

6th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We just thought we would write to you to provide a few updates on events that are going to be occurring over the coming weeks and months.

Firstly, we would like to invite you and/or a family member to visit school on Thursday 15th February, 9.00 - 9.45am. Mr McLeod and Oak Class will be hosting a Reading Cafe which is ultimately an informal event where you can come into the Hall and see some of the strategies we use to develop reading in school. Tea and Coffee will be served and it will also allow you an opportunity to meet Mr McLeod.

Also, on the afternoon of the 15th the children will be taking part in a Theatre Workshop linked to their Shakespeare Production. Initially we were told that the children may need to stay late after school for this but it has been confirmed that they will leave at the normal time of 3.15pm. We can also confirm that the performance date for this is Wednesday 27th March at Northern Stage.

After half term, please remember that Monday 26th February is a Teacher Training Day and school will not be reopened until Tuesday 27th for children.

Please take note that Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March will be our Parent Evenings, information about how to book appointments will follow in due course. In addition, if your child is in Year 6, please be aware that we will be using this week as a Mock SATs Week.

The purpose of this is to allow the children to sample what it will be like when they sit their assessments in May. I have done this previously and it alleviates the concerns and fears children often have. It will also allow us to gain an invaluable insight into predictions leading into SATs and I am more than happy to share outcomes with you, so you can continue to work through the revision booklets at home with your child.

Finally, please make a note in your diary for Tuesday 19th March at 4.30pm as we will be hosting a SATs presentation evening. This is a chance for me to share with you what the children will be completing but also to answer any questions you may have specific to the assessments.

I hope this letter is helpful and allows you to forward plan with some key dates and information. As always, any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr McLeod.

Kind regards,

Mr Shaw Headteacher

