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There are several events happening in the school next week:

Monday - if the weather is dry and not too windy, Year 1 and 2 will be burning their replica of 17th Century London. They have been learning about the great fire of London all term, and today made models of houses out of their cereal boxes. On Monday at 9:15, after a fire safety talk, they will be going outside and watching how fire can spread from one building to another. If you have a child in Penguin Class, and you are available at this time, we would welcome as many parents as possible to ensure children keep a safe distance.

On the **Tuesday** it is Internet Safety Day, and **Friday** is Northamptonshire's Mental Health Day. After initially questioning why Northants chose to put it's mental health day in the same week, we began to think it could be a really useful opportunity to send out the same message. In both days, we will be ensuring that children remember **'If you are worried about anything, talk to an adult you trust.'** We will be talking to children about who the safe people are that they can talk to about anything if it is worrying them - and obviously, the parents are most likely to be number 1 on this list. For internet safety, it is yet another aspect of parenting which is a completely new challenge compared to just one generation ago. I know 30 years ago if you gave a child a dictionary or science text book what the things they are likely to look up first would be - put it in modern day with google and the internet at children's disposal, it can put them in much more risk. We also know if you tell a child they are not allowed to do something, or ban them, many at some stage will see this as too much temptation. The current guidance for internet safety and cyber bullying is discuss with children frequently about what they do on their computers - if you parents talk openly with children and show interest in their digital lives, children are more likely to discuss problems if they were to arise. Childnet advises parents draw up a family agreement on how to live an online life where you focus on the benefits of having modern technology, and agree how to keep safe. Information about this is available here - <https://www.childnet.com/resources/family-agreement> On Northamptonshire Mental Health Day, we will be looking at lots of different ways of dealing with situations when you are upset, stressed or anxious - including relaxation techniques, focusing on positives, and most importantly speaking to someone you trust. Leaflets and activities will be coming home that day with your children.

PTA

A Big Thank You!

The PTA have been breaking records recently.....all our fundraising efforts in the run up to Christmas amounted to a massive **£6,200**, the most we have ever raised in such a short space of time. Thanks to everybody, your support is invaluable.

Such a fantastic amount means that we have been able to approve the purchase of new iPads and webcams for the children. Mr Hibbert has a whole host of exciting trips planned for the children in the Spring and Summer Term. More details to follow.

What's Next?

The days are already getting longer and we are now looking forward to hosting some more events. On the evening of Saturday 14th March, we are having an 80's Fancy Dress Disco in the Village Hall, with our resident DJ, Mat White. Tickets will be on sale shortly but save the date for popstastic fun!

Other events coming up include the Mother's Day Pop-up Shop (Friday 20th March), non-uniform day (Friday 15th February and Friday 27th March) and Easter Family Bingo (Friday 3rd April). More details to follow.

Can you help?

As ever, we are very grateful for all your support in running and participating in these events, enabling us to provide such great opportunities for the children. If you are interested in joining the PTA or helping with any of the forthcoming events, please speak to a member of the PTA or Heather in the office. Don't forget, you can also be a 'phone a friend' volunteer.

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or items, which would be good for our raffles and tombolas, please bring them in to the office so we can start preparing for events this year.

After School Clubs (3.15pm – 5.30pm latest)

Monday	Construction and Board Game club (3:15-4:30)	First Hour - £3 Then £3.80 per hour after that up to 5.30pm
Tuesday	Netball (3:15-4:15) Please note pick up time for end of netball is 4.15pm	
Wednesday	Computer Club (3:15-4:30)	
Thursday	Craft Club/Junk Modelling (3:15-4:30)	
Friday	Film Night (3:15-5:30)	

Dates for the Diary

String music lessons – every Wednesday

Guitar music lessons – every Tuesday No guitar on 11th and 25th February (Mr Reynolds on honeymoon)

Keyboard/flute lessons – every Tuesday.

Byfield School Dance Club – Wednesday after school

PE – Please bring PE kit in to school every day. PE Days are:

Penguins – Tuesday

Owls – Monday

Celebration Assemblies – Friday

Kiwi – Monday and Thursday

Robins and Nursery – Wednesday

Tuesday 11th February – First Access music Project Kiwi Class – Samba/African Drums (week 5)

Friday 14th February – non uniform day for PTA

Friday 14th February – break up for half term 3.15pm (Film Night on as usual until 5.30pm)

Monday 24th February – school opens 8.45am (8am for Breakfast Club)

Friday 28th February – Class Photos/Group Photos

Wednesday 11th March – Cross Country Woodford Halse Primary Academy

Thursday 19th March – Health Checks School Nurse Years Reception and Year 6

Friday 20th March – Mothers Day Pop Up Shop

Friday 27th March – non uniform day for PTA (bring in an Easter Egg)

Friday 3rd April – Easter Bingo – after school