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Tuesday 20th February 2024

Welcome Back – Spring 2

Dear families,

Welcome back – I hope you all had a lovely half-term. Please read the following information carefully including the calendar of events for the next term.

Arriving at and leaving school

In Monday's assembly, I spoke to the children about how they should be waiting before school and how they should be leaving the school grounds. Please remind your children of this to support school with ensuring the beginning and end of the day is as calm and safe as possible.

- Children are not allowed to play ball games before or after the school day.
- Children – including siblings from other schools – must not play on the trim trails.
- Children must not use their mobile phones on the school grounds and must wait until they are on their way home to turn their phones on and use them.

Attendance and Punctuality

A polite reminder that classroom doors open at 8:45am (sometimes earlier in bad weather) and children have until 9am to arrive at school. This is to allow enough time for multiple drop-offs.

If a child arrives between 9am and 9:10am, they will be marked as **LATE**.

If a child arrives after 9:10am, the session (morning) will be marked as **UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE** which will impact their attendance.

Lates

There are a number of children already this week who have walked to school on their own and have arrived late. We will be sending text messages home to families if this happens so you are aware that they are not arriving at school on time.

Yellow Lines

During school hours, drop-off and collection times, please do not park on the yellow lines outside school. Instead, use the cricket club car park to park your car and walk the short distance to the playground.

After School Clubs & Revision Classes

All after school clubs and revision classes have resumed this week. There are currently no changes to these. Now the evenings are lighter and it is light at the finish time of 4:15pm, children will be allowed to walk home.

IF YOU DO NOT GIVE YOUR CHILD PERMISSION TO WALK HOME, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

You can call (01977 643187), message on MCAS or email the office at skaoffice@watertonacademytrust.org.

Snacks

A reminder that snacks are available at playtime for 20p. This is one of the only things that we do accept cash for in school. Please send your child in with their 20ps for their snacks or alternatively, hand this to your child's teacher in a named envelope. Unfortunately, if your child does not have their 20p, they will not be able to have a snack on that day.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

These will be scheduled for after the Easter holidays – this will give you chance to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their progress so far this year.



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Events Calendar

It's another short half-term with only 5 weeks until the Easter holidays but as usual, it is an extremely busy time at school. As always, events may change and we will try to give you as much notice as possible if this happens. When new events are added, I will update this calendar and share it with you all. Families are invited to events coloured in [blue](#). Further information for each event will follow nearer the time of the event.

Event:	Date:
Year 4 Trip to Temple Newsam	Wednesday 28 th February 2024
Year 6 Bikeability Week	W.C Monday 4 th March 2024
World Book Day (see separate letter sent 19.02.24)	Thursday 7 th March 2024
Science Week (information to follow)	W.C Monday 11 th March 2024
Movie Night (information to follow)	Wednesday 13 th March 2024
Year 5 Trip to Beamish	Thursday 14 th March 2024
Red Nose Day (information to follow)	Friday 15 th March 2024
SKA Exhibition (information to follow)	Wednesday 20th March 2024
Spring Term Reports Home	Wednesday 20 th March 2024
Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards Assemblies	Year 5 and 6 Thursday 21 st March 2024 Year 3 and 4 Friday 22 nd March 2024
Year 6 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park	Friday 22 nd March 2024
EASTER HOLIDAYS	Break up Friday 22nd March 2024 at 3:20pm
START OF SUMMER TERM	Back to school Monday 8th April 2024 at 8:45am

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of school staff.

Mr Adam Potter
Headteacher