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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year? Children came back last week well rested and raring to go with the new term ahead. We started back with two days of health, wellbeing and art. As a school, we have taken up the 'Golden Mile' challenge, which is about increasing children's fitness levels and getting children to walk/jog more. For the first two weeks children will be working as a class to see who can walk or jog the most. As we progress through the term, individuals will be able to compete against their peers. I hope you will encourage your children to walk or jog more.

5 Star Kitchen - We are delighted to report that following a recent visit from the Environmental Health Officer, the school kitchen has been awarded the maximum 5 stars. Well done to Mrs Walker and Mrs Clark!

Defibrillator - Hopefully, you will never have the need to use it, but we now have a defibrillator on site. It is located in the school office and we have several members of school staff trained in how to use it.

SAT's week - Advance notice - Sat's week for the Year 6 children is week commencing 14th May.

What the children will be learning

Long term plans are on the school website; these were also given out at the start of the year. Each term, teachers post a curriculum map on the school website that gives more detail about what the children are learning. The topics this half term are

Year groups-

Year 1 and Year 2- London

Year 3 and Year 4 - Vikings

Year 5 and Year 6 - World War II

Seaside trip - As a one form entry primary school we have the added benefit of being able to take the whole school out altogether, e.g. the pantomime, the beach, etc. We have booked a beach trip for Thursday 19th July 2018 to Frinton - on -Sea. The cost of the trip will be £10. We will need some adult help, so if you are available to help, please can you let the office know, and Ms Atkins will let you know if we need you. (In the past, we have had a large number of volunteers for this visit, and we

cannot take everyone!) This trip is a fun trip that will increase the children's experiences of the world. A letter will be coming out shortly regarding this.

Pantomime- This year we had a visiting pantomime in school and although this was great fun, many children missed the experience of going to the theatre. It is for this reason we have booked the pantomime at the Gordon Craig for December 19th, 2018. The formal letter will be issued in September so that we include the new Nursery children, but if you know already that your child will not be attending, please let the office know, as this trip can be quite expensive and is costed on pupils attending.

Weather- it is cold, so please ensure that children have named warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

School uniform is grey trousers or skirts, pale blue polo or shirt, navy jumper/ sweatshirt with the new logo on. We have had a year of phasing out the old logo, so please ensure that the new logo is on your child's uniform. Black shoes to be worn, not trainers. We did trial black trainers, however children were coming in with black trainers with white ticks, green soles, etc. So please ensure that black shoes are worn. Some girls are wearing knee length boots, these are not school uniform, so please do not send children in wearing them for them to be worn in school.

Please check your child's PE kit; it should be a white T-shirt, navy shorts and plain navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers. I urge you all to check that your child's uniform and PE kit is named and still fits!

Breakfast club and afterschool club - Please ensure you book in time as late notice could mean we do not have spaces available and will incur additional costs.

Diary Dates

Thursday 11 th January	Swimming starts for Y4
Friday 9 th February	Break for half term (usual times)
Monday 19 th February	Back to school
Thursday 22 nd February	Swimming starts for Y3
Friday 9 th March	Class photos
Tuesday 13 th March	Viking trip Years 3 & 4
Friday 16 th March	Closing date for Nursery applications
Tuesday 20 th March	Parent/Teacher consultations 3.30 - 7pm
Wednesday 21 st March	Parent/Teacher consultations 3.30 - 5.30pm
Thursday 29 th March	Break for Easter 1.30pm
Monday 16 th April	Inset day Reception place allocation day
Tuesday 17 th April	Back to school
Friday 20 th April	Nursery offers made for Sept 2018
Monday 14 th May - Thursday 17 th May	SAT's week
Friday 25 th May	Break for half term (usual times)
Monday 4 th June	Inset day
Tuesday 5 th June	Back to school
Thursday 7 th June	Bewilderwood visit Years 1 & 2 (8.30am - 5.30pm)
Wednesday 13 th June - Friday 15 th June	Burwell House residential

Wednesday 27 th June	Sports day
Monday 9 th July	Dragon boat racing - Year 6 Fairlands Valley
Thursday 12 th July	Transition Day - classes meet new September teachers
Thursday 19 th July	Whole school trip to Frinton - on - Sea
Friday 20 th July	Break for summer 1.30pm
Monday 3 rd September	Inset day
Tuesday 4 th September	Back to school

2018/19 school year

Inset Day: 3rd September 2018

Children back to school Tuesday 4th September

Occasional Day Friday 26th October

Half term holiday: Mon 29th October 2018 - 2nd November 2018

Inset Day Monday 5th November 2018

Occasional Days Thurs 20th and Friday 21st December

Christmas holiday: 22nd December 2018 - 4th January 2019

Inset Day Monday 7th January

Children back to school Tuesday 8th January 2019

Half term holiday: 18th February 2019 - 22nd February 2019

Easter holiday: 8th April 2019 - 22nd April 2019

Inset Day Tuesday 23rd April

Children back to school Weds 24th April

Half term holiday: 27th May 2019 - 31st May 2019

Inset Day Monday 3rd June 2019

Children back to school Tuesday 4th June 2019

Occasional Days Mon 22nd July, Tues 23rd July and Weds 24th July 2019

Summer holiday: 25th July 2019 - 1st September 2019