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Dear Parents and Carers

### **World Book Day**

Thursday 5 March is World Book Day and this year, we are encouraging children to come in their pyjamas! Our whole school theme is non-fiction books and children will enjoy a booky breaktime with their class during which they can share their favourite non-fiction texts.

### **Parent Consultation**

The online booking window for parent consultations opens on Wednesday 4 March at 10am. The meetings take place on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March 2020. If you have any technical issues with ParentMail, please feel free to contact the office who will assist you with booking an appointment.

During the evening, Autograph will be serving their revised menu from the kitchen. This will give parents an opportunity to taste the food your children will be having.

Governors will also be present in the dining hall for you to talk to about parent workshops, parent consultation evenings and anything else that takes your fancy!

There will also be a book fair in the hall for you to look at and buy some new books for your children – a separate letter about this will follow next week.

### **Science Week**

We will be celebrating British Science Week between 9–13 March. The theme this year is Our Diverse Planet. We will be exploring the theme through a variety of science experiments and activities.

All year groups will be taking part in an exciting and thought-provoking STEAM day, where their learning will have elements of science, technology, engineering, art and maths.

Children will be using Ozobots, which are mini robots with optical sensors, that can be programmed using lines and colours. They will be given an exciting mission to complete that links to Our Diverse Planet!

In addition, The University of Sheffield is hosting the ever popular Discovery Night again this year! We know lots of you have been before and the children have really enjoyed it.

Discovery Night is back on Friday 13 March 2020, 4pm–8pm. Visit the University's laboratories and lecture theatres for an evening of hands-on science for the whole family. There'll be talks, exciting science demonstrations and interactive activities for visitors of all ages. For more information, click here:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/discoverynight>

### **Easter Holiday**

The final day of term is Friday 27 March. We are closed for the Easter fortnight and re-open on Tuesday 14 April – note that school is closed on Monday 13 April as this is Easter Monday

### **MPG Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 21 March – tickets available online!**

Tickets are now on sale for the Easter Egg Hunt which will take place on Saturday 21 March from 2pm to 4pm and will include an egg hunt, refreshments and games. Tickets are £2.50 per child and include a guaranteed chocolate egg. Tickets can now be purchased online at [www.PTA-events.co.uk/MPG](http://www.PTA-events.co.uk/MPG) (you will need to complete a quick and easy registration on your first visit to the website). We would like to encourage as many people as possible to purchase tickets online to support the school in their move towards becoming paperless (tickets can be shown on your smartphone rather than printing) but tickets will also be on sale outside the office before and after school on



Monday 9 and Thursday 12 March for those who are unable to purchase online. The website also allows you to volunteer to help at the event (the more volunteers we have, the more stalls and games we can run!).

### Keeping Well

We are sure you will all have heard and seen lots in the news about various viruses and illnesses. We seek advice regularly from Public Health England and one key message that they are asking schools to share with children is the catch it, kill it, bin it message – see the image below.

A special website has been launched this week along with a helpline – details are as follows:

**We have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:**

**Phone: 0800 046 8687**

**Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)**

**Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)**

***Source: Department for Education, 2 March 2020***

Also, we cannot emphasise enough the importance of handwashing. Please talk with your child about the importance of handwashing and how to wash hands properly. You will all have received a letter from us regarding Covid-19 (Coronavirus) but if you require any further advice, use this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

### Keeping Safe Online

We are being made aware of a number of chat groups using social media apps which our children are engaging in. We must remind all parents that for many of these apps, the minimum age is 13. Please talk regularly with your child about acceptable behaviour online and how along with yourselves as parents, we as a school expect that their behaviour online is as good as it is in school. Please keep your child safe by ensuring that you monitor their use of chat groups and remind them that once posted, messages do not go away, even if deleted.

### Upcoming Dates for your Diary

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Tuesday 3 March 2020    | Y4 Moorland Discovery Centre          |
| • Friday 6 March 2020     | Y3 Halle Orchestra Trip               |
| • Monday 9 March 2020     | Science Week commences                |
| • Wednesday 18 March 2020 | 1.45pm – Y3/Y4 Performance            |
| • Wednesday 18 March 2020 | 6.00pm – Y3/Y4 Performance            |
| • Thursday 19 March 2020  | Y2 Sheffield City Centre              |
| • Thursday 19 March 2020  | 1.45pm – Y3/Y4 Performance            |
| • Saturday 21 March 2020  | 2.00pm – MPG Easter Egg Hunt          |
| • Tuesday 24 March 2020   | 3.30pm – Parent Consultation Meetings |
| • Wednesday 25 March 2020 | 3.30pm – Parent Consultation Meetings |
| • Friday 27 March 2020    | Final Day of Term                     |
| • Tuesday 14 April 2020   | Term 5 begins                         |

Yours

Martin Fallon  
Headteacher

