

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break. It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces returning to school this week. The lighter mornings definitely seem to have brightened the mood; everyone appears enthusiastic and eager to get the next half term underway and, as always, it's a busy one with so many things planned for the whole school community to enjoy.



Please see below details and reminders about various events, and day-to-day school information.



Our Book Fair will be open **Monday 4th – Friday 8th March, 15:15 – 16:00**. All classes will be given the opportunity to visit the book fair during the day to see what is on offer, before returning with parents to pick up their next book to read.



On Thursday 7th March, as is tradition, we would like all children to come to school dressed as a character from a book of their choice. We can't wait to see what costumes you all come up with. **Don't forget, there are prizes up for grabs for the best costume in each Key Stage!** We are also asking for donations of children's books, either 'new' or in a good 'used' condition, which can be added to our school library to continue to promote a love of reading. Thank you in advance for this.

Coffee Morning

Following the Nursery Assembly on **Friday 8th March**, there will be a Parent Coffee Morning to help raise funds for new outdoor equipment for the Early Years. Please do come along!

Science Week



As part of British Science Week, on Friday 15th March, all children are invited to come to school dressed as a scientist. This can be as simple or as creative and elaborate as they wish. During the day they will also be undertaking a range of experiments and investigations based around the theme of 'Time'.



Downs Syndrome Awareness Day

To mark Downs Syndrome Awareness day on 21st March, we are inviting children to 'Rock their socks' by wearing odd socks to school. We also be having an assembly to promote awareness and understanding of Downs Syndrome.



Easter Activities

During the last week of the half term, we will be arranging a variety of events and activities for children and parents to engage with: Bonnets, Egg Decorating and a raffle. Further information and details will be sent out in due course.

PTA & Parent Voice

The relationship between parents and school is hugely important. Our commitment to working in partnership ensures that we continue to provide the very best education for all of our children.

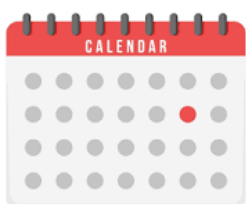
Our PTA brings together parents, teachers and children to strengthen the school community and raise funds that contribute to making school a better place for all. On **Wednesday 6th March at 14:45**, we will be holding an open meeting, where we invite anyone who would be interested in joining our PTA to come along and find out more, and consider how they could offer their support. We would appreciate as many parents as possible attending the meeting, as we strive to build on the already wonderful things that our PTA have contributed to James Brindley.

Before the end of the half term, I will also be sending out a parent survey to gain your voice and perspective in to a variety of aspects of school life. Again, your insight and contributions to this are vital for our continuing development.



Following on from an email already sent out to parents, I must remind you again that the private road (Rochester Avenue) adjacent to the school gates should not be accessed for any reason – particularly for tying up dogs during drop off and pick up times. "Private roads are roads where no public right of way exists. Residents are solely responsible for any maintenance and repairs" (Highways Act 1980). The owners of the properties are therefore able to maintain their grounds as they see fit (for example weed killers etc.) and we would not want this to put any children or dogs at risk of harm.

Please also ensure that when exiting the school grounds, you are mindful of the entrance to this road and are encouraging all children to cross carefully and safely.



Dates for the diary:

26.02.24	School Reopens for Spring 2 LGBT+ History Week
27.02.24	Y4 Romans Workshop
29.02.24	Y6 Lacrosse
w/c 04.03.24	Book Fair
04.03.24	KS2 Gymnastics Competition
07.03.24	World Book Day
08.03.24	Nursery Assembly
13.03.24	Y4 Wrestling Competition
15.03.24	Science Day
18.03.24	Poetry Day
19.03.24	Worsley Swimming Gala
21.03.34	Downs Syndrome Awareness & Odd Socks Day
w/c 25.03.24	Easter Activity Week
28.04.24	EYFS Easter Extravaganza (Sports Council)
28.03.24	Homework Celebration Day School Closes for Easter Break
15.04.24	INSET- School Closed
16.04.24	School Reopens

Information and details about all events in school will be shared separately and in regular newsletters.

You can also keep up to date with school life by following us on 'X'.



@JamesBrindleyPS



“Working together to fulfil potential”

Looking Back



Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Stokes'.

Miss K. Stokes
Head Teacher