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Reporting to Parents

After much consideration and discussion with the Leadership Team and teaching staff we have decided to re-structure the way we will be reporting to parents about the progress of the children. The 'meet and greet' style meetings at the beginning of the academic year will be replaced by a termly year group newsletter which will contain lots of relevant information such as homework, PE days, reading and curriculum information. These letters will also be published on the class pages of our website so you can make easy reference to them. We have decided to replace the 'Come to School' afternoons with a more formal parents' evening in the Autumn term. It was felt that this would be more informative for parents and provide you with a quality appointment with your child's teacher. A written report will not be provided at this early stage in the school year, but you will be invited to look at your child's books and discuss any concerns you may have at this time. I have provided a table below to show you the exact outline of what to expect over the academic year. This will take place with immediate effect and therefore no 'Come to School' afternoon will be held this month.

Term	When	What to expect
Autumn	Beginning of Term	Year group information letter to parents (also on website)
	Week before half term	1:1 Parent Consultations Parents look at books
Spring	Beginning of Term	Year group information letter to parents (also on website)
	2nd week after half term	1:1 Parent Consultations Parents look at books Mid Term Report provided
Summer	Beginning of Term	Year group information letter to parents (also on website)
	After half term	End of Year Report provided
	Late July	Open Evening: parents and children come to school to share and celebrate work and achievements. Opportunity to informally discuss the End of Year Report if needed

This week...

* The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves signing and singing. The school was alive with the songs on Wednesday afternoon - watch out for the photos on the VLE. Thank you for your donations towards this worthy cause.

A reminder...

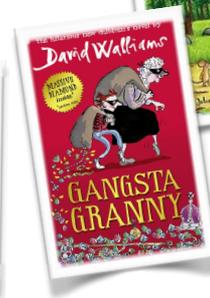
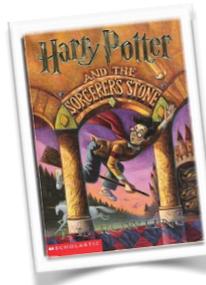
* It has been noticed that some children are arriving at school unaccompanied from around 8.30am. Please note that children should not arrive or be left in the yard without adult supervision before 8.45am. I would also like to remind everyone that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the school premises. Children have started to ride down the path and onto the playground resulting in collisions with people on foot.

* Would you like to read School News in colour? Make sure you have returned your data collection sheet with your current email. We will soon be trialling the first electronic distribution to the class with the most returns.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This popular event in schools will take place on Thursday 6th March. We will be enjoying a day of book related activities and each Year group will follow a theme to dress up as characters from a selected book or author. We are providing the theme below in order to give you as much notice as possible:

Nursery & Reception: Circus characters
Year 1: Fairytales
Year 2: The Gruffalo
Year 3: Roald Dahl
Year 4: Harry Potter
Year 5: Roald Dahl
Year 6: Gangsta Granny



Holiday date correction:

In the dates issued last week please note that in 2014-15, School will close on Thurs 2nd April 2015 (not Friday 2nd)



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Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff



