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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe, to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

I hope that you all had a great half term break. Thanks for your support with making sure that your children are prepared and ready for the new half term - looking smart, in the correct uniform and on time for class. These all help to ensure that they are ready for learning at 8.45am when classroom doors open to welcome them in. Let's make a huge effort this half term to be on time for school and work on attendance so that we can raise our percentages to be in line with the Government's expectations. Hopefully the warmer weather will help with reducing minor illnesses and we'll see an increase overall.

Please see important message on page 2.

Liz Latham

Attendance Counts- Moments Matter.

It is vital to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day. Please do contact the school office if you need help with this as we may be able to offer support. Overall attendance for this year is **94.8%**.

This is still below Government expectations which are 96%. We must work together to improve this.

The class with the highest attendance this week is M G Leonard with 98.6% - they will receive the Attendance cup and will be excited to display it in their classroom. Please do support your child to attend every day to ensure they get the best start to their education and can hopefully win the cup!

Dinner Dates

Here are the dates for booking your child's dinner:

For wk beginning 10/3/25 order by Sun 2nd Mar

For wk beginning 17/3/25 order by Sun 9th Mar

For wk beginning 24/3/25 order by Sun 16th Mar

For wk beginning 31/3/25 order by Sun 23rd Mar

Please talk to your child and make choices together about what they will have for lunch – it's important for children to know what's been ordered for them.

More Dates for your Diary

Y4 King Richard workshop	5 th Mar
Height and Weight measurements	6 th Mar
Leicestershire Cricket training workshops	6 th Mar
World Book Day celebration	7 th Mar
Y6 Magistrates Association drama	7 th Mar
Y5 Vue Cinema visit	11 th Mar
Y4 procession – Light up Leicester Festival	12 th Mar
Y3 Vue Cinema visit	12 th Mar
Girls Football at New College	17 th Mar

Free Event!

We've been asked to pass on details about this event which is based on fun and interactive science and technology (STEM). Please do go along for some free fun targeted at 8 to 18 year olds on Saturday 15th March 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the African Caribbean Centre, LE2 0UA Register below to reserve a space and find out more!

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stem-day-tickets-1259448366969?aff=ebemoffollowpublishemail&ref=email&utm_campaign=following_published_event&utm_content=follow_notification&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite



Screen time issues?

Recent studies show a link between high levels of screen time and the increase in mental health/well-being difficulties amongst children. Unprotected and prolonged online screen time is also associated with a much greater risk of bullying, abuse and grooming. Want to know some tips and tricks to reduce screen time and add extra protection? Click here:

[Your child's screen time | The Key Safeguarding](#)

Class Assembly Dates

Here are the class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Tuesday at 2.50pm in the main hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jenny McLachlan	Postponed date TBC
Valerie Thomas	18 th March
Zanna Davidson	1 st April
Marcela Ferreira	13 th May
Joseph Coelho	10 th June
Rob Biddulph	24 th June

We are horrified to let you know that this morning, one of our pupils had a very narrow escape: he was crossing the road when a vehicle came round the corner and knocked into him.

He was very lucky and did not sustain a serious injury but as you can imagine – he and his family are very shaken.

If you did see the incident and have any details about the car or driver, then please do pass them onto school as we are hoping to follow this up.

Thank you to those parents who helped support.

It's believed one of the reasons for this was due to a van parked on the corner of the road, which blocked sight lines for both the child and the driver.

Please be considerate of our neighbours and do not block their access.



Free, safe parking is always available in the Leisure Centre car park, where you are able to gain access to the main playground through the gate in the fence. Using this car park means it is:

- Safer for children
- Shorter walking distance
- Plenty of space
- Safer for your car
- Better for the surrounding roads
- Better for our neighbours
- Nearer to school
- Quicker for drop offs and collections

If you are using a car then please start parking in the Leisure Centre – it's better for everyone.

We have also had a complaint from one of our neighbours about parents parking across their driveway preventing them from leaving for work.

