

8 April 2024

Dear families,

I hope you have had a wonderful two weeks with family and friends. The Easter holiday always feels like a turning point in the year, and I know for most of our families, has been a time for reflection and gratitude. I would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all our children, staff and families that will be celebrating this week!



As per our calendar, school will be closed to all staff, children and families on Wednesday 10 April. We know that for some, Eid may fall either side of this day and ask that if this is the case for your family, you inform our office team who will record absence as religious observance. We can only authorise absence that we are informed about. You can contact the office by email info@dixonsmb.com, through the MCAS app or by phone.

In school, **children will celebrate Eid on Friday 12 April.** Children can wear their own special clothes and we will be having a themed lunch and small parties in the afternoon. A small contribution of crisps or biscuits for the class to share would be greatly appreciated.

Please read on for this half term's other information:

Important Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 8 April	School reopens for all children
Wednesday 10 April	School closed to all staff and families for Eid
Friday 12 April	Celebration Day- non uniform & Eid Parties. A small contribution of crisps or biscuits are welcome.
Tuesday 16 April	Reception Offer Day- parents to find out allocated school for September
Wednesday 17 April	Fluoride Application Nursery, Reception and Y1
Thursday 18 April	MMR vaccination clinic in school 3-4pm
Monday 6 May	School closed to all staff and families for Mayday Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 May	Linking Schools Project- partner school at DMB all day
Monday 13 May	Year 6 SATS week - 100% attendance required
Tuesday 21 May	Reading Royalty Reward Trip
Friday 24 May	Non-Uniform Day- Y6 Fundraising for Hoodies (more info to follow) School closes for Spring Bank holiday week

My Child At School App (MCAS)

We will soon be moving all our communication and payments to My Child At School. It is important that families download this App and register so that we can share information quickly and you can keep track of all school events and payments. Our office staff and Mrs Khan can assist with this- please get in touch or come in if you need a hand!



Attendance

A reminder that good attendance is also a key factor in how well your child will achieve at school. We expect that unless your child has a known medical condition, they are here at least 97% of the time! When attendance drops below this, we will make you aware and reach out to find out whether there is anything we can do to help. As a trust, we do not authorise any term time leave beyond the most exceptional of cases.



Homework

We know that family life is incredibly busy and time is precious and as such, have kept our homework expectations limited to areas that we know will help your child reach their potential. Please set aside a small amount of time to complete activities as listed below- it really will make a difference.

- **Reception**- Maths and English on Tapestry and weekly phonics sheet.
- **Year 1**- Maths on Purple Mash, spellings and three lots of reading at home.
- **Year 2**- TT Rockstars, spellings and three lots of reading at home.
- **KS2**- TT Rockstars, Reading Plus, spellings and three lots of reading at home.

If logging in is causing any issues at home, please speak directly to your child's class teacher.

Fundraising

Thank you for your kind donations on Red Nose Day- we raised £130 for Comic Relief charities. Our next fundraising event will be led by our Y6 pupils and to raise money to put towards their leaving hoodies. They will share more information about the day later in the term!



Car Park Access

We have seen an increase in the number of parents entering our car park without permission. There are over a thousand children walking across the site car park every morning and afternoon- when the car park is busy and people park selfishly, this puts them in danger. Help keep our children safe by driving with care and respecting our car park rules. Most families who attend any school on our site live close enough to walk to school- this is the safest and healthiest way to travel.



With best wishes,

R. Greenwood.

Mrs Rebecca Greenwood
Principal

