



# Start of Term 2 Updates and Information

## 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

**Welcome back everyone;** I do hope that you enjoyed a very happy half term. As we now move into term 2 or, as it is otherwise known 'Christmas term', there is a **huge amount** happening so please read this information letter carefully and note all key dates in your diaries. We look forward to seeing you at lots of the parent/carer events that are coming up over the next few weeks.

### Share Sessions

Share sessions begin this term for years 1 to 6. These sessions provide a lovely opportunity for you to see you child's work and talk with them about your learning. Doors open at 8.30am and please note that the session ends promptly at 8.50am as registers then need to be taken. Please also note that there is very limited space in the classrooms and you will not be able to bring pushchairs into the school building. Thank you.

#### Term 2 – Friday share session

<b>Date</b>	<b>4.11.22</b>	<b>11.11.22</b>	<b>18.11.22</b>	<b>25.11.22</b>	<b>2.12.22</b>	<b>9.12.22</b>
<b>Year group</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 3</b>

### 'We Are Historians' History Timeline Launch Day – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November

We will be having a grand opening of the timeline on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** and, to mark this special occasion, **we are inviting all children (and staff!) to come into school dressed in a history related costume.** This could be one of the costumes worn for a previous wow day (e.g., Egyptians, Victorians, Vikings, evacuees) or children could come dressed as their favourite historical character or they may simply want to wear a name badge and come as a historian! This is optional and children may still come in normal school uniform if they prefer – we are all historians!

If your child is in year 1 and wants to dress up, please ensure that they wear their trainers and have shorts/t-shirt for PE under their costume as this will take place as usual.

### Remembrance Service 11<sup>th</sup> November

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will be marking Remembrance Day with our annual service that is prepared and delivered by our year 6 pupils, alongside the British Royal Legion. We will be collecting money for the Poppy Appeal, before and after school, at the school gates so if you would like to support this very worthy cause, please bring your donations. Every child in school will be given a poppy to wear to our school service which will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.45am.

### Anti-Bullying Week 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It will take place from 14 to 18 November 2022 and has the theme **Reach Out**. The week will kick off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November**, where adults and children **wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique**. Our anti-bullying ambassadors will be launching the week with a whole school assembly.

### Keeping Children Safe (Including Online Safety) 16<sup>th</sup> November

Please find attached to this Parentmail, our termly wellbeing newsletter from the pastoral team. To find out more about this very important topic, Angela Hunt (Deputy Head & Safeguarding Lead) will be running an online parent information session on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 – 7.15pm. Please click on the link below to join this meeting. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during and after the session. If you are not able to attend at this time, we will share the link with you after the meeting. Please click on the link to join the meeting: [Keeping Children Safe – Information Session](#)

### Family Day & Children in Need Day 18<sup>th</sup> November – Reach Out and Celebrate Our Uniqueness

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November will be a busy day with our second family day of the year and Children In Need Day. Children can come to school in non-uniform on that day and there will be collection buckets on the gates at the start and the end of the day. If you would prefer to make an online donation, you can do so by clicking on the ParentPay link here: [Children In Need Donation](#) (Please note: Year 1 children DO NOT need to wear PE kit on this day)

### Parents' Evenings

Information about parents' evenings will be coming out this week. Following parent feedback, we are offering a hybrid model of online and face-to-face sessions.  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 3.30 – 7.00pm (on site)  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 – 6.00pm (online)

### Travel to School and Parking

Thank you to parents/carers who have signed up to be part of a working group to seek to find some solutions to the challenges we face around travel to and from school. We will be holding an initial meeting on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7-8pm** in the staff room. (Please note that this is an amendment to the previous invitation which incorrectly said Tuesday) I will contact all those who have already expressed an interest in joining for this, but anybody is welcome to come along.



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### Parent Book Club - Reading at the Heart of Our School Community



**We are really excited to be launching our termly book club for parents/carers.** The first book club will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 7.00 - 8.30pm in our teaching school room. This will be led by members of our fantastic English team and is an opportunity for adults in our school community to come together to read and share brilliant new children's books. The first session will not require any pre-reading, so we just ask that you sign up via the link below and come along. All books, and light refreshments, will be provided so do come along and help us make the launch of this book club a real success.

[Sign me up for Book Club!](#)

Please sign up by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### PSA Events & Fundraisers

#### Beat The Teacher Quiz Night!

Thank you to everyone who supported the PSA quiz night at the end of the term – it was a very successful evening with a grand profit of **£764** being raised for the school! Thank you to parents and staff who supported this event – it was great to be able to get together and enjoy time to be sociable as well as raising much needed funds for the school.

#### Christmas Fair

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11am – 2pm – save the date!

Please [click here](#) if you are able to help with organisation – either pre-fair – during fair – or post-fair!

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December will be a non-uniform day in exchange for sending in a donation for our tombola.

Please see below for a handy list of all the diary dates coming up this term.



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### Diary Dates For Term 2

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	History Wow Day (all year groups)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Share Session 8.30 – 8.50am
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day – Collection buckets on gates for Poppy Appeal
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Share Session 8.30 – 8.50am
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Launch of Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal flu vaccines for children (information has been sent out)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week – <a href="#">Reach Out</a>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Workshop (Online) Keeping Safe (including online safety)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Share Session
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day – Non-uniform – collection buckets on gates Family Day – Celebrating our Uniqueness
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 2 trip to Noah's Ark
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Share Session 8.30 – 8.50am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Book Club – Parents/Carers Event 7.00 - 8.30pm (Booking required)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 1 Share Session 8.30 – 8.50am
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair – bring a tombola prize!
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas fair 11 – 2pm (Volunteers needed)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 trip to Bristol Old Vic Theatre
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity 9.15am (Ticket information to follow) Pier Hall
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Share Session 8.30 – 8.50am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 carol service at St Peter's Parents welcome – information to follow (please note that there is limited capacity in church and it will be one adult per family only in the first instance).
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner (details to follow) <b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> will be on this day.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols by Torchlight 5.30 – 6.00pm (Outdoor event for children and parents – weather dependent)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception, KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties – Non-uniform/party wear!
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	St Peter's Church Christmas service (children only)

The date for the Reception Christingle service will be confirmed as soon as possible.