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Dear Parents,

All schools receive regular updates regarding internet safety and it often seems alarming at the speed with which applications etc. evolve. We aim to keep all of our children safe and with this in mind, I need to share a cause for concern I have with you. It appears that at times, some of our children are accessing games and websites which are, at best, not appropriate for children of their age. Some go on to enact parts of the content in the playground and I have had conversations with these children. I ask that you closely monitor your child's access so that they are not exposed to language, ideas and activities that are wholly inappropriate. Games and films have clear guidance regarding the age of audience and I would hope that you ensure this is followed.

Children in Years 1 and 2 entertained us with their sharing assembly on Thursday this week. They were confident, as ever, and able to tell us all about some of the things they have learned this term. Thank you to parents who were able to attend and shared positive comments afterwards.

Earlier in the week, on Wednesday, Year 3 attended Middlewich High School for a racquet skills session. Again, I heard positive reports back and the children made the most of this opportunity. And a thank you to all our Year 5 & 6 Footballers and their very enthusiastic parents for a thoroughly enjoyable competition at the High School on Thursday.

In EYFS this week, children have been finding out about the life-cycle of frogs. Their classroom wall is bedecked with some lovely examples of their writing skills along with models which show the process clearly.

At the other end of school, Years 5 and 6 have been learning about the mountain ranges of the world and how mountains have formed through movement of the earth's tectonics plates. In maths have been continuing their work on the 24hr clock.

Back in class, Years 1 and 2 and written poems for mums – a possible clue for the weekend! And in other lessons Years 3 and 4 have been writing and re-drafting some exciting stories. In maths Year 3 have been learning about time and Year 4 have been plotting on graphs.

We will be arranging Parent Consultation meetings shortly after the Easter Break and these will follow annual reports which the children will bring home next week.

The PTA have asked that I remind you to send in cakes next week, to support their cake sale at the end of the school day on Friday 31st in the school hall (or on the playground if weather permits).

Our attendance figures this week are:

Whole School – 90.9%

Reception – 84.4%

Years 1/2 – 90.9%

Years 3/4 – 92.5%

Years 5/6 – 95.6%

Future Dates for Diaries

Tues 28th Mar

Thurs 30th

Fri 31st Mar

Masquerade – after school (10/10)

After-school Gymnastics (Yrs 1-2) with Sports Coaching 3:15pm-4:15pm (5/5)

PTA Cake Sale – 3:30pm in school hall

Break for Easter Holiday 3:15pm

Tues 18th Apr

School re-opens 8:45am

Weds 19th Apr

Chester Zoo – Reception, Yrs 1-4 (leave at 9am – return 3pm)

Thurs 20th Apr

After-School Dance (Yrs 1-4) with Sports Coaching 3:15pm -4:15pm (1/6)

Weds 26th Apr

Swimming Yrs 3-6 (1/10)

Parent Consultations (3:30pm – 5:30pm)

Thurs 27th Apr

Parent Consultations (5pm – 7pm)

Mon 1st May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tues 2nd May

School re-opens 8:45am

Thurs 4th May

Class & Whole School Photos

Mon 9th May

Start of SATs week for Year 6

Wed 17th May

Saltscape Workshop – Years 5&6

Thurs 18th May

Visit to Lion Salt Works Museum – Yrs 5&6 (leave at 9am – return 3pm)

Fri 19th May

Visit to Anderton Nature Park – Yrs 5-6 (leave at 9am – return 3pm)

Kind regards,
Kay Walsh (Mrs)
Headteacher