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Dear Parents,

Gorgeous Weather!

The world may be facing a lot of difficult challenges right now but at least the wonderful weather is giving us something to smile about ☺

COVID Update (and tummy bugs)

It's not going away! We have a number of children and several members of staff who are currently isolating or have the nasty tummy bug that is going round. Please remember to **contact the school by 9.00am** to let us know if your child needs to stay off school.

We have done all we can to keep routines, teaching and learning going as normal and hope that you and the children have not noticed any of the challenges we are having to manage. Please let us know if there are any problems.

Parents' Meetings

These are taking place **next week**. As of today, parents of 97 children have signed up to see the class teacher. That leaves 46 children yet to do so. Parents' meetings are an important way of finding out how your child is getting on and what can be done to continue supporting them in their learning. Please do sign up!

Parents Online Safety Workshop

During some of our assemblies we are focusing on helping the children understand how to stay safe in and around school, including online. I hope you will be able to attend this workshop on **Tuesday 29th March at 7pm** so that they can be hearing the same messages from school and home. The session will be run by Nick Speller, a CEOP Ambassador and 360 Safe Assessor. The session will be packed with information and advice for parents on how to keep their children safe online. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation. The session covers:

- The risks of using the internet - online friends, chat, social media, gaming, bullying etc
- Tips and suggestions on how to reduce these risks to keep your children safe online
- Signposting to further resources and information.
- Advice on how to get help if things go wrong.

This is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89339814181>

Meeting ID: 893 3981 4181

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Additional Swimming Session

The children who are currently attending swimming lessons on a Friday afternoon will have an additional session next **Friday 1st April**. This is to make up for the one that was cancelled a couple of weeks ago.

Year 3 Dance Performance:

Blake Class will be performing their dance that they have been working on with Mrs Isard at **3.00pm on Thursday 7th April**. Y3 parents are welcome to come along and watch.

Last Day of Term:

On the last day of term, we will be having our Easter Service in the church at **9.00am on Friday 8th April**. All the classes will be performing either a song, poem or story. We hope you can join us in St Giles Church.

We will also be thinking about the people of Ukraine who will be facing a very difficult Easter compared to our own. As a gesture of support, we would like all the children to **come dressed in yellow and/or blue clothing**. We are also asking families if they could donate any of the following items for the people of Ukraine: **toiletries, wet wipes, sanitary towels, nappies, baby food, hand sanitiser, power banks, batteries, torches, dried food, tinned food, first aid kits**. We will collect these in and take them to a centre during the Easter holidays.

After the service the children will be returning to school to learn about some of the ways in which Easter is celebrated in Ukraine, including the traditional art of decorating eggs, known as *pysanky*. School will finish at **1.15pm** which is when the **FOSS Easter** event will begin.

Some Summer Term Dates:

Monday 25th April: INSET day

Tuesday 26th April: Term starts

Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd May: School Closure Day

Friday 6th May: FOSS School Disco

Week Beginning 9th May: Year 6 SATs week

Wednesday 18th May: Young Voices event for all Key Stage 2

Friday 27th May: Last day of term. 3.10pm finish

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards,

Andrew Denham