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Dear Parents,

Open Morning

Following the success of last year's event, we are to hold an open session for you to visit your child's class. This will be an opportunity for your child to show you their classroom and to celebrate the wonderful learning they have achieved throughout the year.

This year, the event will take place at the beginning of the school day between 8.40 and 9.30am on Monday 19th June. Further information will follow next term but we wanted to give you the opportunity to make a note of the event in your diaries.

Inset/Polling Days

A reminder that the remaining school closure dates for the school year are:

Monday 20th February – Inset Day
Thursday 4th May – Polling Day
Friday 23rd June – Inset Day
Monday 26th June – Inset Day

Please note that school will also be closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 1st May 2017.

Parking

Unfortunately we have recently received another complaint from a Springfield Road resident about cars that are parked dangerously close to the junction with Prior Road at the beginning and end of the school day. We have notified our PCSO Vince Wakeling, as we usually do when we receive complaints about parking. Please would you ensure that you park considerately at all times. Thank you.

You may have noticed that the Council have placed new signs in the Prior Road car park indicating no stopping on entrance markings at particular times in the morning and afternoon. Please be aware that parking enforcement officers may be carrying out random checks and issuing fines if cars are parked on yellow markings.

Parental Questionnaire 2015/16

Many thanks to all those parents who returned the parental questionnaire at the end of the last academic year. Your views and comments are particularly important to us and the results were analysed and shared with staff and governors at the beginning of the new academic year. There were 5 areas where over 98% of parents indicated that they either 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' with statements. These were, my child is happy at school, my child is taught well at school, my child feels safe at school, the school helps

my child develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics and the school responds well to my concerns.

The comments that parents made were incredibly helpful. Some parents in the EYFS expressed that an additional meeting to the one already held on preparing for school on the subject of home learning at the start of Reception would be beneficial. As a result, an additional meeting was held in the Autumn on an introduction to reading to explain to parents their role in home learning. Clarification on how parents are informed if their child is receiving additional support in school was also noted. A section on our paperwork for parent interviews now identifies any additional support the children receive and this is shared directly at parent interviews. The comments with regard to behaviour were also useful. We have evaluated provision within the school and are currently trialling further ways to celebrate recognising our school values (friendship, kindness, respect, teamwork, perseverance and responsibility) and celebrating our learning achievements. Once these systems have been finalised further information will be sent out later in the academic year. The comments on our first open afternoon were also extremely helpful. When planning future sessions like this we shall be taking into account the following points raised by the survey, timings and how parents are informed of the event. We hope you find all of these initiatives helpful and informative.

Parent View

There is an ongoing on line survey which you can access at any time. This is called **Parent View** and is sponsored by Ofsted. Inspectors use it for reference prior to inspections but it also serves as a way of communicating your views of the school to prospective parents and other interested people. You can access Parent View through the useful links page in the Parents section of our website or directly at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

However, please note that it is important for us to be aware if you have concerns about any aspect of school life. If this is the case, please inform your class teacher or the school office staff who will make arrangements for you to meet with the appropriate member of staff to resolve the concern.

Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of **Friday 3rd March** to take individual photographs of the children.

Dealing with Childhood Illnesses

Last year, the local NHS clinical commissioning groups and paediatric staff developed a leaflet for parents to help signpost them to the most appropriate service for their child and we thought it would be useful to send it to parents again.

The leaflet aims to support parents in their decision making by giving advice based on a red, amber and green system. This is to ensure that children who don't need urgent care are diverted to other services or treated at home and those who do need urgent care access it quickly and appropriately.

Party Invitations

It is very difficult to distribute party invitations and thank you notes in the busy life of the classroom. In addition to this, it can be difficult for those children not invited to a party to witness invitations being handed out. You are welcome to hand invitations/thank you notes out at your convenience outside the classroom but teaching staff are not able to do this during the school day.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017

The Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme has started again. In the past we have been able to exchange the vouchers for equipment to enhance the children's playtime and PE provision. There is a collection box in the school hall where children can post the vouchers or they can be sent into the school office. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Wednesday & Thursday	8 th & 9 th February 2017	Parent interviews (later appointments on Wednesday 8 th)
Monday-Friday	13 th to 17 th February 2017	Half Term
Monday	20th February 2017	Inset Day – school closed for staff training
Tuesday	28 th February 2017	Year R trip to Milestones Museum
Friday	3 rd March 2017	Photographer in school to take individual photos of the children
Friday	31 st March 2017	End of Spring Term at 2pm – please note early closure
Tuesday	18 th April 2017	Start of Summer Term
Monday	1 st May 2017	Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday	4th May 2017	Polling Day – school closed
Monday-Friday	29 th May to 2 nd June 2017	Half Term
Friday	16 th June 2017	Photographer in school to take class photos
Monday	19 th June 2017	Open Morning 8.40 to 9.30am – further details to follow
Friday	23rd June 2017	Inset Day – school closed for staff training
Monday	26th June 2017	Inset Day – school closed for staff training
Wednesday	28 th June 2017	Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo – details to follow
Friday	7 th July 2017	Sports Morning (9.30 to approx. 11.00) & Art Exhibition (2.55 to 4.30pm) – further details to follow in summer term
Friday	21 st July 2017	End of Summer Term at 2pm – please note early closure

Yours sincerely,



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