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### Headteacher

It is with sadness I need to inform you that Mrs Williams will be leaving the school. Mrs Williams has worked at Byfield since 2018, and has brought challenge, excitement, enthusiasm and passion to her classroom, and has also lead the school in science, sport, computing and health and fitness. She will continue to be working with Year 5 and 6 until Easter. We wish Mrs Williams all the best although we will miss her greatly.

The School currently has an advertisement for her replacement, and have had pleasing interest in the role. Our initial objective is to recruited an experienced teacher, who is experienced with how to guide a class through a crucial part of the year - Year 6 SATs and transition to secondary. We will continue to update you about the progress.

Redwood Class took a little walk in their maths lesson this week. They are learning about measurements and so walked a km around the village to see how far it is. Luckily it was a very lovely sunny day!



### Attendance –attendance for the week in each class:-

The weekly attendance this week for each class is:

Oak- 90.7%

Horse Chestnut- 77.5%

Redwood- 74.2%

Kauri- 97.7%

The national target for attendance in school is 96%; children who attend regularly at school have the best opportunities to connect with their learning and connect with their friends.

Well it's been a while since we've been in touch but we have been busy in the background organising several events for the rest of the school year.

Coming Up...

### **Village Charity Gig - Friday 8th March - 7pm - Village Hall**

Join us for a charity gig featuring the Danetre Ukulele Orchestra on Friday 8th March. The PTA will be providing a licensed bar and food refreshments throughout the evening. Please see the attached poster.

### **Friday 8th March - Mother's Day Pop up Shop - During school**

£2.50 per gift, pay in advance on parentpay when it is added.

Let the children select their own gifts during school. They will then hide them away until Mother's Day to complete the surprise!

### **Tuesday 19th March - Preloved Free Shop - School Hall**

If you have any items such as coats/clothes/soft toys/shoes that you are donating to Bags 2 school but they are in good condition then please bring them along the day before (drop off on the morning of Tues 19th)

Everything will be available (from 2.45pm) for parents to have a rummage through and see if there are any items which can be used again for other children.

Also available will be all the spare uniforms the PTA currently have.

You do not need to donate to come along and take items.

Any items left over which cannot be used by another family will be donated into the Bags 2 School the following day – see below.

### **Wednesday 20th March - Bags 2 School - Front Playground**

Having a clear out? Bag up all your items and donate them to Bags 2 School to raise money for the PTA. As well as any items donated into our swap shop, Bags 2 School will also accept linen, curtains, towels, paired shoes, scarves, jewellery, lingerie.

They do not accept duvets, blankets, pillows or school uniform.

All bags need to be in the playground by 9am please.

### **Thursday 28th March - Kids Spring Disco - School Hall**

5.30pm-7pm, £3 per child – please pay in parentpay once it is added.

Bring some cash as the tuck shop and toy shop will both be open!

Nursery children are welcome to attend however an adult is required to stay with them during the disco.

Also if your child requires a less busy/quieter experience please contact the school or PTA in advance to arrange for them to attend earlier.

### **Friday 14th June - Father's Day Pop up Shop - During school**

£2.50 per gift, pay in advance on parentpay when it is added.

Let the children select their own gifts during school. They will then hide them away until Father's Day to complete the surprise!

### **Saturday 29th June - Summer Fete - 12-4pm**

All the usual delights - Stalls, Bar, Raffle, Games, Cafe etc. Come along and have an afternoon of fun!

If you are able to volunteer to help at the fete please let us know. No time is too little, whether helping with set up, on one of the stalls or with clearing up. All help would be gratefully received.

**Also starting after half term on Friday 7th June we have the return of Ice cream Fridays**



We will be doing some activities in classes next week in line with Children's Mental Health Week.

This year, the theme is "My Voice Matters".

If you would like to find out more, or do some activities at home, the website is: [Children's Mental Health Week](http://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk) ([childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk))

**Music lessons – Guitar Friday afternoons Strings Wednesday morning Keyboard Thursday morning**  
*Please ask at the Office if your child is interested in taking up music lessons*

**PE Nursery** Tues morning **Oak Tues Horse Chestnut** Tues/Wed **Redwood** Tues/Fri **Kauri** Wed/Fri  
**Forest School Oak** Wednesdays **Nursery** Tuesdays

**Breakfast Club** – every day from 8am. This will be held in the Library. **Please note Breakfast Club opens at 8am**

**After School Club** – every day up to 5.30pm. Please note that on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the After School Club will be in the Hall up to 4.30pm and then in the Library. On Fridays it is Film Night so After School Club will be in Redwood Class, next to the office.

**Hotshots Tuesday (before school)**

**Dates for the Diary**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Life Long Ago/Dinosaur Workshop for EYFS – rescheduled from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 24

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – Class Photos

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – school closed for Half Term

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – school open from 8am (Breakfast Club)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Mothers Day Pop Up Shop at school

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Charity Gig in Byfield Village Hall – Daventry Ukulele Orchestra

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – PTA Swop Shop in Hall after school

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** -Scholastic Book Fair at school

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – break up for Easter

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – PTA Disco in hall

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – school open from 8am (Breakfast Club)

