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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all who attended our end of term events. The children really enjoyed performing in the Spring assemblies, Rock Steady and Listen to Me concerts. Thank you to the staff and music tutors who supported the children.

Last week, some of our older children who play brass and flute attended the Build a Band event at Toynbee. This was an opportunity for them to play ensemble with musicians from other schools. I was very proud of the level of focus the children showed and how well they played.

After Easter, we will be sending out information for parents of children in Years 4 to 6 to sign up to peripatetic music tuition. Next year we are hoping to offer the following instruments: violin, cornet/trumpet, flute and guitar. Children in Year 3 have a year's whole class music tuition through the Listen to Me programme. This is an opportunity for them to play ensemble and try a range of instruments. This builds on Year 2 recorder lessons.

This week I am away on Residential with Year 5. If you need to speak to a senior member of staff whilst I am away, please contact either Miss Lloyd or Mr Lyon via the school office.

SSA Recycling Day – “Bags to School” – Thursday 19th April

This is a chance to clear out your wardrobes and raise a little money for the children at the same time. Bags will be provided nearer the time and the SSA will be available to collect them at the end of the school day on the 19th April and before school on Friday 20th April.

Sports Events

The children really enjoyed our Sports Relief week. During the week they took part in various events including a skipathon; hoola hoop competition; bounceathon and on Friday a get fit dance session. Thank you to Mrs Hedges, our new PE lead for organising this. Over the last few weeks, we have also had a Key Stage 2 skipping workshop and a Year 1 to 3 cricket workshop with Chance to Shine. Thank you to Ali Harry for organising our recent netball match with Merdon Juniors.

I am really keen to have greater opportunities for children to play competitive sports. I am speaking to other heads in the area as there have been less local interschool sports events this year so far. I am hoping to have some news on this soon. I am also speaking with Planet Sport to see if we can arrange events through them.



Parents' Forum and Show & Share

I will be sending out a new date for Parents' Forum in the summer term in a Parentmail after the holidays so please look out for this.

Our show and shares were really well attended again this term. This is a good opportunity to see how your child is progressing and have an informal catch up with teachers.

Our next Show and Share is from 3.20 pm until 4pm and from 5pm until 5.30 pm on Wednesday 18th April 2018. I would politely request that parents leave by 5.30 pm so that staff can get home or finish their preparation for the next day's teaching.

Computing

The children in Year 5 as part of their programming lessons have been authoring their own computer games. Last week they had the opportunity to share their games with some of the Year R children and help them with programming.

Lost Property

Our lost property boxes are filling up again. If your child has recently lost something please check before Easter as we will be recycling any clothes left at the end of term. It would be really helpful if you also check that any name labels are readable.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Douch on the birth of her baby girl - Poppy.

Dinner Monies Owed

To assist our end of financial year, please can you double check that all dinner money accounts are settled for the end of term. After discussion with governors we are aiming to be as cash free as possible by September. If you have not already signed up for Tucasi online payments, it would be really helpful if you could.

I wish you all a very happy end of term holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 16th April.

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Best wishes,

Tina Thomas

Key Dates

30th March – 13th April	Easter Holidays
18th April	Show and Share – 3.30 till 4pm and 5 till 5.30pm
19th April 3.20pm & 20th April before 9am	Bags 2 School – SSA recycling Event
23rd April	YR Trip – Staunton Country Park
3rd May	INSET day – school closed for polling – focus assessment and curriculum development
May 2018	Key Stage One SATs test month
w/c 14th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week see the website below for days of tests www.gov.uk/guidance/key-stage-1-and-key-stage-2-test-dates
w/c 21st May	Year 6 Residential week Isle of Wight
4th June	INSET day – focus curriculum
28th May – 1st June	Half Term Holiday
w/c 11th June	Year One Phonics Screen
13th July	Sports day am
23rd July	Family Picnic

