



### Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – PTFA Valentines Disco

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Y5 and Y2 Forest school

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Parent / Carer Meetings

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Y5 and Y2 Forest school

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Last day of Spring term 1

**24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – First day of Spring term 2

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 and Y5 Hancock Museum Visit (further details to follow)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (further details to follow, there will be a number of options for ways to get involved so no need to buy costumes.)**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 and Y6 Forest School

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 and Y6 Forest School

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Y1 and Y6 Forest School

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery and Reception Forest School

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Y6 Mock SATs week

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Nursery and Reception Forest School

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Nursery and Reception Forest School

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of Spring Term 2

**14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – First Day of Summer Term 1



Remember it's our Valentines Disco on Wednesday, we have our amazing DJ's/party entertainers Champagne Events back once again. £2 on the door.

### No class news for:

Reception – GD, Year 3 MLK, Y4 FWD and Year 6 MY



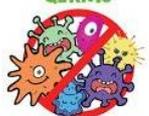
### No Crossing Patrol

There will be no Mrs Mullis – School crossing patrol on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February, please be careful crossing the roads. Thank you

### Parent Meetings

Parent Meetings will take place week beginning 17th February. Parents / carers should have received a letter regarding this this, please return the reply slip to the office if you have not already done so. Thank you

DON'T SPREAD GERMS



WASH YOUR HANDS!

### Sickness

There is an awful bug going around as well as coughs and colds. Please can you remind your children to wash their hands regularly and cover their mouths when coughing and sneezing. We will be reminding them throughout school too. If your child is going to be absent from school it is important that you let the office know before 8.45am. You can do this via school Gateway, Facebook messenger, by calling 01207542373 or emailing [highspen@gatedu.org](mailto:highspen@gatedu.org) Our telephone has an answerphone so messages can be left at anytime. Please do not wait for us to contact you to see why your child is absent.

### Lateness

Please can I remind you that the bell rings at 8.55am for children to line up, staff are on the yard from 8.45am. Any child arriving after 9am will be marked as late in the register. Lateness is reviewed in our termly attendance monitoring meetings. Thank you for your co-operation.



### **Nursery – SG – Saint George**

Greetings from Nursery. We have had a few busy weeks learning about animals, celebrating Lunar New Year and enjoying some lovely outside play the past few days in the sunshine. In the next week or so please keep an eye on our SG Nursery school website page for photos of some of the things we have been up to as we are hoping to post regularly and share our 'Wow' moments.

May we also post a polite reminder to please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes in nursery in the event we need to change them as we sometimes get messy when we play. Thank you to those who have submitted your parent meeting forms and if you haven't had a chance to turn them in yet, we are still collecting them. Thank you and enjoy your weekend.

### **Year 1 – TY – Thomas Young**

Each week we visit the library and enjoy a range of books. Please return your child's library book ready for our library sessions each Monday. Please remind your child to put their book in our pink library book box, we will remind children too.

Please send reading folders into school every day please. Blue homework folders only need to be brought into school each Thursday.

Year 1 had a lovely walk around the village this week. We used our maps to find our way to the park and spot the shop, the Bute, a church, terrace houses, bungalows, open spaces and lots of street signs. We are so proud of the children.

### **Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Y2 will be having a visit from the fire service which includes being outside looking at the fire engine. Please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves to keep them warm whilst being outside for the visit.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – children in Y2 will be visiting Chopwell woods as part of Forest school. Children need to come to school in suitable warm clothes and trainers but bring a warm, waterproof coat and suitable footwear to change into at lunch time. Children also need a water bottle and are welcome to bring a small snack if they wish to. We will spend the afternoon in the woods and return in time for home time. Thank you.

### **Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson**

Hi everyone 😊

Just a reminder that we have Forest School again on Friday. We won't have Monday PE for the next two weeks as our gymnastics unit is now finished. Swimming will continue for all up until half term. Oh and nearly forgot, Tuesday will be our final visit to the school library this half term so please remind children to bring back finished books so they can change them over. Thank you!

### **Fundraise and Recycle - Clothes and Bra Bank**

We are joining fundraise and recycle in their brand-new bra bank initiative for 2025. Approximately 19 million bras end up in landfill every year in the UK. To reduce textile waste, this Bra Recycling Scheme offers a simple way to repurpose and recycle your no longer used bras.

If you have any unwanted bra's please put them into the bra bank located in the reception area of the school.

We still have our clothes bank in the school car park too so if you are getting rid of any clothes don't forget to put them in our clothes bank.

This is a great way to raise funds for our school and recycle your unwanted clothes or bras. Thank you



**Fill up our bra bank**

Please help us fundraise for new resources for the children by recycling your unwanted and good condition Bras.

You can join our February Bra Appeal and drop your bras off in our bra bank located in the main reception before 28/2/25

For every KG of bras recycled we will be paid in partnership with Fundraise & Recycle!

Thank you so much for your support so far



**If you would like a paper copy of this letter for your fridge please call to the office and collect one.**