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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you all once again for your support over the first half term of 2023.

Safeguarding

As a follow up to my previous letter about the person filming children at the end of lunchtime around a fortnight ago, I can report that we have had no further sightings. All of the information was passed to the Police. If anyone is concerned about anything going forward, please get in touch.

Site Security

We have unfortunately had several incidents recently after school hours of groups of youths looking to enter the school site. This has been later evening or weekends. With half term approaching I am appealing for support to 'keep an eye out'. If you see anything of concern please contact the Police directly.

World Book Day

It's here again! The theme for this year's World Book Day is "Reading for Pleasure" which makes me really happy because there's nothing better than losing yourself in a book. There will be a range of activities across the day dedicated to reading, listening to and talking about books – including poetry and non-fiction. We would love your child to bring in their favourite book to read with us and to share with others on the day. There is no obligation to dress up for World Book Day; although the children may do if they wish.

In a slight change to advertised dates, we will hold our World Book Day a week later than advertised due to the clashes with Maths Week in school. We will therefore have World Book Day on Tuesday 7 March.

Book Fair

We will be running a book fair after school in the hall for the whole week starting Monday 6 March. The children will all be able to spend their £1 voucher for World Book Day at the fair if they wish. As per previous fairs, payment for any books is by card only.

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Absences and Lateness

The Education Welfare Service monitor our attendance figures regularly. They are increasingly concerned about the number of children arriving late to school or are absent without a phonecall to school to explain why.

If your child is absent, please remember to phone school to inform us along with explaining the reason why. If you are struggling with the timings of the school day, please contact Mrs Baines as we may be able to support you with this.

Mobile Phones

As increasing number of children are bringing in smart phones. Phones should only be brought into school if there is a genuine reason and there should be a note explaining this. We are regularly having 30+ phones handed into the office; most without notes of the reason why.

Forest School & PE Rotas

You should have received a letter with next half term's Forest School and PE rotas. Please note that some Forest School sessions have had to change days due to Mrs Ogglesby moving on to a new job after half term.

Parent Consultations

These have been running over the past couple of weeks. If you were unable to make an appointment with your child's teacher, please contact them directly.

Trees

Over half term you may notice some trees being felled on the site or having work being done to them. Several trees are suffering from deadwood and storm damage; these will be pruned to make them safe. One of our Ash trees is suffering from Ash dieback and must be felled. While we don't want to fell a tree it must be done for safety reasons. We will be planting more trees on site to replace any we have to remove.

Yours sincerely

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