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Newsletter—Week 19

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What a week we've had this week! Year 6 had a fantastic day out at the Harry Potter Studios on Tuesday (see box below) and we all had a lovely day celebrating the Chinese New Year in school on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Hardisty for organising the trip and to Mrs Gallagher for planning another very successful faith day in school.

Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Hill

Support Eliza!

Little Princess Trust
Giving Hair and Hope to children with cancer

There is still time to sponsor Eliza in Class 4, who is preparing to have her hair chopped off for charity <u>tomorrow</u>! Eliza is raising money for the Little Princess Trust who provide real hair wigs for children with cancer and alopecia.

If you would like to support Eliza's fundraising, please click here to visit her Just Giving page.

Harry Potter Studio Tour

Year 6 had a fantastic day out at the Harry Potter Studios on Tuesday! There were special effects aplenty on display as the children made their way around the studio: watching a firework display in the Great Hall; learning how Harry's Invisibility Cloak worked and having their own pictures taken using green screen background (photos will be sent home as soon as possible).

It was great fun getting to see all of the different sets and stages that had been used in all of the films—from the Ministry of Magic, to Hagrid's Hut, the Burrow, The Hogwarts Express, The Chamber of Secrets, Gringott's Bank and a rather scary walk through the Forbidden Forest! I can't wait to see the written work that the children produce from all of these wonderful stimuli!

2024/25 DATES		
Tuesday 11th February	All Day	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
Friday 14th February	3:30pm	Break up for February Half Term
Monday 24th February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term starts
Monday 3rd— Friday 7th March	All Week	Book Week—Information to follow
Monday 3rd March	3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening Meetings
Wednesday 5th March	3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening Meetings
Thursday 6th March	All Day	World Book Day
Wednesday 12th— Friday 14th March	TBC	Year 5 Egyptian Workshops—Information to follow
Wednesday 26th— Friday 28th March	TBC	Year 3 Roman Workshops—Information to follow
Friday 4th April	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
Friday 4th April	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 21st April	All Day	Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term starts
Monday 5th May	All Day	May Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May	3:30pm	Break up for May Half Term
Monday 2nd June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 3rd June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term starts
Thursday 24th July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

Expression of Interest—Holiday Club Childcare Provision

We are looking into the feasibility of running some holiday childcare provision in school. Before we look into this further, please could we ask parents to complete this quick survey to see if this would be something you are interested in?

Save the Date—Parents' Evening: Spring Term Meetings

Our Spring Term meetings with parents and carers will be held on either **Monday 3rd March or Wednesday 5th March from 3:30-6:30pm.** Please pop the dates in your diary and look out for letters nearer to half term to book an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress to date.

Don't forget parents' evening!

School Dinners

Next week, we will be back to our Week 2 menu. **Please remember that we have had to increase prices for school meals by 20p per day to £2.80 per meal to cover costs which can no longer be paid for by the school budget.** A full week of dinners from this week now costs £14. Please remember that school dinners MUST be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. There have been some small changes to the remainder of our Autumn/Winter menu, please click here to view the full menu.

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