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Dear Parents,

SKY TV

Writing Club had a great time at the Sky TV studios on Tuesday. To mark Safer Internet Day, the children planned, wrote, filmed and edited their own TV programme about how to keep safe online, using superb professional-quality equipment. Please go to our website to see the film, showing the children's hard work. A special thank you to Alex Skym, Chris Mulcahy and James Brannan for driving the children and helping with supervision, without which the trip could not have happened.

GYMNASTICS

Yesterday we were treated to a fabulous display of gymnastics by our gym club. I am truly amazed by how talented our children are: I could hear the intakes of breath from some of the other children who were watching. The children will be taking part in a competition in Carterton in a few weeks, and I am sure they will do very well. Thank you very much indeed to Felicity Gidlow, who runs the club single-handedly as a volunteer. I know the children appreciate very much what she does. I hope the parents who wanted to come will accept my apologies: there simply was not enough room for parents, children and performers, but the children will be performing for parents before Easter, and of course you are welcome to the competition.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Our Spring Term parents' evenings will take place the first week back after half term, on Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th February. Lists to sign up for appointments will go up next Tuesday. Parents of children on the SEND register will be contacted beforehand, as you need to book a double appointment (unless you are already having a meeting with Mrs Conner, in which case you don't need a separate appointment). Miss Burn is not available on Tuesday but will be holding appointments on Thursday 28th from 2.00pm. If Year 6 parents cannot come then, please contact Miss Burn separately to make an appointment. If your child is with different teachers in the morning and the afternoon, you only need to see his/her morning teacher: the afternoon teacher will let them know of anything important which needs to be said. (I know there are a small number of children who see different teachers for English and for Maths; it would be good if their parents could see both teachers.)

ADVANCE WARNING – BOOK DRESS-UP DAY

It is World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. This clashes with the Year 3/4 residential trip to Oxenwood, so we are holding our traditional book dress-up day two days early, on Tuesday 5th March. Children (and staff!) are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. This is always a really fun day and it would be lovely if all children can be involved. (I've already started putting my costume together...)

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BRIZE OSCARS

As most of the school is studying film-making in our Computing lessons this term, I am going to have a Brize Oscars ceremony on Tuesday 2nd April in the afternoon. We will have a grand showing of films the children have made, with a red carpet and small statuettes for the winners in different categories. One category I would like to have is "Best Home Movie". If your child would like to make a short film (animated or live, on any topic) at home, they are welcome to do so and to send it to me by Tuesday 26th March. Parents will be welcome to the film showing and presentation ceremony, so if you are interested please put it in your diary.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Due to the school being closed last Friday, we didn't choose a star of the week, but each afternoon we have chosen a different child to sit on the star table for snacks & meals with a friend of their choice. The children enjoyed talking about the Chinese New Year and we were impressed with how much they knew already! We printed off some Chinese New Year colouring sheets which they enjoyed colouring, and they all seemed to love eating Chinese chicken curry & prawn crackers! Next week we have some fun Valentine's Day activities planned, which include a special Valentine meal on Thursday.

Please can I remind all parents to inform us if their child for whatever reason won't be attending club. We are separate from the school and it is not their responsibility to let us know. The club mobile is 07464684758 so if you could just send us a quick text or call, that would be much appreciated. Thank you!

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

On Monday Year 5 will be travelling to Burford School to practise Disney songs with the other Year 5s from across the partnership. This will culminate in a concert in the evening which I am sure will be well-attended.

On Friday at 2.30 we have our Parent Celebration Assembly for the end of the half term. As usual, I would love to know of children's achievements outside school, whether there is a certificate to go with them or not. Please send a quick email to the office or a note to me via your child's teacher: I will make sure it is read out. All parents are welcome.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

Buccaneers – Forest School and a hello from Mrs Winter <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/1>

Hurricanes – Chinese New Year (with the Buccaneers) <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/2>

Key Stage 2 – Sky TV trip (with a link to our movie) <https://www.brizeprimary.org/class/3>

Forest School – Buccaneers at the top and Year 5 further down

<https://www.brizeprimary.org/subjects/forestschoools>

Best wishes

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Dates for the Spring Term

Mon 11 Feb – Assessment Week (half-way point of the year). Y5 Music Festival rehearsal am, performance evening

Wed 13 Feb – SEN reviews with SENCO
6.00-7.30pm SA Disco

Fri 15 Feb – Lunchbox. 2.30 parent celebration assembly

w/b Mon 18 Feb – half term

Tues 26 Feb – long parents' evening 3.30-7.30

Thurs 28 Feb – Short parents' evening 3.30-5.30

Fri 1 March – Y3/4 sharing assembly and parent workshop. pm Lunchbox.

Tues 5 March – book dress-up day; governors' Performance and Learning committee.

Wed 6 March – Book Swap

Thurs 7 March – Oxenwood trip for Y3/4.

Fri 8 March - Y1/2 sharing assembly and parent workshop.

Mon 11 March – governors' Resources Committee.

Wed 13 March – Winston Churchill public speaking competition, Blenheim, am. pm Y5/6 tag rugby tournament

Fri 15 March – Buccaneers sharing assembly and parent workshop. pm Lunchbox.

Wed 20 March – School Association AGM.

Thurs 21 March – Key Steps gymnastics competition (gym club children). Full governors

Fri 22 March – Y5/6 sharing assembly and parent workshop

Wed 27 March – am Y3 Multi Skills

Fri 29 March – 2.15 parent celebration assembly AND parents'/carers' assembly

Tues 2 April – school Oscars ceremony

Thurs 4 April – possible Easter service in church

Fri 5 April – Easter egg raffle; term ends 1.15pm

Mon 8 – Wed 10 April – Easter School for Y6

Dates for the Summer Term (so far and subject to change)

Tues 23 April – term begins

Tues 30 April – Y4 languages day, Burford

Tues 7 May (or Wed/Thurs) – Oxfordshire KS1 Music Festival (FS/Y1)

Wed 8 May – Y4 Quad Kids am

Mon 13 May – SATS week. SPAG am. Burford School work experience.

Tues 14 May – SATS Reading am.

Wed 15 May – SATS Maths 1 + 2 am.

Thurs 16 May – SATS Maths 3 am.

Mon 20 May – KS1 SATS continue. Swimming gala. Resources committee.

w/b Mon 27 May – half term

Mon 3 June – Condoover trip for Y5/6

Mon 10 June – Y1 Phonics Screening week.

Tues 11 June – partnership Y5/6 cricket all day.

Mon 17 June – Y2 Ultra Olympics

Tues 18 June – partnership Y6 moderation

Thurs 20 June – Y3 Science day at Burford

Mon 1 July – Y5 quad kids

Thurs 4 July – Burford induction. Shuffle up day.

Fri 5 July – Burford induction.

Tues 9 July – SATS results day.

Fri 19 July – term ends 1.15