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Happy New Year

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and I wanted to give you plenty of notice so that you can update your diaries.

School Uniform

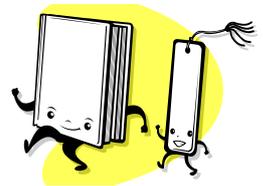
Thank you for your continued support with our uniform policy. Please remember children should wear **light grey (not charcoal)** school trousers, skirts or pinafores. They must wear plain black school shoes and bring full PE kit to school on their PE days (including outdoor kit). They also need a pair of black sandshoes to change into for the classroom.

Emergency Procedures

As you may be aware from local media, there have been a few incidents of children needing to be evacuated or 'locked down' due to safety concerns around school sites. We have plans and procedures in place for this, with the aim to ensure that your children are safe at all times while in school. As part of these plans, and to ensure the children would know what to do in an emergency, we will be holding a practice evacuation drill sometime during this term. This will involve moving all the children in their classes to an agreed evacuation point. Please do not be concerned if you happen to unexpectedly see the children leaving school one day as this will only be a practice.

World Book Day

On Friday March 8th, we will be celebrating World Book Day by asking all the children to come to school dressed as a character from a book.



Attendance

The children's attendance over the autumn term was very good—thank you for your help with this.

We are particularly proud of our year 6 pupils' attendance record—they achieved 100% attendance on 4 different weeks during the autumn term—this is a magnificent achievement and the children should be commended for their effort to attend school every day.

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please make sure that you ring the school office on the first morning of absence. If you do not notify us that your child is not able to attend, we have no option but to give them an unauthorised absence mark. Please remember that we are unable to authorise absence for holidays taken during term time. Penalty notices will be issued by the Local Authority for absence due to a holiday.

Dogs on site

Please can we remind you that dogs should **not** be brought on site, even if they are being carried.

Easter events

Information about our Easter events will follow after half term.

Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 SATs take place this year during the week beginning 13th May. It is essential that year 6 children are in school during this week as well as in the weeks leading up to the SATs. This ensures they can prepare for the tests as best as possible.

Science Week

The 2 weeks beginning Monday 11th March are our Science Weeks. During this period, all the children will be involved in a number of different science activities. More details will follow after half term.



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Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Spring Term parents' evenings during the week beginning 18th March. More information will be sent to you nearer the time.



Reading for Pleasure

We continue to encourage all of our children to develop a real love of reading. The way in which we encourage children to read includes the following:-

- Our school library is run by our year 5 librarians and is open to children on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.
- Six year 5 children attended training during the autumn term to become reading leaders—they now read with other children across the school—sharing their own love of reading.

We continue to ask our pupils to read at home on at least 5 occasions every week, and we are delighted with the improvement this has made to their reading outcomes. **Please listen to your child read at home at least 5 times every week.** Please remember to record this on a daily basis in their reading diary every time your child reads at home.

Many of our children tell us that they love visiting the public library at Bransholme Centre. We are trying to encourage even more of our children to go along to borrow books from the library. We have therefore set them a **half term challenge**. Every child that visits the public library during the holiday and brings in evidence that they have attended, will be given a small prize.

Internet Safety—Very Important Information – Please Read

Last term we appointed some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to become Digital leaders, this role involves the children sharing with other pupils advice on how to keep themselves safe online. This term they will deliver further information during an assembly to the school with tips to ensure they use digital and mobile devices safely. Please can we ask that you also do your part in keeping your children safe online by checking your parental control settings and checking the websites and Apps that your children access?

Further advice for parents can be found on

www.saferinternet.org.uk or www.nspcc.org.uk

Playground

For Health and Safety reasons please can we ask that you do not allow your child to play ball games or play on the play equipment before and after school. Also, bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the playground, please walk these on and off site.

Bikes

A few children come to school on a bicycle and we have limited space for bikes on the school site. Children who are bringing a bike need to ensure that they have a lock for this, as we cannot accept responsibility for any bikes left on the school site. Also, for safety reasons, all bikes should be walked, not ridden, down the school drive.

DATE	EVENT
Friday 18th January	Y5 pupils begin an 8 week Literacy and Maths programme (every Friday morning) at the KCOM Stadium
Friday 25th January	Y3 pupils to a Badminton Tournament Y4 & Y6 School Councillors to attend a Pupil Voice Conference
Monday 28th January	Key Stage 2 SATs meeting for Parents—2.45pm in the school hall Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 6th & 13th February	Y3 & Y4 pupils taking part in Pedestrian Skills training
6th and 7th February	1:1 SATs meetings for year 6 pupils and parents
Thursday 14th February	9.00am Y3 Class Assembly
Friday 15th February	3.15 pm —school closes for half term holiday
Monday 25th February	School reopens to pupils —breakfast club will be open as usual
Friday 8th March	World Book Day celebrations
Weeks beginning 11th/18th March	Science Weeks
Wednesday 13th March	Teddy Bear Hospital in Year 1 and Reception
Week beginning 18th March	Parents' evenings this week—information to follow
Monday 25th March	Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 3rd April	9.00am—Year 2 class assembly
Friday 5th April	1.40pm—Easter Service for children and parents at St James' Church, Sutton School closes for the Easter holidays
Tuesday 23rd April	School reopens to pupils —breakfast club open as usual
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Friday 24th May	3.15 pm —school closes for half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	School reopens to pupils —breakfast club open as usual
Friday 19th July	3.15 pm School closes for the summer holiday
Tuesday 3rd September	School reopens to pupils —breakfast club open as usual