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Dear Parents and Carers

Many of our children were involved in a brilliant show at the Arts Centre last weekend. Well done to all of them for having the confidence and commitment to prepare and perform the show.

All of our children were absolutely wonderful during our special prayer day on Friday. It was a fabulous day where older children worked beautifully with younger children to produce thoughtful and creative prayers.

**Easter Bingo for the children – Thursday 3rd April - Non Uniform Day £1 donation for prizes and local charities**

Our Spring Term Rotakids are organising an afternoon of Bingo for all the children on Thursday 3rd April. We do it in two sessions, with older children helping the younger ones with the numbers! All the children will get a little sweet treat at the end of their session.

**Year 3 and 4 Play 'You are Special' - Tuesday 1st April at 2pm and Wednesday 2nd April at 5.30pm (Church Carpark open)**

Tickets on sale at the school office @ £1 per ticket.

Tickets must be paid for at the time of purchase please, not reserved for payment on the day.

**Our amazing PTFA have planned these events:**

Easter egg hunt around Shaftesbury will start on the 05/04/25.

Sheets are available to buy from Classlist. There are already over 40 eggs to find!

**03/04/25- Legoland Raffle**

Get your tickets for our Legoland raffle. Win £150 worth of tickets to head to Legoland on a day of your choice!

https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1255361605

**04/05/25- Photoshoot day**

Photo shoots £30 for all the family! Gorgeous pictures sent directly to you.

https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1251100853

**11/05/25 - Colour run!**

The colour run tickets are live! Get them now

 https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1191491043

**20/06/25- Inflatable evening**

      Children's inflatable tickets on sale now. £5 pre-sale. £8 on the door. Affordable food and drinks, a lovely way to enjoy a        summer evening together.

      <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1257940856>

**04/07/25- Summer fair**

**Cricket ‘taster’ sessions on Tuesday 22nd April (first day back)**

Please could all children wear their PE kit for this day.

**Spiritual Walk – Friday 25th April**

We will be taking the whole school out for a walk to collect a stamp from four of the church sites in Shaftesbury (St Peters, The Abbey, St Johns and St James). The children will also have a little play and a snack in the park at Enmore Green or St James before we all meet up at St James Church at the end of our walk. In the strong Shaftesbury tradition, we’re calling it a Pilgrimage to help to teach the children about how people of faith walk to special sites to strengthen their faith (and their muscles!).

We would really like some extra volunteer help for our walk, which will take place on Friday 25th April in the afternoon. Please email the office if you can come along. No dogs on this trip please.

**Bikeability – for Years 5 and 6**

The course is for a maximum of 18 children from Years 5 and 6, during the school day.

They will all do their Level 1 on Mon 28th April (on the playground) but Level 2 (on the road) is split into groups of 6 so your child will be doing it on one of these days: Tues 29 April, Wed 30 April or Thurs 1 May.

They will receive a badge and certificate for each level. The course is offered as a combined course, is FREE, and the instructor can provide 3 bikes if needed, but children must bring their own helmets.

Please book your child's place through the new online booking system using this link: <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/vie-great-neb>

**Rotary Fun Run – Sunday 6th April**

Please see the attached information about the fun run. Many of our children would be capable of running the 5km course, perhaps with other family members running along beside them. Some of our Rotakids will be handing out drinks and jelly beans to the runners along the route.

**Easter Camps at Abbey**

Please see the attached information about activity camps here at school during the Easter break. They also run a football club here after school on Fridays. After Easter they will just offer the club to children from Years 2, 3 and 4. Please sign up when the summer clubs list comes out.

**Red Nose Day**

Thank you for all your donations, we managed to raise £462.34 which was brilliant!

**Lost Property**

The lost property box is overflowing at the moment! Any items that have your child’s name in will be returned to them, but any other items that are not marked or claimed, will be donated to the 2nd hand uniform shop or recycled at the end of this week.

**Forest School – Wednesday afternoons**

Staff have asked that all children wear really warm clothes (including thick socks) when the weather is cold during Forest School sessions.

Year 4 will have their first of two sessions from this Wednesday, 2nd April. Then Year 3 have two sessions from 30th April.

Children need to have trousers and long-sleeved tops, wellies and a **waterproof coat** (with over-trousers if they have them). The Forest School philosophy is to wear the right clothing to go out in all weathers.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**TERM DATES 2024 – 2025**

**Spring Term**

Children start back                                      Monday 6th January 2025

Spring half term                                            Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Spring Term ends                                          Friday 4th April 2025

Easter holidays                                              Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025

**Summer Term**

Schools due to start back                            Tuesday 22nd April 2025

MAY DAY Bank Holiday                                 Monday 5th May 2025

Summer half term                                          Monday 26th May to Friday 30st May 2025

**INSET DAY                                                       Monday 2nd June 2025**

Summer Term ends                                       Tuesday 22nd July 2025

**INSET DAY                                                       Wednesday 23rd July 2025**