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Dear Parents and Carers

We have once again come to the end of another half-term! I always find Spring One the hardest term of the year as we battle the dark months of January and February in anticipation of Spring. Yet, we have so much to be thankful for and I want to echo once again my thanks shared in last week's letter following our recent Ofsted. I think we are all still playing catch up and need a week of rest to reset the clocks. Whilst we usually compile an End of Term Newsletter, I decided to give the team a break from writing their respective articles and we will no doubt have a bumper Spring Edition.

Clubs Offer

I know the office have done an incredible job of compiling our Spring Two clubs list and setting everything up on Arbor. Can I encourage you to look at the offer and talk about signing up for a club this term. For such a small school to be running so many clubs is fantastic.

[Clubs List](#)

The rest of this letter is dedicated to detailing what we know about the events taking place next half-term – this is definitely a diary, wall planner and cup of tea activity.

Date	Event
24 th February	Start of Term
27 th February	Truth by Told @ St James' Nursery We are looking forward to welcoming Gemma Gillard to the Nursery for a Truth be Told session. For more details check out the event flyer and let us know you are coming.
28 th February (16.30 – 18.15)	PFA School Disco The PFA are hosting their annual School Disco – tickets are almost sold out so if you want to reserve your place check out the Facebook event for full details.
2 nd March	Volunteer Day Two years ago we hosted a volunteer day and were able to effectively use the time to decorate Squirrels class which was looking a little tired. We will once again be focusing our time of decorating a classroom and would love a team of adult volunteers to come and join us to help decorate another classroom. Let us know you are coming by clicking this link.
4 th March (15.00 – 16.00)	PFA Pancake Racing This event will happen straight after-school on the playground or field and will just be a lot of silly fun! Find out more by visiting the Facebook Event.

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6 th March	<p>World Book Day</p> <p>We will once again be celebrating World Book Day on the 6th March and we will be welcoming Bob Hartman, a celebrated author to come and be part of our day. I have attached the full details in my other letter but want to extend an invite for all families to join us for the shared story time in the Peace Garden at 2.30pm.</p>
12 th March	<p>Year 1 – 4 Science Museum Visit</p> <p>We are so excited to be taking so many children to the Science Museum in Winchester. It is going to be a wonderful trip and we have been overwhelmed by the parental support! If you have not done so, please can I encourage you to login to Arbor to make the necessary payments and consents for the trip to take place. (At my last check, there were still 29 students who haven't yet completed this)</p> <p>Trip Letter</p>
19 th March	<p>Foxes Farm Trip</p> <p>Foxes don't miss out on the school trips in Spring Two and will be once again travelling to Launceston Farm for their Understanding the World trip. Thank you to all those who have completed the necessary payment and consents on Arbor, if you have not done so please can you login and complete.</p> <p>Trip Letter</p>
22 nd March (18.30 – 22.00)	<p>PFA Ceilidh</p> <p>The PFA are hosting a barn dance as part of their continued fundraising efforts, to book a ticket and find out more please visit the Facebook Event.</p>
26 th March (14.30 – 15.00)	<p>Squirrels Parents Share</p> <p>Come and join Squirrel's class as they share the stories they have been writing as part of their English learning this half-term.</p>
27 th March (14.30 – 15.00)	<p>Foxes Parent Share</p> <p>Join Foxes class as the share their learning in music with a recital of a number of nursery rhymes and songs that they have learnt on the glockenspiel.</p>
31 st March (14.15 – 15.00)	<p>Easter Community Service</p> <p>We will be hosting our annual Easter Celebration Service in the school hall, featuring performance pieces from the choir, readings and reflections led by the children.</p>
2 nd April (14.30 – 15.00)	<p>Owls Parent Share</p> <p>We warmly invite Owls parents and carers to join us as the children evaluate their pneumatic toys they have been constructing in Design and Technology.</p>
3 rd April	<p>Last Day of Spring Term</p> <p>Please note that the last day of term for children is Thursday 3rd April.</p>

I think that's everything, have a lovely half-term and I will see you after a well-earned rest!

Yours faithfully



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