his learning.
Julia's Year 5	HADI - For trying really hard in his maths this week- you really persevered and it paid off!
Francesca's Year 5	DANEL - For being enthusiastic and keen to learn during all lessons. You are trying so hard- Keep it up!
Tim/Mary's Year 6	KAYLA - For making sensible, mature decisions in class this week.
Russell's Year 6	NASSEM - You extended your home learning with vocabulary and creative ideas about your imaginary animals. As a result, your information text is a joy to read!

"IN IT TO WIN IT" ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY AWARD

Harry McBride- Katie's Year 2

Tengis Bolor-Erdene- Mary & Tim's Year 6

MAIN GOVERNING BODY MEETING 5pm on 29.01.20

The first Main Governing Body meeting of the Spring Term usually follows a pre meeting drinks reception for staff, governors and volunteer readers. This is a lovely opportunity for the Governors to meet with all the staff and to thank Volunteers who come into the school weekly to listen to our pupils reading.

Each governor's meeting starts with apologies for absence and our parent governor Sarah Abdelmula was away today as she has recently had a baby girl. We send Sarah and family our congratulations. After checking through the minutes of the last meeting and discussing any matters arising we moved onto Katy Blackler's, report. Here Katy gives us a wonderful overview of school life for example the fantastic Christmas plays and concerts put on at the end of last term and the planned reading week later this term, while also informing us of important topics like numbers on the School Roll, attendance figures, new Ofsted requirements, staffing levels and structure, the curriculum, parent workshops this term, news from the Nursery and the Mindup programme to name a few. At every meeting we discuss safeguarding, receive updates from the smaller committees and hear any news from Avondale Extra. Next week Governors have been invited into school on Wednesday morning to get a first hand view of the teaching and learning taking place in class. The meeting closed with a discussion of the on going need for a zebra crossing on Sirdar Road and the next meeting was set for 31st March 2020.

Report by Sarah Melville.