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School Hall:

After all the excitement and anticipation of being told we would receive the keys to the hall today (and 5 hours emptying a container!), this week disaster struck, as overnight, one of the joins in a mains water-pipe separated, leaving the hall under an inch of water. It means the hall will be delayed by 2 weeks, due to a simple human error. The builders have begun drying the building and rectifying all of the damage, and we will ensure we do not accept the hall until we are completely happy with it.

For this reason, basketball and dance club will continue to be in the village hall. PE lessons, now the weather looks to be warming up, will be outside – please ensure children have warm clothes. We were hoping to have whole school achievement assemblies, although for the next few weeks they would need to remain in class.

Key Dates:

A few dates to highlight from the diary dates section also. Thursday next week is World Book Day, we look forward to having a day enjoying books and sharing stories. On Friday 15th it is Red Nose Day. If children bring in 50p, they can wear their own clothes. We are trying to keep this cost low, as we will be having another charity event this term – details to follow next week.

Internet Safety:

I hope you received an email yesterday stating our guidance for keeping children safe on the internet. There has been a lot in the news this past week. Once again our best advice is:

- *Talk to your child about the websites, games and apps that they use. By understanding and involving yourself in their internet use, you are helping them keep safe.*
- *Be positive about the internet and remember that it is a fantastic learning and communication tool.*
- *Try not to overreact to minor issues. Children often worry that you may take away their internet access, they may become secretive and hide problems from you.*
- *Keep PCs, laptops and games consoles out of bedrooms wherever possible. Having the laptop in a family room makes it easier for you to monitor your child's internet use, whilst still giving them privacy.*
- *Set clear and consistent ground rules and expectations for your child's online behaviour. If they understand what is and is not acceptable, it may help them with any problems in the future.*

PTA

Bags2Schools – Wednesday 20th March

Time for a spring clean! Clear out those old woollies and make room for summer tops!

Bags2Schools are collecting bags of old clothes and will give the school 40p per kg. Last time we raised £74.00. Let's try and beat it. Your child will bring home a bag today. There are extra bags at school (ask at office) or items can be collected in any bin bags. Please ask your family, friends and neighbours to join in. The following items are collected:- adult/children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, curtains, towels and bedding (but not duvets, pillows or cushions).

Mothers's Day Pop Up Shop – Friday 29th March

The PTA are organising a "Pop up Shop" for Mother's Day. The school and nursery children will have the opportunity to choose a lovely gift. The shop will be running in school time. The cost will be £2 per gift. Slips and payment information will be send home from school/nursery with the children.

Many thanks for your continued support.

After School Clubs

Monday night Construction Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Tuesday night – Art and Crafts (KS1 focus) – cost £2

Wednesday night – Computer Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Thursday night – Art and Crafts (KS2) – cost £2

Friday Night – Film Night – 3.15-5.30 pm - cost £3

Children are welcome to stay at After School Club until 5.30pm. Charge for this is £3.80.

Please contact the office if you would like more information or to book.

Breakfast Club – every day from 8am – cost is £3 per session

Governors

This next few weeks are the final chance to make donations for the legacy plaque.

School Hall - A lasting legacy

We are all excited that work is progressing with the building of our new school hall. This work has been possible because of a successful bid to the Government's Condition Improvement Fund. However, we still need to raise funds to make sure the hall is fully kitted out with new sports equipment, catering facilities and audio-visual facilities.

Legacy Donors

Anyone who donates £20 towards the school hall will have their name recorded and displayed permanently within the new hall. This is a way we can celebrate, in a lasting way, the contributions that people make. Please place donations (cash or cheques to "Byfield School") in an envelope marked "Legacy Donor", and clearly indicate the name you would like to be displayed, then hand in at Reception.

Naming the School Hall

You may wish to make a substantial donation, in return for having the school hall named after yourself, your family, or perhaps a loved one *in memoriam*. Please contact the Headteacher to arrange a meeting if you would like to discuss this option.

Any support you can give to the School is hugely appreciated and helps us provide the best facilities we can for your children.

With thanks Sarah Burke Chair of Governors

Dates for the Diary

String music lessons – every Wednesday, Guitar music lessons – every Tuesday, Keyboard lessons – every Thursday

PE – Please bring PE kit in to school every day, PE lessons will be weather dependent. We also have some sessions for PE booked at the village hall.

Celebration Assemblies Monday – Kiwi Tuesday – Owls Thursday – Penguins Friday – Robins

Hotshots – Every Tuesday – 8am (Village Hall until further notice)

Dance Club – Every Wednesday after school (Village Hall)

Monday 25th February – school opens 8.45am

Monday 4th March – Professor McGinty visiting Kiwi and Owl Class

Tuesday 5th March – Hotshots – Village Hall 8am

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Tuesday 12th March – Hotshots – Village Hall 8am

Wednesday 13th March – Cross Country Event – Woodford Halse Primary School

Friday 15th March – Red Nose day – 50p for non-school uniform.

Wednesday 20th March – Bags2School collection 9am

Wednesday 20th March – Class/Group photos (rearranged from Feb as no hall)

Friday 29th March – Mother's Day Pop Up Shop

Friday 5th April – break up for Easter 3.15pm

Wednesday 24th April – school opens 8.45am