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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that we are breaking for Easter tomorrow. We have had such a busy term with a huge amount of learning and amazing experiences for the children ranging from trips, plays, sporting events, charity fundraisers and PTA events. We've even had the luxury of some wonderful weather over the past few days too!

As we break up for Easter, we have a few events that will be taking place at school that we would like to make you aware of.

Earth Day



When we return from the Easter break on Tuesday 22nd April, we will be celebrating Earth Day. To mark the occasion, each class will take part in a gardening activity, spending time outdoors planting either in or around the greenhouse or in the flowerbeds.

We would be very grateful for any donations of seeds or plants to support this activity.

- Seed donations can be dropped off before the Easter break.
- Plant donations should be brought in on the day– Tuesday 22nd April.

We also ask that children come to school in clothes suitable for gardening on the day.

As well as getting their hands dirty, the children will be learning about the importance of recycling, saving energy, and the impact we all have on the planet.

Mini Marathon in Schools- Tuesday 22 April to Friday 2 May

Over the first 2 weeks back at school after Easter, the children are being challenged to run, walk or jog 2 miles as part of the Mini London Marathon in schools.

This is a national event and more than one million children have taken on the challenge since 2020. Every child who completes the distance will receive a pin badge to mark the achievement.



The children can complete this distance over as many days as they like and their daily mile distance counts towards this total. The children will have a scorecard on which they can record their laps as they complete them.



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VE Day Celebrations

We're excited to be holding a whole-school **VE Day workshop day** on Thursday 8 May, where each year group will explore a different part of the 1945 celebrations:

- **EYFS** – What did people wear?
- **Year 1** – How did people travel to celebrate?
- **Year 2** – What food was eaten on VE Day?
- **Year 3** – How did Buckingham Palace take part?
- **Year 4** – Where did people celebrate, and how have those places changed?
- **Year 5** – Who was born around VE Day and went on to make a difference?
- **Year 6** – What did people hope for after the war, and did those hopes come true?



Each of the workshops will be tailored to each year group to ensure the learning is age appropriate yet helping the children to understand the importance of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. We will also be having a whole school VE Day picnic for the children at lunchtime in the style of a street party.



Vocabulary Day

We are excited to announce that Vocabulary Day is back this year and is being held on Friday 6th June. This will be a fun-filled celebration of words, creativity, and language learning!



Throughout the day, children will take part in exciting vocabulary-themed activities that will help them explore and enjoy the richness of the English language in new and imaginative ways.

One of the most exciting parts of the day will be our Vocabulary Fancy Dress. We are inviting all children to come to school dressed as a word of their choice.

Children choose a word they like or want to learn about and create a costume that represents that word. On the day, they'll share their word, what it means, and show off their costume!



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Costume ideas:

- "Courageous" – A superhero costume or knight's outfit
- "Spiky" – A cactus, porcupine, or something with creative spikes
- "Sleepy" – Pyjamas, slippers, teddy bear
- "Rainbow" – Bright, multi-coloured outfit
- "Bookworm" – Glasses, a stack of (cardboard) books, and some "wormy" accessories!
- "Royalty" – A crown and robe for the word "majestic" or "queenly"



Costumes can be homemade or put together using items you already have at home — there is no need to buy anything special. We just encourage children to have fun with it and use their imaginations!

To celebrate everyone's efforts, we'll be creating a Whole School Dictionary, filled with photos of the children in their costumes alongside their chosen word and its definition. This will be a joyful reminder of the day and a brilliant showcase of our growing vocabulary! We can't wait to see the children's word-inspired outfits.

Please see attached the dates for the last term of the academic year.

We wish you and your families a wonderful break. Enjoy the rest, the Easter Egg Hunts and the sunshine! We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 22 April for Earth Day!



Best Wishes,
Miss James



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