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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break. It was lovely to welcome the sunshine again this week, hopefully it will return very soon!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind and urge you all to **walk** with your children at the end of the school day, not to let them run/walk ahead of you. As you are aware, the road outside of school can get very busy and congested at pick up. In recent days there have been a number of *near misses* when children have run out of school and into the road, almost being knocked over. One of our rules, which the children know and are expected to follow, is to not run around the school because it is unsafe and others may get hurt. I ask for your assistance on this matter please, ensuring your child/ren always walk with you on the way out of school for their own safety.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend- **Miss K Aldred**

#### **World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day is next week! 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 😊

#### **Key Dates**

05/3	World Book Day
06/3	FOBSA Party Night
27/3	FOBSA Easter Treasure Hunt
27/3	Last day of term – 3.10pm finish
	<i>30/3-10/4 Easter Holiday</i>
13/4	Return to school- normal time
17/4	FOBSA Quiz Night

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

#### **Term Dates September 2026-July 2027**

Attached to this newsletter you will find our term dates for the next academic year. Please make a note and plan any holidays accordingly.

Please also note, Surrey County Council have introduced a new 2-week October half term break from next year.

As you are aware we are maintained by Surrey County Council school, our term dates are fixed by them and as such, we are bound to follow them.

#### **FOBSA Update**

Party Night is rapidly approaching!  
Today is the deadline for booking your tickets. If you have not already done so please book here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friends-of-bagshot/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=112906>

FOBSA also need volunteers to help run the event, if you can give just 30 minutes to help run a stall, please sign up.

#### **Attendance/Leave of absence requests**

It has been very disappointing to see increasing numbers of children absent from school, for holidays/birthdays/special days and to have received a number of requests for exceptional leave, over the past few weeks. As you will be aware, I am unable to authorise such requests, other than in truly exceptional circumstances. For your information, **family holidays are not considered exceptional**. The impact on the children, of missing time in school, should not be underestimated, both academically and especially at this age, socially. It is worth noting, a child with an attendance rate of 90% (20 days of absence), over the course of a year, is classed as persistently absent by the Department for Education. Please take note of term dates, available on our website, and organise holidays and days out, during school closure periods.