



10th February

Spring Term A 2023 News

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

After School Club Provision

We wrote to parents at the end of last term regarding our after-school club provision. As promised, we have spent this half term investigating options and meeting with providers in order to secure the greatest range of clubs and with the highest quality providers.



I am delighted that we have sourced some providers who are able to start after half term and one who can start after Easter.

Starting on **Monday 20th February** we will have Primary Sports Stars running a football club for Years 3 to 6 and from **Wednesday 22nd** they will run a Multi-sports club for Years 1 to 4. The flyer with prices, booking details, how to pay etc. is attached and the booking form can also be accessed [here](#).

We have also attached a letter which asks for an expression of interest in recorder club, singing club, art club or French club. This is an external provider who will run all or some of these clubs depending on the viability so please do return your expression of interest. We are hopeful that these clubs will start week beginning **Monday 6th March**. Once we have received the expression of interests, we will let parents know which of the clubs are running and on which days of the week.

Lastly, we have secured a gymnastics club run by [Twisters](#) who are a highly regarded local club based in Perry. They are not able to start until the Summer term but their club will run on a Thursday after school for Years 1 to 6. We will send further details about how this can be booked nearer the time.

Places for all clubs are limited so please do book early and **please do send your expression of interest by Monday 20th February at the latest**. Any family who is concerned about meeting the costs of clubs please contact Mrs Matthews as we have a small amount of funding to support families if needed.

Also, a reminder that if any parents have a particular passion or skill that they would be happy to share in an after-school club, please do come and speak to us.

Goodbye

We have said a sad goodbye today to Lena from Monet class. She is moving to her catchment school after half term. We will be sad to see you go but wish you every success in the future. Do keep in touch.

New Menu after half term

We have written a new menu which will start after half with a variety of new options as well as some favourites from the current menu. If your child is in **Van Gogh or Monet class** then please complete the google form [here](#) to choose the meals for your children. It is important that parents do this before the start of the next half term so that we know what to order for your child. Kandinsky and Picasso will still be able to choose each morning at registration. Cost of meals for the next half term (for KS2) will be £72.00 (40 days @ £2.40).



Cycle Ready Bikeability for Picasso class

The Cycle ready course for those children in Picasso class who have signed up, starts on **Monday 20th February**. We have attached a copy of the bike checks form so you can ensure that your child's bike is suitable.

Please can all bicycles be brought into school by 9am on Monday morning where we will keep them until the end of the course on Thursday. Please also ensure your child has a properly fitted helmet, as they will not be able to participate without one.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2023 is taking place 27 February – 12 March 2023

Just a reminder that after half term we will be learning about Fairtrade. Over half term, we would be grateful if you could collect any empty, clean packaging which clearly shows the Fairtrade logo. Please send these in to school on **Monday 20th**. We would also be grateful for any donations of Fairtrade caster sugar, cocoa and/or syrup as we will be baking Fairtrade products with the children during Fairtrade Fortnight.



World Book day



This year we would again like to invite the children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. We would like the children to be prepared to talk about the book that their character comes from and maybe something about the book e.g. the storyline, their favourite part or they could read an extract. Please do practise this at home with them and if they are also able to bring a copy of their book to school with them that would be good too.

The official World Book Day falls on Thursday 2nd March but we will celebrate on **Friday 3rd March**. Kandinsky and Monet will have their PE lesson on Thursday 2nd instead of Friday 3rd for this week.

We do look forward to seeing what the children (and staff!) arrive dressed as!

Parent Consultation

Just a reminder for your diaries, the Spring term parent consultations will be held on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March**. Booking details will follow after half term by email. Please reply to the email to let us know your availability and an appointment will be sent home directly.



E-safety



The National Online Safety team have produced a really useful poster with top tips for parents on discussing online safety. The poster is attached with this newsletter and we hope you find it helpful. We explicitly teach units of online safety through our Computing curriculum but we have also added a range of resources to support parents on the E-safety tab of our school website. This page can be found [here](#).

Early Intervention Family Worker

The Family Worker team are planning some specific workshops for parents based around sibling rivalry, building resilience and supporting with challenging behaviour. These workshops are in addition to the core workshops based on communicating better: parent to parent (around reducing parental conflict), sleep, worry, anger, wellbeing and digital safety. Please do click the QR code on the attached flier for details of how to access these workshops.

Vaccinations

With this newsletter we have sent details of where families can access COVID vaccinations as well as flu vaccinations for anyone eligible over the age of 18, during half term.



Diary Dates Spring / Summer 2023

All new dates are added in bold and italic.

Date	Event
13 th – 17 th February	Half Term
W/C 20 th February	Picasso Bikeability
23 rd February	Year 6 Rotary Quiz 7pm
<i>27th Feb – 12th March</i>	<i>Fairtrade Fortnight</i>
<i>3rd March</i>	<i>World Book Day – dress as a book character</i>
7 th March	Year 3 and Year 2 Football Festival
8 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm
9 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
<i>10th March</i>	<i>Eucharist service – 2.30pm in school</i>
17 th March	Comic Relief Day
20 th – 24 th March	Book Fair in school
<i>31st March</i>	<i>Easter Service in St. Andrew's Church – 9:30am</i>
31 st March	End of Term
17 th April	Teacher Training Day – School closed
18 th April	Summer Term begins
1 st May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
2 nd May	Class Group Photographs
4 th May	Year 1 Football Festival
8 th May	Extra Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles 111 – school closed
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SATS week
26 th May	Kandinsky Bikeability
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term
5 th June	Teacher Training Day – school closed
6 th June	Summer Term begins
19 th July	End of summer term