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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the extended half term break and that you have been able to catch up with friends and family during the week. It was lovely to welcome back Mrs Pegram to school today. She has spent her day in Ash Class getting to know the Year 4 children as part of our transition programme for St Osmund's Middle School.

As you will be aware the government have updated guidance and advice regarding the Covid pandemic. The Government have removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. This is the link to the latest guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

We are all looking forward to 'World Book Day' on Thursday. It has already be great to see so many photographs posted on Tapestry and Do Jo of children reading in unusual places. I hope that many children have been able to use their voucher to buy a book too. Children can dress up either as a *word* (e.g. *dark, sparkling, rainbow...*) or a *book character*. We hope that this allows all children to participate and to join in parades around the school on the day!

We have 2 new clubs starting this week, our Gardening Club will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays until 31st March. Fiona Russell begins her 'Wigglets' music and movement club for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 on Thursdays too.

On Friday all children will be able to be photographed individually and with their sibling(s) if they all attend school. Please ensure that all children wear school uniform on Friday for their photographs.

We are pleased to be able to offer appointments for all parents to meet with teachers next week. Booking will be open from today at 12noon and close on Sunday 6th March at 12noon. Please book through our School Gateway App.

Let's hope that the beautiful spring sunshine will reappear amongst the showers by the end of this week!

Yours sincerely

Future Dates:

3 Mar	World Book Day
3 Mar	Stone Age- Iron Age - Saxons- Farming in the Past - Year 4 Workshops
4 Mar	Individual and Sibling Photographs -CHANGE OF DATE
4 Mar	Stone Age- Iron Age - Saxons- Farming in the Past - Year 3 Workshops
7-11 Mar	Parent/Teacher Consultations
10 Mar	Year 3 and 4 Trip to New Barn Field Centre - Stone Age Experience
10 Mar	Full Governing Body Meeting (3)
14 Mar	Reception Trip to Dorchester Library - Willow and Oak Reception
14-18 Mar	British Science Week
17 Mar	Class Assembly - Maple - 9.00am - Parents Welcome!
18 Mar	Comic Relief
21 Mar- 1 Apr	The Big Walk and Wheel - Sustrans
21 Mar	Dr Bike - Bring your bike to be checked - courtyard
24 Mar	Class Assembly - Linden - 9.00am - Parents Welcome!
28-30 Mar	Hooke Court - Year 4 Residential Visit
5 Apr	Full Governing Body Meeting (4)
7 Apr	Easter Service 9.00am and 2pm -School Hall
7 Apr	Last Day of Term for children
8 Apr	Staff Training Day
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25 Apr	Children return to school
3 - 24 May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs)
2 May	BANK HOLIDAY - no school
5 May	Class Assembly - Ash - 9.00am - Parents Welcome!
9 May	Trip to the Farm - Tingleton - Wessex Wild - Willow Class
10 May	Trip to the Farm - Tingleton - Wessex Wild - Oak Class
12 May	Class Group Photographs
18 May	Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Trip - Poole Lighthouse - Year 4
19 May	Trip to the Farm - Green-Fingered Farming Day - Year 3
19 May	Class Assembly - Oak - 9.00am - Parents Welcome!
20 May	Trip to the Farm - Green-Fingered Farming Day - Year 4
23 May (TBC)	Trip to the Farm - The Story of your Lunchbox - Beech Class
24 May (TBC)	Trip to the Farm - The Story of your lunchbox - Maple Class
26 May	Class Assembly - Willow - 9.00am - Parents Welcome!
26 May	New Parents' Afternoon Tea 2.15-3.30pm
30 May-3 June	Half Term
6 Jun	Children Return to school
6-10 Jun	Year 1 - Phonic Screening Test Week
6-24 Jun	Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check
15 Jun	Welcome Evening - New Parents 2022 - 7.00pm
20 Jun	Potted Sports' Morning - 9.00am
23 Jun	Class Assembly - Beech - 9.00am- Parents Welcome!
27 Jun	Reports Home to Parents
27, 28, 29 Jun	New Reception Induction Sessions 3.30-4.30pm