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Dear Parent/Carer,

There are many different parental activities to get involved in over this term and next, I wanted to be sure you were all aware of them. We work hard to provide opportunities and really want you to play the fullest part in your child's school life as possible. Please read on to see the different approaches and opportunities you have.

THIS FRIDAY- 22nd MARCH

8.50am

BRING YOUR ADULT TO SCHOOL!

Your Parents' Council asked if we could provide opportunities for you to see how you can best help your child in and out of school. There is also an opportunity for you, as a group of parents, to ask your child's class teacher any questions. **If you can spare the time between 8.50am and 11am this Friday we would love to see you. If you have a little one you need to bring with you, we will have a creche in Nursery for children aged 0-5 so you can best work with your older children, while their brothers and sisters are looked after. It also means that buggies can be parked downstairs as you come in, through the Sports Hall Door from the playground.** Parents, carers and grandparents are, of course, all welcome. It would help if you booked a place in the creche, by ringing the office on **01229-841240**.

- 8.50- Join us when the bell goes, through the playground with the children and then there will be of fun activities, showing both fun activities in Reading and Maths, to help your child's learning. This was what the Parents' Council requested on your behalf and it is an excellent idea.
- 10.15- Children will go out to play and you will have the opportunity as a group, to ask any questions of the teacher regarding learning
- 10.30- Join your children in the school playground for the rest of the extended playtime
- 10.45- End of playtime- Please join us for our Celebration Assembly if you wish
- 11am- Children back to class, parents please exit through playground gate

MONDAY MARCH 25th

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS- 2.30pm-5.30pm

These will take place in the Sports Hall. Letters were sent out and you should have your appointment times this week, if you don't already. Please, if you haven't already booked a slot, contact the School Office. If that particular day or time isn't suitable, your child's class teacher will try and accommodate you.

THURSDAY MARCH 28th- 10am
MOTHERS DAY SERVICE

The children have been practising hard for this lovely event which takes place in St George's Church at 10am next Thursday. Please do join us for what is traditionally really enjoyed by all our school community.

FRIDAY MARCH 29th
EASTER PRAISE ASSEMBLY

This will be an opportunity to celebrate your children's hard work and will take place on the last day of term, at 1.30pm. Please do join us for this- it gives us a chance to celebrate your children's achievements together as a community.

THURSDAY 18th APRIL
SCHOOL EASTER SERVICE

The School Easter Service itself will take place at 9.30am in St George's Church. All are welcome to celebrate Easter with your children, who I think are being given a special gift as part of the service. You are also invited, by the church, to a coffee morning straight after you drop off children at 8.50am, where I believe hot cross buns etc will also be served. There will also be some examples of your children's work with reference to the various stages of Easter, focusing on our core value of 'Forgiveness'.

FAMILY LEARNING

Adults and children have been really enjoying working with willow and are also doing other art activities while they construct the St George's Dragon. This will carry on into the next term, where we will then, after a short break, be looking at an activity such as basic First Aid for both parents and children. I must thank Mr Riley for stepping into the breach to run the sessions while Mrs Albery has been absent, also Mr Edgar for helping provide support with the art and design.

PTA/F of St G's /FUND RAISING

For a variety of reasons, partly connected to staff absence, as a school we decided to focus elsewhere this term. However, I am keen to 're-set' and look at some fund raising in the second half term with events the children will enjoy. Also, it will allow us to plan for any Year 6 Leavers' Activities and some form of Summer event. I will be supporting Mrs Albery at any meetings to begin with and the first one will take place on **Tuesday 16th April** in the Community Room at between 9am and 11am. Coffee, Tea etc will be provided. It will be a fresh start and everyone is very welcome to attend, whether they have been involved before or not.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Letters will go out next week for the clubs after the Easter Holidays. We have really tried to make less of the clubs invitational and also focus better for the younger children, again as requested by you. We hope that this is OK. We appreciate the support parents have given to clubs, sometimes by volunteering to support staff. That has been much appreciated by all.

READING VOLUNTEERS

I cannot thank those who come in voluntarily to support our readers. It really makes such a difference. As well as ex-members of staff and governors, we also have parents and grandparents. I wouldn't normally single a particular volunteer out, however Miss Postlethwaite's effort and commitment to supporting reading has been fantastic this term and I know the teacher and class are hugely grateful, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her on behalf of the school. If you are interested in volunteering to read with children next term, please get in touch with the school office.

As you can see, there are a lot of opportunities to engage with school and you show great commitment to your children by staying involved. We looking forward to building on this even more next term.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Herbert

