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Dear Parents and Carers

Today we are saying farewell to Miss Kaur, our Year 3 teacher. I would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment over the last 2 years. Miss Martin will be teaching Hazel Class after Easter and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Stephenson back to the Nursery.

I hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Tuesday 19th April 2016.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

YEAR 5 LIBRARY VISIT

Last week, Year 5 visited Stevenage Museum to meet Steve Cole, children's author, for the launch of his new book called 'Stop those Monsters!'

YEAR 4 VIKING WOW DAY

Year 4 had their wow day this week. We re-enacted the Viking raids on Lindisfarne, solved rune problems and made Viking art and jewellery. Thank you for the efforts that those who dressed up made, we all had a fantastic time.

VISIT FROM FIRE STATION

On Tuesday, Year 2 had a visit from Red Watch, part of Stevenage Fire Service. We got to have a look at and a sit in a real fire engine and dressed Bethany and Cameron up in firefighting gear!

Ash, the fire fighter, asked us all to make sure we checked our smoke alarms at home. If anybody doesn't have a smoke alarm at home, if you contact the fire service they will come and fit you one - free of charge! You can contact them on 0300 123406 or email stevenage.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Yesterday was Year 2's WOW day, where we designed fire pictures and decorated our DT fire engines. It's been a very fiery week!

NEW SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

The new Spring & Summer 2016 School Lunch Menu commences after the holiday. Menus were sent home with children this week.

ART WEEK

Thank you to Mrs Turner for organising Art Week. The children took part in art related assemblies and activities and each class created a sculpture. Today, the school became an art gallery and the children visited all the other classes to view their work. We hope that parents/carers enjoyed taking part in an art activity/workshop with your children this morning.

FRUIT & VEG SNACKS IN SCHOOL

We have had some requests from parents/carers asking if they can provide children with their own healthy snack for morning break. Following discussion with SLT, a decision has been made to stay with our existing policy of the school providing a variety of fruit/veg snacks for the children. This scheme is intended to encourage children to try new flavours.

Recent research by UCL shows "that after tasting a new vegetable at least ten times, children like it more and will eat more of it". You can find more details at - <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/news/news-articles/0913/300913-tiny-tastes>

SARA HASSELL FAMILY LIVES SUPPORT

Sara Hassell, our Family Lives Worker, will not be available for parents for 3-4 weeks after the Easter holiday. If any parents/carers need support during this time, and do not feel that staff at school can help, please **contact the Family Lives helpline between 9.00am and 9.00pm on 0808 800222.**

BEST WISHES

We are delighted to announce that **Miss Smith**, one of our reception teachers, is **getting married**. When we return after the Easter break, she will be known as **Mrs Fleck**. Congratulations!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 14/03/16	w/c 21/03/16
ACORNS AM	92.2	83.3
ACORNS PM	74.7	87.5
CONKERS AM	93.7	89.5
CONKERS PM	91.0	94.6
ASH	87.8	94.8
BEECH	99.3	100
BIRCH	93.4	97.0
CHERRY	95.3	92.9
CHESTNUT	97.2	99.6
CEDAR	96.3	96.7
ELDER	97.5	93.8
ELM	89.3	96.3
FIR	96.4	92.4
HAZEL	98.6	92.9
HOLLY	98.6	97.0
HORNBEAM	93.7	95.4
LIME	96.8	92.7
LARCH	89.7	96.7
PINE	95.4	91.3
POPLAR	94.0	92.5
WALNUT	92.6	92.4
WILLOW	97.5	99.5

CONGRATULATIONS to Beech class for achieving 100% attendance last week!

CAR PARK SAFETY

We have had reports of parents driving in and out of the car parks at high speed. We are very concerned that this is happening - please be considerate of others and drive slowly and carefully at these busy times.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you are having a Spring clean over the Easter break, we would be delighted to take any donations of children's pants, socks and trousers you no longer need (in good condition please), to ensure we always have a change of clothes for children in school.

HELP US WITH HEADLICE

Headlice in school is an on-going problem but, if everyone takes note of the preventative measures, the problem should be dramatically

reduced. The local Health Authority recommends the following preventative method and suggests that parents should take the responsibility of checking their child's hair regularly.

The wet-combing method is the recommended preventative method and head lice may be cleared over a two-week period:

- Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo.
- Using lots of hair conditioner and while the hair is very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke, and do this over a pale surface, such as a paper towel or the bath.
- Clear the comb of lice between each stroke.
- Wet lice find it difficult to escape, and hair, which is slippery from conditioner, makes it hard for them to keep a grip - so removal with the comb is easier.
- If you find any lice, then repeat this routine every 3-4 days for 2 weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16 (New dates in bold)

Weds 13 th and Thurs 14 th April	Year 6 Easter School
Monday 18 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 19 th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday Monday
Thursday 5th May - 2.30pm	Chestnut Class Parent Assembly
w/c 9 th May	Year 6 SATS
Thursday 12th May - 2.30pm	Elm Class Parent Assembly
Thursday 26th May - 2.30pm	Birch Class Parent Assembly
30 th May to 3 rd June	Whitsun Half Term
June	Year 2 SATS
w/c 13 th June	Year 1 Phonics
Thursday 23rd June - 2.30pm	Elder Class Parent Assembly
Friday, 24 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 30th June - 2.30pm	Cedar Class Parent Assembly
Fri 1 st & Mon 4 th July	INSET & Occasional Day
Friday 22 nd July	End of Summer Term 2: 2.15pm finish