Haresfield C of E Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please make sure your child has wellingtons that fit and a warm coat every day in school for this term as it is really cold on the field at playtime and lunchtime.

Clubs

There are no clubs the first week of term – they will restart week 2 (3rd March) but there will **not** be teacher clubs on **Tuesday 4th March** due to parents evening meetings.

Christian Value

The value for this term is **Forgiveness**. We will be looking at this through worship and other aspects of schoolwork. Forgiveness is the means by which damaged relationships are restored. It is an act of the will, motivated by love. For Christians, Jesus' death on a cross it the ultimate revelation of God's all forgiving love, and his sacrifice stands a source of inspiration to forgive others, no matter what the cost. In School we will be focussing on: -

- -A time when you needed to say sorry
- -A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had
- -A time when you had to forgive someone who had hurt or upset you
- -How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has forgiven you We feel this really benefits our school community and develops our school Christian distinctiveness.

Y6 residential meeting

On Friday 25th Feb after school Mrs Wallbridge and Mrs Bacon will be holding a Year 6 parents meeting to talk about the residential trip in April. We want to be able to help you prepare your children for the trip and know what they need to take (and what not to take!)

Woodland Classroom starts again this term.

Just a reminder -

If your child is going to the woodland classroom in the morning, they will need to wear jogging trousers with their school jumper/ cardigan at the top and they will need a waterproof coat with a hood. The woods can be muddy so please send your child in clothes that will wash and that they won't be worried about. They will wear their wellies. Please send spare trousers or a skirt and socks in a carrier bag for them to change into when they return to school.

If your child's class is going to the woodland classroom in the afternoon your child will need to come to school in their school uniform but have spare joggers to change into before they leave. They must also have a waterproof coat with a hood as we will be going even if it is raining.

I will send out timings for each class on Monday via class dojo when I get back in school.

Parent evenings

Parent / teacher meetings are organised for Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th March. There will be an online booking form coming out at the start of next week.

Bikeability

Dear Year, 6 parents –the Year 6 children will have their training on safety on bikes and riding on the roads starting on Monday 10th March. The paperwork for this will come out to you in the first week back. If you can bring bikes into school Monday morning the children can wheel them into the playground and they will be locked away at the end of their session so that they are safe overnight. The activities last about 3 days but we will make sure that the children let you know when their bike is ready to be collected. **All children need a helmet.**

For Parents - Assessing Smartphone Readiness

"Is my child old enough to have a phone?" It's a common, understandable question that we get from many parents, but it's also one that is very difficult to answer as there are so many factors involved. For younger children it's often peer pressure, with older children social isolation is very common. Often, advice has to be given particular to that child/family, rather than a one-size-fits-all solution.

The Institute for Digital Media and Child Development have put together some tip sheets for parents which are really useful. There are 3 parts:

- Assessing readiness.
- Preparing for healthy use.
- What now?

You can view all the tip sheets **HERE**.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – more information about events will follow when needed.

Monday 24 th February	All back in school
Wednesday 26 th Feb	Young Voices concert - Birmingham
Friday 28 th Feb	Residential meeting for Badgers Class 3:20
Monday 3 rd March	After school clubs start
Tuesday 4 th March	Parent Teacher meetings 3:30 – 7:00
Tuesday 4 th March	No teacher led clubs due to parents evening
Wednesday 5 th March	Parent Teacher meetings 3:30 – 5:00
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (school council to organise and send info)
Monday 10 th March	Year 6 only Bikeability in school
Monday 17 th March	Squirrels class Clarinet concert Cheltenham Town Hall
Friday 21 st March	Family Worship @ St Peter's Church – all welcome.
Friday 21st March	Comic relief – school council to organise
Friday 21 st March	PTFA family Pizza and Quiz night? Provisional date

Thursday 27 th March	Country Dance Festival 6pm (approx.) Stroud leisure centre
Wednesday 2 nd April	Squirrels Clarinet concert for parents 9:15
Friday 4 th April	Family Worship @ St Peter's Church – all welcome.
Friday 4 th April	PTFA cake Sale
April 2025 (7 th – 11 th)	Residential Y ₅ and Y6
Friday 11 th April	End of Term
	Easter Break
Monday 28 th April	All Return to School
Monday 12 th May	SAT's week for Year 6
Friday 16 th May	PTFA ice cream sale
Monday 19 th May	Key stage 2 handball
Wednesday 21st May	KS2 mountain biking event (Stratford Park)
Monday 26 th May — Friday 30 th May	
Half Term Holiday	
Wednesday 4 th June	KS2 rounders
Thursday 5 th June	Badgers class trip to Skills Zone
Monday 9 th June	Year 4 Multiplication check all week
Monday 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics screening check all week
Tuesday 10 th June	KS1 Dodgeball event
Wednesday 11 th June	Y6 leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
Friday 13 th June	KS2 Dodgeball event
Friday 27 th June	PTFA school disco
Thursday 10 th July	PTFA Summer Fayre
Friday 18 th July	End of Term + Leaver's service
Friday 18 th July	End of term 2:30pm