

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below a list of events that will be happening in school during the remainder of the spring term.

| Date | Time | Event |
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| February | | |
| Friday 7 th | 6.00pm – 8.00pm | PTA Valentines Disco (See PTA newsletter) |
| Tuesday 11 th | 9.00am – 3.00pm | Safer Internet Day |
| Friday 14 th | 3.00pm | Break-Up for Half Term Holiday |
| Monday 24 th | 8.50am | School Re-Opens Literacy Focus Week |
| March | | |
| Tuesday 3 rd | 3pm | After School Clubs Re-Commence |
| Wednesday 4 th | 7.00pm | PTA Meeting |
| Thursday 5 th | 9.00am – 3.00pm | World Book Day |
| | 5.00pm | Termly Governors Meeting |
| Friday 13 th | 9.00am – 3.00pm | Sports Relief |
| Friday 20 th | 3.00pm | Deadline for any remaining balances due for Ford Castle and Alnwick Youth Hostel Visits |
| Friday 27 th | 3.00pm | Reception – Year 6 Termly Reports published |
| Monday 30 th | 9.00am – 3.00pm | Deadline for PTA Family Easter Egg Decorating Competition entries |
| April | | |
| Wednesday 1 st | 3.00pm – 8.00pm | Reception – Y6 Parent Consultations PTA Family Easter Egg Decorating Competition entries on display in the studio |
| Friday 3 rd | 1.00pm | PTA Easter Egg Hunt |
| | 3.00pm | Break-Up for Easter Holidays |
| Monday 20 th | 8.50am | School Re-Opens |

I would also like to inform you that the governors of the school have completed a whole-school staffing restructure in light of the financial situation in which it finds itself, which is not unlike the situation faced by many schools locally and nationally. It is a situation that has been compounded by a fluctuating number of children on the school roll, due in part to families opting to move their children to alternative school partnerships and accessing specialist provision for those with additional needs, and has led to a reduction in our current level of support staff.

The governors and I have always valued the work of our support staff, the quality of which is of the highest standard, and we are sad that this situation has occurred. We do nevertheless have to work within the budget that is available to us, which is not sufficient to sustain our current level of staffing.

I would like to reassure you, however, that all the services that we currently offer, including Breakfast and After-School clubs, will be continued after Easter.

Yours sincerely

Mr K. Vardy
Headteacher