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## Headteacher

I'd like to wish everyone a happy Easter and hope every child has an enjoyable break. As every holiday, educationally the most important thing children can do is read. To encourage the love of reading and books, which I hope every child experiences, I have included our Easter Reading Challenge. If your child brings in proof they have attempted this reading challenge over the holidays, they will receive 10 Dojos.

Thank you everybody who donated a t-shirt. At the end of a term learning about Europe, the children all enjoyed learning about Uganda and how it is different from England and Europe. We are really looking forward to when Graham and Jane return to us in May, to share photographs of the children wearing the t-shirts which have been donated.

Children return to school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. The topics for next half term are as follows:

Robin Class will be learning about Celebrations. They will be learning about, preparing and holding a range of celebrations, including Eid, Diwali and Birthdays.

Penguin Class will be holding a topic called 'Wonder Woman'. They will be comparing the lives and times of Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> and Queen Victoria.

Kiwi Class will be studying 'Britain from the Air' - which is a geography unit looking at the physical geography of Britain; how land is used for cities/agriculture/industry, and map reading skills.

Owl Class topic is called 'Walls and Barricades' - they will be learning about borders which have separated people, and their place in history and the geography of them. This includes Hadrian's Wall, The Berlin Wall, South African Apartheid and The Great Wall of China.

Finally, I would like to share with you the feedback we had from a Current Qualified Ofsted Inspector - Derek Watts. As part of a school review process, we asked Derek if he could come in and review the quality of practice in the school against the Ofsted Criteria. He judged the school to be good in every area: Overall Effectiveness; Leadership and Management; Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment; Personal development, behaviour and welfare and outcomes for children. We will put the complete report on our website after the Easter Holidays, but I would like to share with you a few of the comments he made.

*'Pupils recognise the importance of applying independence, perseverance and resilience to their learning. In talking about their learning, they said, 'Teachers make learning fun'.'*

*'The headteacher and staff have created a positive and welcoming atmosphere where pupils learn and thrive.'*

*'Pupils have positive attitudes to learning. They are attentive, cooperative and participate well in the learning activities provided.'*

*'Pupils respond well to clear expectations and are well focused on their learning and the activities provided.'*

*'The teaching of reading, including phonics, is effective.'*

*'Pupils have good opportunities to write for different audiences and purposes.'*

*'In mathematics, teachers provide good opportunities to develop pupils' fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.'*

*'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development, behaviour and well-being is securely good.'*

*'Teachers have established a positive rapport with their pupils and manage them well. Pupils are motivated to learn and are well behaved in class.'*

*'Pupils are courteous, friendly and helpful. They are extremely hospitable to visitors. They are clearly proud of their school.'*

*'The headteacher provides ambition, vision and strategic direction for the school. He is well supported by other key leaders. The leadership of Early Years, English, Mathematics and SEN is effective. Leaders of these areas are fully engaged in monitoring and improving their areas of responsibility. Governance is effective. Members of the governing body possess a good range skills and experience to help the school.'*

*'Byfield has the characteristics of a good school. Teaching, learning and assessment are looking good. Most pupils are making good progress. The school has a positive, purposeful and welcoming ethos. Pupils have good attitudes to learning and participate well in the interesting activities provided. They are well behaved. The school promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development well.'*

### **PTA**

Thank you for your support with the Mothers Day Pop Up Shop – this raised £93.42. Also Bags2School which raised £56.40. These funds will go towards purchasing a piano for the new school hall and other items such as laptops which have been funded by the PTA recently.

We are always collecting items which could be used for our raffles, tombolas or prizes for competitions. If you are having a spring clean, and find any suitable items, please could you drop them into the office.

### **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 (24<sup>th</sup> April is “Making Music)

Thursday night – Art and Crafts (KS2) – cost £2 (25<sup>th</sup> April is self portraits/portraits)

Friday Night – Film Night – 3.15-5.30 pm - cost £3 (26<sup>th</sup> April is Paddington 2)

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

### **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.*

*Celebration Assemblies - Friday for Penguins, Kiwi and Owl Class. Robins in class – day/time to be arranged*

*Hotshots – Every Tuesday – 8am*

*Dance Club – Every Wednesday after school*

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – school opens 8.45am

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** – First Access Guitar starts. Kiwi Class (10 weeks)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Swimming lessons start for KS2

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** – PTA meeting at Cross Tree Pub 8pm

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Book Fair arrives (daily up to 8<sup>th</sup> May)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATs

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Class/group photos