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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed a good half term break. The children have arrived yesterday morning, a little bleary-eyed but with great enthusiasm for their new topics this term- 'Castles' in Reception, 'The Magic Carpet Ride' in Year 1 and 'Guess Who' in Year 2. Further information and homework challenges will be coming out to you imminently.

It is a short term of only five weeks and so is even more jam-packed! Below is some information on upcoming events.

Reception parent workshops

Reception parents and carers have been invited to a short informal meeting this Thursday, at either 3.45pm or 5.30pm, to update them on the curriculum and expectations of your child. This should be an informative event, filled with practical ideas of how you can further support your child so they can make the best progress possible, enabling them to be ready for Year 1 by the end of the school year. Please do attend as I am sure you will find it useful.



Family Celebration

On **Friday 4th March** at 1.45pm we will be holding our annual **Family Celebration** at Everyday Champions Church on St John's Street (next to the Vauxhall garage). The children will be singing and performing to say thank you for and celebrate their families. Of course you are all warmly invited to this special event- we hope you can join us and make the day extra special for your child.

Parent e-safety workshops

On **Monday 7th March** we are holding **parents e-safety sessions** to address how to help keep your child safe online. The sessions will be 9.00am or 2.45. There will be vital, practical advice shared at the sessions and an opportunity to ask questions over coffee / tea and cake. Please don't think this doesn't apply to young children- it does!



Books, books, books...

We are always encouraging a love of reading and the children are all enjoying their daily Book Talk sessions where they get to read and discuss books in pairs and groups. It has also been great to see children earning their Reading Challenge certificates. Please continue to encourage your child with their reading at home and completing the reading challenges. Remember the ten minutes a day as part of our home-school ten minute reading pledge will have a huge impact on your child's progress. If you have any questions please see your child's teacher.



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World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. On this day we will be celebrating books through a variety of fun, creative activities. If your child wishes to dress as a book character on this day they are welcome to. A separate letter will be coming out about this.

Book Fair- After school on **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March** we will be hosting a book fair. Please come along and look at the lovely selection of books for sale.



Parents evenings- New online booking

On 14th – 17th March we will be holding Parents Evenings for all parents / carers to have an individual appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress so far this year. We will be trying a new online booking system where you will be able to select an appointment time most convenient to you. Further details will come out to you when the bookings are open.

We will keep you up-to-date with information about forthcoming events. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me, the school office or your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Morrall
Headteacher



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Dates for the term

Reception mid-year update- Thursday 25th February 3.45 or 5.30pm

World Book Day- Thursday 3rd March

Family Celebration at Everyday Champions Church - Friday 4th March 1.45pm

Parents E-safety information- Monday 7th March 9.00am or 2.45pm

Book fair- Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March 3.15-4.00pm

Mufti day for contributions to the FOTAS Easter raffle – Friday 11th March

Parents Evenings 3.45 – 6.00pm- Monday-Thursday 14th – 17th March

Sport Relief- Friday 18th March

School closes- 3.15pm Thursday 24th March

School reopens to children- Tuesday 12th April



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