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Dear Parents/Carers,

January seems to have flown by and it has been great to see so much learning going on in school.

This month our Character value is Curiosity- the intrinsic desire to learn and try new things and it is a value that has really been evident in all of our classes so far this term. The children in Caterpillar loved playing with the ice when we had the cold spell a few weeks back and are now enjoying finding out about the story behind the Chinese New Year Celebration. In Ladybird, they are thoroughly engrossed in the adventures of Flat Stanley and using their observation skills when looking at a range of seeds and thinking what they might grow into. Bumblebee have been finding out about the Ancient Greeks, in particular the Gods and exploring sound in Science. There has been some great writing in Dragonfly all based on the adventures of Phillipe Petit and they are become whizzes at using OS maps and six figure grid references in Geography. It is great to see such enthusiasm for learning in all classes.

Please can I politely ask you all to check your Offers/Bookings and catering purses in WEUDC - we are currently owed approx. £200 in outstanding dinner money and some families in Bumblebee have not paid their contributions for the coach for Swimming and in Ladybird for the up and coming trip to the Botanical Gardens - we would be grateful if these contributions were made by February Half term.

Over half term, we are having some extensive tree work being done following the triannual Local Authority tree survey, once this has been completed we are hoping that work will start on the garden and we will be in touch after the holiday with more details. The children in Dragonfly have had a sneaky peek on one possible design and were very excited.

If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate in popping in to see your class teacher in the first instance .

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski

World Book Day

World Book day this year is celebrated on Thursday 7th March 2024. As part of this celebration, we would like to invite families into school during the morning, up until break time, 10:45a.m., to join your child/ren in different reading activities in their classrooms. This will enable parents of your younger children to see phonics teaching in action, whilst in the KS 2 classrooms you will be able to see a range of approaches promoting fluency, reading for understanding and enjoyment.

The children, if they wish, are welcome to come to school dressed as a book character - we ask that they bring with them a copy of a book in which their character features. Please don't feel the need to buy a costume for this - often the best costumes are those that have been made from bits and bobs of clothing at home along with a bit of imagination.

Key Dates for the Diary (Full set of term dates for 23-24 and 2024-25 can be found on our website and in notices on WEDUC)

Monday 5 th February	NWLSSP Basketball Final 3:30pm Start @Castle Rock
Friday 9 th February	PTA Film night - Please book via WEDUC
Thursday 15 th February	Ladybird visit to Leicester Botanical Gardens
Friday 16 th February	School Closes for Half Term
Half term Break - Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February	
Monday 26 th February	School Open for all
Thursday 29 th February	NWLSSP New Age Kurling @ICC 1pm-3pm Selected children from KS 2
Tuesday 5 th March	Caterpillar Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome
Tuesday 5 th March	NWLSSP Swimming Gala @Whitwick Leisure Centre 9:15-10:45am Selected Year 5/6 children
Tuesday 5 th March	Parents' Evening - 3:30pm-7pm
Wednesday 6 th March	Parents' Evening - 3:30pm-5pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - Parents Welcome in school 9am - 10:45am
Saturday 9 th March	Unity Cross Country @ Snarestone 10:30 start
Tuesday 12 th March	Bumblebee Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome
Thursday 14 th March	Year 3/4 NWLSSP Hockey Tournament @Castle Rock 3:30pm-6:pm - selected children
Thursday 14 th March	Dress Down Day - Donation of chocolate or £1
Friday 15 th March	Bumblebee Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing are brought into school that day)
Saturday 16 th March	PTA Event - Easter Bingo @Heather Village Hall
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 5/6 NWLSSP Orienteering @ Donisthorpe Woods 9:45am - 2:30pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Dragonfly Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome
Thursday 21 st March	Ladybird Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome
Thursday 21 st March	Year 5/6 NWLSSP Hockey Tournament @ Castle Rock 3:30pm-6:pm - selected Children
Friday 22 nd March	Dragonfly Forest School Session - Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing are brought into school that day)
Friday 22 nd March - School Closes for Easter Break	
Easter Break - Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April	
Monday 8 th April - School open for all	
Monday 8 th April	Bumblebee Class Trip to Bosworth Battlefield (Details to follow)
Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday	
KS 1 Assessments take place throughout May*	
KS 2 Sats	Monday 13 th -Thursday 16 th May*
Tuesday 21 st May	Year Group Photos
Friday 24 th May	School closed for Half Term
Half term Break Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	
Monday 3 rd June	School Open for all
Monday 3 rd June - 14 th June	- Year 4 Multiplication Check*
Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screen - take place this week*
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day 1pm Start - Parents/Carers/Families welcome
Wednesday 26 th June	M&M Productions - The Little Princess (TBC)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 5/6 Leavers Performance 2pm (Year 5 parents/carers/family only)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 5/6 Leavers' Performance 6pm (Year 6 parents/carers/family only)
Wednesday 10 th July	End of year Assembly on the Playground - All welcome 9am
Thursday 11 th July	School closes for Summer Break for Children
Friday 12 th July 2024	INSET DAY 5 Disaggregated. - Children/Staff not in school