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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break. The new term started with a flurry of activity, celebrating our 100th day of school. Thank you for your support in helping your child create their 100 collection, it was wonderful to see the children so enthused about numbers! This term is very busy so please keep a note in your diary of future events. I have updated the key dates section below to include events, in the summer term.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to a new government (DfE) initiative regarding school attendance and the importance of not missing 'moments'; I have shared further information below for you. Punctuality has improved this term, thank you for your ongoing support on this matter.

Miss K Aldred - Headteacher

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

World Book Day is rapidly approaching. As you know, we love to celebrate reading all year at Bagshot but, we make an even bigger effort to promote how wonderful reading can be, over the month of March! As part of our celebrations we would like to invite the children to dress as their favourite book character on World Book Day. The costume can be a hint of a character, a full outfit or anything in between.

Hidden Books

The hidden books are now 'hidden' all around the village! If you find one, please enjoy it, let us know and re-hide the book!

March reading Challenge

Today marks the start of our March reading challenge. You all received the challenge sheet last week but if you have any questions please let us know. Remember, every child that takes part will receive a special reading challenge reward!

Key Dates

07/03	World Book Day
15/03	FOBSA Party Night
27/03	Last day of term (normal pick up)
28/03	Inset day (School closed to children)
15/04	School reopens to children
06/05	May Bank Holiday (School closed to children)
24/05	Last day of term (normal pick up)
	27/5- 31/5 Half-term
03/06	Inset day (School closed to children)
04/06	School reopens to children
28/06	Annual reports sent to parents and carers
01/07	Open afternoon (details to follow)
09/07	Sports Day (afternoon) (details to follow)

Full term dates can be found [here](#)

FOBSA

Over £300 was raised from the Silver Smarties collection, and over £150 was raised from our second-hand book sale, just before half-term, thank you for your support! On Friday 15th March, FOBSA will be holding their next party night disco, and on Wednesday 27th March an Easter Egg Hunt. FOBSA can not run events without volunteers, so if you are able please sign up to help out 😊

Breakfast Club

Bookings are now open for next terms' breakfast club. Please ensure you return booking forms no later than **Friday 22nd March**.

Full details, including the booking form can be found on our website [here](#)

Staff Led Clubs

Details of next terms staff led clubs will be shared with all parents and carers after the Easter holidays.

#Attendance Counts

The DfE have recently launched a campaign to raise awareness of the importance of school attendance, to highlight the benefits beyond just attainment, such as friendships and wellbeing.

The campaign is targeted at preventable odd days of absence – or "avoidable absence" linked to coughs and colds and mild anxiety. **The link between attendance and attainment is clear:**

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders. But attendance is important for more than just attainment:
- Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Further guidance can be found here:

How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance/>

NHS: Is my child too ill for school? <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>