



Springtime

Welcome back to the second part of the Spring term ☺ This means we are officially over half way through the school year! We have been very lucky to have some lovely warm weather which has been a real treat but of course we can't get too excited as we get the occasional shower and at times, windy weather. So please make sure your child still brings their coat in even if it seems sunny in the morning as things can quickly change!

I returned back to school last week after spending a short period of time off and I am very pleased to announce the safe arrival of baby Zac Khan who was born on Valentine's Day – already nearly one month old! ☺

Mr Khan ☺

School Trips / Residential

We have had some very successful trips over the last few weeks which the children have enjoyed. The Year 3 & 4 Horstead residential was very enjoyable for all involved which is evident in the pictures on our Facebook page. This was followed by a superb Horstead assembly by Caterpillars and Glowworms which entertained everyone who attended.



Busy Bees and Fireflies had a great day out to Africa Alive in Lowestoft last week where they got to see lots of native African animals and learn more about their Africa topic!



Catering

A few months ago I asked for your opinions on school dinners. Thank you so much for your responses which were incredibly valuable. The biggest thing I took from it was that the majority of parents were keen for the use of local, fresh produce. I investigated options of us bringing our catering in house as this would mean we would be able to source all of the produce ourselves. However due to high costs of food and staffing we are unable to get the value for money that larger school caterers achieve.

After an extensive search for the caterer who can meet our school needs the best, I am pleased to announce that we will be moving over to a new caterer from the summer term; Chartwells.





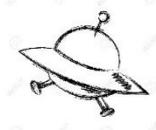
Chartwells uses the 'Food Super Heroes' branding which will be used in our school hall as part of a makeover. We are very excited to start working with Chartwells who use local produce where possible and offer menus which are attractive and flexible. Chartwells will take over fully from Edwards & Blake on 23rd April 2019 which will be the first day back after the Easter break. We will be sharing new menus in the forthcoming weeks.

Parents Evening

A quick reminder for all parents and carers that Parents Evening will be running on Wednesday 20th March (3.10 – 5.30pm) and Thursday 21st March (5 – 7.30pm). Many of the slots have already been allocated so please pop in or e-mail the office if you haven't already got an appointment. Thank you.

Alien Day

Alien Day is fast approaching on **Thursday 14th March** (this week!) which is a whole school themed day (Please see letter from Mrs Stops e-mailed on 26.2.19 for further details). We ask if the children can dress up in anything related to aliens or space for the day. It will be a fun-packed day with lots of great learning happening. We will be sure to share lots of photos of the day!



Absences

Can I please remind you if your child is off school unwell that you phone the school by 9am each morning of absence, to notify us. Please leave a voicemail on the absence line, this will be sufficient. This avoids your child having an unauthorised absence. Thank you for your support with this.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose day is this **Friday 15th March** as part of Comic Relief. We ask for a £2 donation for the charity and that your child comes to school in non-uniform, wearing a red coloured item if possible such as a t-shirt, socks etc. As part of the £2 donation your child will be given a Red Nose. Thank you.

Important Dates for the Term

<u>Key Dates for this Half Term</u>	
Wednesday 13th March	Grasshoppers Class Assembly (9am start)
Thursday 14th March	Alien Day (dress up with alien / space theme)
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day (£2 Donation + wear something red)
Wednesday 20th March	Butterflies Class Assembly (9am start)
Wednesday 20th March	Parents Evening 3.10 – 5.30pm
Thursday 21st March	Ladybirds Trip to The Playhouse to see 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'
Thursday 21st March	Parents Evening 5 – 7.30pm
Wednesday 27th March	Ladybirds Class Assembly (9am start)
Wednesday 27th March	PTFA Meeting 2-3pm
Thursday 28th March	Football Match Away vs Wells
Monday 1st to Friday 5th April	NO After School Clubs All Week
Thursday 4th April	Easter Service at Buxton Church (2-3pm)
Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April	Easter Holidays (No School)
Tuesday 23rd April	Children Return to School (No after school clubs for the first week back)
Monday 29th April	After School clubs start

