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Message from the Head Teacher:

Welcome back. The Spring term is my favourite of each year as the whole school really runs in its stride during this term. Already everyone has settled back into their routines and there is some wonderful learning happening in each classroom. As a new year resolution for everyone, please can you make sure that your child reads 5 times each week. Reading regularly has a massive impact on their vocabulary. If your child is starting to read, read to them as much as possible as this will also have a big impact on their language development. If you read regularly with your child you will notice the rapid learning that they make.

Mr Mynott



Christmas Fair

Many thanks for coming to the Christmas Fair, which raised a fantastic £450 for the school! Thank you to the parents who led this event. We are really grateful for your support.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank-you for purchasing so many books at our recent book fair. This has resulted in an amazing £655 of free books for the school!

Ofsted

The Ofsted report is published on our school website. Please do take some time to read it. We were pleased to receive a letter of congratulations from Jenny Coles, Director of Children's Services for Hertfordshire: *'I was delighted to read the recent Ofsted report which judges Central Primary School to be a good school. It is particularly pleasing to see a school maintain a judgement of good under the current Ofsted inspection framework.'*

Minecraft Bereavement Workshops (for ages 5-16)

Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th March

Starlight Centre Wellbeing Services are running informal peer-support sessions, offering bereaved children the opportunity to meet and express their feelings about loss through creative activity and play, in a safe and accepting environment. There will also be a parent/carer support group running alongside. To book, call 01923 330332 or go to www.peacehospicecare.org.uk/starlightcentre

Clubs

Clubs will start up again on Monday 8th January. Please book via the School Gateway app (speak to the office if you need help accessing this).

Regular features

e-Safety

This term's e-Safety meetings for parents are next week, on **Thursday 11th January**, with sessions at **9am, 2.45pm and 6pm**. There will be updates on current e-Safety messages and a detailed look at this term's curriculum for Year 3 and Year 5. There will also be a special Safer Internet Week session for parents on **Monday 5th February, 9am**.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's 'stars':

Whole Class & Summaya (Y1 Maple)

Whole Class (Y1 Mulberry)

Whole Class (Y2 Pear)

Whole Class (Y2 Pine)

Misbah, Rivca, Tayeb, Martha, JJ, Emily and

Adam (Y3 Apple)

Shavon and Dunya (Y3 Ash)

Whole Class (Y4 Beech)

Oliver, Dennis and Rijja (Y4 Beam)

Whole Class (Y5 Willow)

Whole Class (Y5 Walnut)

Leanne, Tabish & Safia (Y6 Oak)

Next week is Week 2 of the new Winter/Spring menu. Please remember that the meat in the kitchen is not Halal.

Monday	Red: Chicken & tomato pasta bake Green: Quorn nuggets (v) Yellow: Cheese baguette
Tuesday	Red: Burger in a bun Green: Macaroni Cheese pasta (v) Yellow: Ham roll
Wednesday	Red: Roast Pork Green: Vegetarian roll (v) Yellow: Egg roll
Thursday	Red: Minced lamb slice Green: Jacket potato & baked beans (v) Yellow: Tuna baguette
Friday	Red: Fish Finger wrap Green: Cheese & tomato pizza (v) Yellow: Chicken roll

Our preferred method for payment is School Gateway. If you are not sure how to use this, please speak to the office.

Dates & Reminders

Cold weather

Please can you ensure your child has a winter hat, gloves and a warm waterproof coat at school each day as they will be going outside and they should be suitably dressed for the wintry weather.

Twitter

Many of the class teachers are posting regular photographs of their classes on Twitter. Follow all the school's news @centralprimary

Birthday treats

It is lovely for our pupils to be able to share their birthdays with friends at school and we are very grateful for the gifts provided by many parents. However, please be mindful that we are a healthy school, and cannot give out chocolates, sweets or cake. If you would like your child to share birthday treats, some appropriate suggestions might include pencils, stickers, healthy snacks, etc. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Safeguarding

A reminder that parents should NOT walk through the school during school hours for any reason. All enquiries during school hours (8am-5pm) should be directed to staff in the playgrounds or to the school office.

School Gateway

We have set ourselves the target of another 200 parents joining the School Gateway! This would significantly reduce the cost of sending texts to families. To sign up, download the School Gateway app from the App Store – if your email and phone number match what we have recorded on our school systems then this should be very simple. Any problems, please speak to Mrs Oguz in the office.

Nursery admissions

We are now accepting applications for Nursery for September 2018. These should be made directly to the school, using the forms on the admissions section of the school website:

<http://central.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/>

Breakfast Club

It is now possible to book and pay for Breakfast Club in advance using the School Gateway. Breakfast Club is just **£2 per session** per child, which includes 45 minutes of childcare, breakfast and a sports club!

Spring Term 2018 dates

Good Work assembly every Thursday,

3-3.20pm

Thu 11 Jan	9am, 2.45pm, 6pm	E-safety Meeting For Parents
Fri 12 Jan	3pm	Y6 Oak Class Assembly
Fri 19 Jan	3pm	YR Conker Class Assembly
Fri 26 Jan	3pm	Y5 Walnut Class Assembly
Mon 29 Jan	2.30pm	Tea and Talk (SEN parents' event)
Tue 30 Jan	Pm/eve	Young Voices Concert @ O2 (Y6 & choir)
Fri 2 Feb	3pm	Y5 Willow Class Assembly
Mon 5 Feb	9am	Safer Internet Day talk for parents
5-9 Feb		Safer Internet Week activities in all classes
Tue 6 Feb	All Day	Rock Challenge (dance competition)
Fri 9 Feb	All Day	100 Days (RE themed day)
10-18 Feb		Spring Half Term – School Closed
Fri 23 Feb	3pm	YR Acorn Class Assembly
Tue 27 Feb	6pm	Creative Arts Showcase
Thu 1 Mar	All Day	World Book Day – Dress as a character
Fri 2 Mar	3pm	Y3 Ash Class Assembly
Fri 9 Mar	3pm	Y3 Apple Class Assembly
Wed 14 Mar	All Day	Group/ Class Photo Day
Fri 16 Mar	3pm	Y4 Beech Class Assembly
Fri 23 Mar	3pm	Y4 Beam Class Assembly
Mon 26 Mar	3.30-8pm	Parent Consultations
26-29 Mar	All Day	MFL – Carnival Week (Languages and Creative Arts themed week)
Thu 29 Mar	All Day	End of Spring Term – Early Close 1:30pm
Fri 30 Mar - Sun 15 Apr	All Day	Easter Holidays – School Closed
Mon 16 Apr	All Day	Summer Term Begins – All pupils to return