

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a good break and we are now back into the swing of things.

Before we broke up Mrs Mellor, Miss Byrnes, Miss Bannister and myself took a group of year 5 and 6 pupils to Kingswood in West Runton in Norfolk. We had a fantastic time and the weather was once again really kind to us. All the children joined in going down caves, jumping off telegraph poles and scaling down walls. It was wonderful to see their smiling faces when they achieved something new. We are now developing a display of photographs to show all the great things we got up to during our time there—please pop in and have a look. We will soon be considering whether we book again for next year and will be sending out letters to the children in years 4 and 5 after the Easter break regarding this visit.

Last week saw the children enter into lots of activities around school for 'World Book Day'. Children shared stories in other classes and displayed a love of reading across school. I think one of their favourite activities on the day was our 'Where's Wally? We had hidden several Wally's around the school building and the children had to spend time finding out where he was hidden. All the children who entered will receive a certificate and during the week we will be holding a prize draw for a child in each class to win a 'Where's Wally' book.

Our next whole school event is 'Red Nose Day'.

This is on Friday 24th March. School council have organised events for this.

They are selling 'red noses' before and after school at £1 each. There is a name the baby competition at 50p a go. Official entry forms can be purchase from school each morning and completed entries need to be returned and posted in the red box before Friday 24th March. There are 2 picture boards for you to see if you can identify the member of staff from their baby photograph. On the actual day itself we will also have a non-uniform day. The children can come to school in what ever they want that day and put a £1 in the 'red nose' collection box.

PTA events

The PTA have organised 2 events this half term.

* Mother's Day Gifts. On Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March the PTA will be offering the opportunity for children to purchase Mother's day gifts. These can be for Mothers or Grandmothers or even Dads. All gifts will be priced at £2. Children will need to bring the money on the day in a named envelope with their class on. They can drop the envelope either at the school office or with the class teacher.

* A Family Beetle Drive event has also been organised. This is for the whole family and is a little bit of fun. The event will take place on Thursday 6th April in the school hall at 6.15pm, as this is a family event children will be expected to be accompanied by an adult, and it is open to all ages. More information on this will follow later.

Please can I also remind you that the parents evening booking system is now available online. It is important that your child sees that you value their education and the work that they do in school. If you are struggling to use the system please contact the school office who will be able to help get you an appointment time. If you are unable to make the dates we have set aside for this please see you child's class teacher who will try to assist you in getting a mutually agreed time.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Bags2School

A big thank you to all who helped us raise £84.00 for school funds through our recent Bags2School collection.

School meals price increase

Reminder - advanced notification that the cost of school meals will increase from 1st April 2017 from £1.80 to £1.90 per day, this will be the first increase since April 2013.

Diary Dates

13th March	Height and weights for reception and Year 6
16th March	Year 6 families who are transferring to Horizon—Family signature event.
21st March	Parents evening
22nd March	PTA Wrap room for Mother Day
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23rd March	Parents evening
24th March	Red Nose day—Non uniform day—£1 donation
29th March	Class Gazelle and Leopard Enterprise project day
6th April	PTA Family Beetle Drive
7th April	Easter celebration assembly Year 1-6 9am in the school hall
7th April	Nursery Spring sing in nursery 11.15am
7th April	Class Zebra and Meerkat Spring sing in the school hall 2.50pm
7th April	Break up for Easter
24th April	School returns after the Easter break
8th May-11th May	Year 6 Sat's test week.

