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Dear Families

This half term has flown by and we are coming into the last week. How time flies!

Next week, we have Rainbow Theatre visiting our Year 1 and Year 2 children who will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. Alongside this, the children have been studying two key texts. In Year 1, they have been using 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London' to support their writing and in Year 2, the children have been developing their reading skills through this beautiful hardback text: The Great Fire of London.

As a staff, we are always exploring quality texts that engage our children and link into our topics.

As we move into February and March, hopefully, we will start to see some calmer weather and more blue skies.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock



### O2 TRIP

Wow! What an amazing trip to the O2 last Tuesday to sing with 8,000 children across the South East and a couple from beyond! There were schools from Switzerland and Bratislava too. As soon as the band struck the first chord, our children jumped out of their seats to rehearse songs they had been practising since September. The concert itself was a sight to behold. The opening witnessed thousands of twinkling lights flashing around the arena with screams of delight and excitement from all the children. The sound of a mass children's choir singing with enthusiasm and passion was truly magical. We were also dazzled by performances from street dance group Urban Strides, Natalie Williams and 13-year-old drummer, Tandi Bushell. We were so proud of our children, who demonstrated exemplary behaviour during the day. Roll on 2025!

### RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

We are looking forward to welcoming our Reception parents to what is going to be an amazing assembly next Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm in the school hall.



### BOYS VOCAL CLUB

This club will restart on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please note, the Club will not take place next Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> February as we have parents evening and staff training after school on these dates.

## ART CLUB

This week, our amazing artists have been getting their inspiration from the wonderful sculptures of David Smith! They have been exploring shapes, negative and positive spaces, and balance to create some spectacular collages. Well done everyone.



## PREMIER EDUCATION ARCHERY CLUB

Premier Education Archery Club will be continuing for children in Year 1 to Year 6 and we will be sending home new booking forms very soon, so please look out for these.

### **NEWS FROM THE PTA - IT'S TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY!**

We would really appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes to complete this short survey for your PTA. We want to hear your views to help us move the PTA forward and shape future events.

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You can also find the link on our PTA Facebook page.

**Please note, we have a change of date for the upcoming non-uniform day and Summer Revels. The non-uniform day will now be Thursday 6th June and Summer Revels will be on Saturday 8th June!**

We welcome you all to join our next meeting, where we will be discussing the ongoing plans for the Revels and also for the 'sponsored bounce/pedal'. The meeting will be at The Black Horse on Tuesday 27th February at 6pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.  
Sian, Emma and Wen

## CHARTWELLS LUNCHES

With half-term approaching, please remember to order meals in time for the children's return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Chartwells will be serving a 'return to school' menu on this date.



### **Recent Correspondence**

- **Before and after school club booking forms are now available for Spring 2**
- **KS1 Premier Education Archery Club letters**
- **KS2 Premier Education Archery Club letters will be sent on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Email regarding Boys Vocal Club**

## DATES FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

Mon 5 February	KS1 Football tournament (3.45pm) Rainbow Theatre Company workshop – Y1 & Y2 (1pm) Y2-Y6 Choir Club starts (3.20pm)
Tues 6 February	Safer Internet Day
Wed 7 February	Reception Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 12 – Fri 16 February	Half-term break
Mon 19 February	Back to school
Tues 20 February	Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Wed 21 February	Rowan & Holly trip to Chichester Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 5pm)
Thurs 22 February	World Thinking Day
Tues 27 February	PTA meeting (6pm)
Sun 3 March	School Choir singing at morning service (St John's Church 10am)
Thurs 7 March	World Book Day
Fri 15 March	Comic Relief Day
<b>Tues 26 March</b>	<b>Easter Service, Rowan Class will be leading the service (9am at school)</b>
Wed 27 March	Oak Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Thurs 28 March	PTA Bouncy Castle fundraiser No Book Club/last day of term Easter break
Fri 29 March – Friday 12 April	INSET Day
Mon 15 April	PTA Bag2School collection (9am)
Thurs 18 April	Scholastic half price Book Fair
Mon 29 April – 2 May	Ash and Willow trip to Amberley Museum
Wed 1 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Mon 6 May	Y6 National Curriculum tests
Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May	PTA non-uniform day
Fri 17 May	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Wed 22 May	Half-term break
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	INSET Day
Mon 3 June	Back to school
Tues 4 June	<b>PTA Non-uniform day in aid of Revels</b>
<b>Thurs 6 June</b>	<b>Class &amp; Year 6 leavers photos</b>
<b>Fri 7 June</b>	<b>SUMMER REVELS</b>
<b>Sat 8 June</b>	Y5&Y6 Residential Trip
Mon 10 – Fri 14 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Wed 26 June	Y1& Y2 Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Wed 3 July	

