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Dear Parents/Carers.

I hope you are all well and that your households are managing to stay as Covid free as is possible at this time. We know that this has been a really tricky few months with so many changes in school relating to Covid, so we wanted to send a letter, to let you know of the various events that we are planning in the coming weeks and months. Be warned, this is one of my 'cup of tea and biscuits' letters!

As we head into the warmer months, we have started to plan some more 'normal' school activities, for the children and families to enjoy. Please find below an overview of the planned events over the coming months. As further details and dates become available, we will send individual letters about each event.

Please be aware that there are a lot of events on this calendar, so please try and print a copy off and have it on your fridge. Every Friday, we will also send an email with the events for the following week as a reminder.

We are hoping that after the half term families will be brought back on site to collect their children, however this does depend on the Covid figures within our community, therefore we will confirm this in writing before we break up for half term.

Year of the tiger- Chinese New Year Celebration- Friday 28 January 2022

This year at Farnborough we are going to be celebrating Chinese New Year through a colourful and interactive workshop. The children will be able to use props which compliment the different styles of Chinese dance. It will be a fun and colourful way for the children to welcome the Year of the Tiger 2022.



Children's Mental Health Week 7-13 February 2022 – Growing Together



This year to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week the children will take part in a variety of PSHE session throughout the week that focus on growing and achieving together. This will be using stories such as the Very Hungry Caterpillar for our youngest children through to shared stories about the move to secondary school as a wellbeing focus for our Year 6 pupils. All of the children will have the opportunity to share their goals and dreams in a shared display as well as a 'Dress to Express' own clothes day on the 11 February 2022.



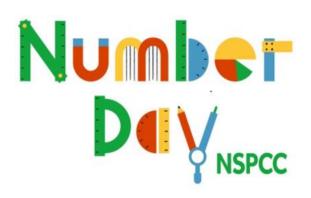
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Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 8 February

We will be taking part in Safer Internet Day. This year, the theme is exploring respect and relationships online. During the day, there will be an assembly for each Key Stage to discuss online safety, which will be followed up in class later in the week, when the children will take part in different activities linked to staying safe online, focusing on games they might play on the internet.







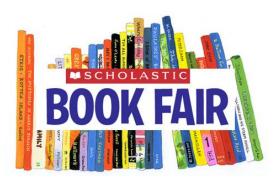
NSPCC Number Day 2022- Thursday 10 February.

On this day children will take part in Dress up for Digits and will dress up as a number, a number word or anything mathematical. Throughout the fun-filled day of they will take part in maths activities and games,

while raising money to support NSPCC services such as Childline. We are asking for a **donation of £1 per child** which they will bring into school on this day which will help make a real difference to many children's lives.

Scholastic Book Fair - Thursday 24 February to Thursday 3 March

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we will be welcoming the Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday 24 February. We will send a letter detailing how the children can choose their books and how you can make payments nearer to the time.

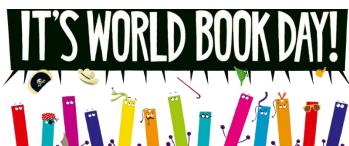


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World Book Day - Thursday 3 March

On Thursday 3 March, we will be celebrating World Book Day by doing lots of fun activities around the theme of 'Arabian Nights'. We will send out a letter with all of the details closer to the day itself, but this will, as always be a 'Dress Up Day' Some ideas could be Genies, Sinbad the Sailor, Jasmine, Aladdin, Arabian costumes or your child's favourite book character from any other book.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to parents that have contributed incredible artwork to our annual corridor display. It looks absolutely fantastic; we can't wait for you all to see the corridor in the coming weeks and months.

This year we are also going to run the 'Extreme Reading' competition. Extreme Reading is where we invite you and your children to read in the most obscure place and send a picture of your child reading in their most adventurous and creative place. There will be year group prizes for this competition. The closing date will be on World Book Day, and all entries can be emailed to admin.ofiice as soon as you have your photo ready. We can't wait to see what you and the children come up with!

Extreme Reading Ideas...although I'm not sure we'll get any beach ones at this time of year!









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Wear a Hat Day - Friday 25 March

This year we are supporting 'Wear a Hat Day' which an event that raises money for brain tumour research. We are asking that on this day you send your child into school with an Easter Bonnet/Hat that they have made or bought and bring in a **donation of your choice**, which will be donated to 'Brain Tumour Research. This will be instead of an Easter Bonnet parade, so if you wish to make an Easter creation, that would be amazing as we will be doing a parade on this day again.



Parents' Evening and Parent Book Look - Week commencing 14 March and Thursday 21 April

Parents' meetings will be week commencing 14 March. This will be via zoom as in previous years. Appointments will run from $08:30-5:30\,\mathrm{pm}$. You will receive the Parents' Meetings letter with the booking details before half term. We fully understand that you will want to see your children's work, but due to the fact that if Covid is contracted there is still an isolation period, we are offering two slots on Thursday 21 April, whereby you are invited to come and look at your children's work in their classrooms. This will be from $09:00\,\mathrm{am}-09:30$ and 14:15-14:45. During these sessions you will be able to look at the work that your child has been doing this academic year and chat informally to the class adults.

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Class Trips – lunch and payment details will follow in individual class letters.

Wednesday 9 March	Pixies Trip to Eagle Heights	
Thursday 28 April	Pixies Trip to Farnborough Village Park- Teddy Bears Family Picnic	
Wednesday 29 June	Pixies Trip to Godstone Farm	
Wednesday 11 May	Cherubs and Unicorns Trip to Hobbledown	
Wednesday 15 June	Cherubs and Unicorns Trip to Legoland	
Monday 31 January	Pegasus Geography Fieldtrip around the Village	
Week Commencing 20 June	Pegasus Trip to London Aquarium	
Week Commencing 21 March	Giants Trip to National Maritime Museum	
Tuesday 14 June	Giants Trip to GoldenHinde	
Monday 23- Tuesday 24 May	Genies and Centaurs – Penshurst, The Bushcraft Company	
Wednesday 23 March	Genies and Centaurs Trip to Hythe	
TBC	Dragons and Hippogriffs – Imperial War Museum	
Monday 13- Friday 17 June	Dragons and Hippogriffs PGL to Isle of Wight	

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Class Assemblies

Thursday 26 May	9.30-10.30am	Pegasus Class Assembly	
Thursday 26 May	1.30-2.30pm	Unicorns Class Assembly	
Friday 17 June	9.30-10.30am	Giants Class Assembly	
Thursday 23 June	9.30-10.30am	Cherubs Class Assembly	
Tuesday 28 June	1.30-2.30pm	Genies Class Assembly	
Thursday 30 June	1.30-2.30pm	Centaurs Class Assembly	
Tuesday 5 July	9.30-10.30am	Pixies Class Assembly	
Tuesday 12 July	Evening – 6pm start	Year 6 End of Year Production	
Wednesday 13 July	Evening - 6pm start	Year 6 End of Year Production	
Friday 22 July	10.00am	Leaver's Assembly	

Jubilee Family Picnic - Friday 27 May

As part of celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Farnborough will be challenging the children from each year group to research and investigate one of the Commonwealth countries. This will then be supported by a Commonwealth Dance Workshop on the 18 May, where the children will learn a traditional dance from their country. The children will then get to share all they have learnt, including the dance, with the other year groups in an assembly.

We will also be holding a 'Family Jubilee Afternoon Tea' on our field, where all the families will be invited for Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Queen's momentous occasion. We are hoping that we will be able to do this in two alphabetical slots with siblings together, however, as I am sure you'll understand, planning this will need to happen closer to the time, due to how the land will lie with regards to Covid.







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Back to School Morning

We thought that it would be a nice idea to invite you into school to come into class with your child, to take part in some writing, maths, and PE activities (run by year six) for a session. This will give you a small flavour of what your child is learning and how they are learning new skills and concepts and enable the children to share with you the biggest part of their life: school! Due to the size of our classrooms, we will only be able to invite one family member per child to this event.

Date	Year Group	Time	Entrance and Exit Points for Adults
Thursday 10 March	Reception Year One Year Two	09:00 – 10:30	Reception – side gate by the classroom Year One – Main Entrance Year Two – Hall entrance
Tuesday 22 March	Year Three Year Four	09:00 – 10:30	Year Three – Main Entrance Year Four – Hall entrance
Thursday 24 March	Year Five	13:20 – 14:50	Main Entrance
Thursday 31 March	Year Six	13:20 – 14:50	Main Entrance

We do understand that we have a lot of dates planned for you to attend school, and that many of you work full time, and that this may be tricky for you to arrange. We have tried to give as much notice as is possible, in the hope that this doesn't cause you too much of an inconvenience.

We desperately hope that we will be able to run all of our planned events, being the warmer weather and most restrictions easing very soon we are hopeful that these events will go ahead; but please always have in the back of your mind, that everything is always subject to change.

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We look forward to seeing you all properly soon, rather than from afar at the school gates.

If you've managed to get to the end of this letter in one sitting; a huge well done to you!!

Very Best Wishes,

Miss James **Head Teacher**