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Dear Parent/Carer,

I trust the reception children's parents all found the parents evening on Monday useful and informative. Thank you for bearing with us whilst waiting for your appointments.

The children who took part in the local cross country race all did really well. Thank you to all the parents who transported children to the event and helped organise our team.

The flu vaccination session on Tuesday ran smoothly. If your child did not have the vaccine but you completed the consent form you will receive a text message about a 2nd opportunity via a community clinic. If you did not complete a consent form but would like your child vaccinated please ring the School Aged Immunisation Service on 0300 3000007 for details of how to have it done.

Red Apple Photography took the photographs today. We look forward to receiving the proofs and details on how to order next week. The photographs will not routinely be touched up. However, should you need your child's touching up, this can be done. Please write on the back of the order what needs doing e.g. Please touch up the scab on their face.

The PowerPoint with details about the Min-Y-Don residential will be sent out by ClassDojo for those who missed tonight's meeting or who would like to remind themselves of the details.

We had a busy day on Thursday showing prospective parents around. If you know of anyone who missed it but would like a tour of the school please ask them to contact the office to arrange one. We are more than happy to facilitate this.

Please can parents of children in year 6 let the office know in writing of any dates that they are visiting secondary schools in school time so that it can be recorded correctly on the school register.

The school census date for this term is on Thursday 2nd October. On this date the government collects school data that is needed to calculate the funding the school will receive in April for the coming year. One of the many items collected is the number of children in reception, year 1 and year 2 who take a school meal. This is used to calculate the money school will receive to provide these. We will therefore order a meal for every child in reception, year 1 and year 2 unless you expressly ask us not to. You may still send a packed lunch if you would like so they can try the hot dinners and have packed lunch if they would prefer.

The PTFA AGM took place on Tuesday. The minutes are available from the PTFA if you would like them. A range of activities have been planed and the PTFA will be looking for help to run these. School has asked if the PTFA could fundraise to purchase a further 16 iPads. It was also discussed about whether any parents may

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Matthew chapter 7 verse 24, NIV)

work for companies who match fund any fundraising activities their employees take part in or can donate goods, gifts or vouchers for the raffles the PTFA run.

Please note the parent's evenings for Year 1 through to 6 will take place on 30th September and 2nd October. Details on how to book will be sent out early next week. We ask that separated parents arrange to see the teacher at the same appointment if at all possible. Please keep to the allotted time to enable the smooth running of the evening.

Thank you to those that have already returned your child/rens data collection sheets. If you haven't, please could you return them as soon as possible to ensure all of their details are up to date. Your prompt attention to this helps us to support your child more effectively.

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Yours sincerely

Gavin Beetham

Provisional Dates for your Diary

30-09-25 – Parents Eve
(1,3,4,5,6)
02-10-25 – Parents Eve
(2,3,4,5,6)
17-10-25 – Harvest Service
Half Term – 18-26 th October
27 to 31 October – Min-Y-Don
November – Class 4 Enterprise
Month
08-12-25 – KS2 Pantomime
10-12-25 — Nativity
11-12-25 – Nativity
16-12-25 – KS1 Party

18-12-25 – Christmas Dinner?
19-12-25 – Carol Service
Christmas Holiday – 20 th
December to 4 th January
Half Term – 14 th to 22 nd
February 2026
23-02-26 – Parents Eve
26-02-26 – Parents Eve
2 nd – 6 th March – Book Week
27-03-26 – Easter Service
Easter Holiday – 28 th March to
12 th April 2026
04-05-26 – Bank Holiday

11 th to 14 th May – KS2 SATs
Half Term – 23 rd to 31 st May
18-12-26 – KS2 Trips
23-06-26 – KS2 Production
24-06-26 – KS2 Production
26-06-26 – Sports Day
29-06-26 – KS1 Trips
30-06-26 – Leavers Assembly
and Tea
Summer Holiday – 8 th July to
23 rd August 2026