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Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have been looking forward to this evening's discos all week! We are sure these will be well-attended and raise funds for our PTA. Thank you for supporting these events and allowing your children (KS2) the extra spending money for drinks and treats during them! The PTA have agreed to fund our purchase of new books to support the delivery of phonics and the development of early reading across the school. These new books will cost £550 and we are very grateful to the PTA team, and our community, for making these funds available.

We remain pleased with the positive and prosocial behaviours of the vast majority of our children. A further plea, though, to the parents of our Year 6 children, regarding antisocial language and the use of mobile phones on the way to school. Community members have reported hearing the children using swear words and this has been confirmed when I have followed up with those involved. There is also a concern around games on phones that are rated 18+, particularly one called *Call of Duty*. I would urge you to check this with your children, please.

Next week is the last week of a half term that seems to have passed very quickly since the start of the new year. We have been pleased to have had such a consistent focus on teaching and learning and this is having a positive impact on the children's progress in school. We are looking forward to the lighter days of the spring now, and hopefully allowing our children more consistent access to the open spaces of the field.

On Monday 26th February, the first day back after the half term break, we will mark Founder's Day, which falls during the half term break this year. Founder's Day celebrates the beginning of the Scouts movement by Robert Baden-Powell in 1908. On 26th February, we invite all Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Scouts and Sea Scouts to wear the uniforms that represent their inclusion in these groups.

There is still time to sign up for our new 'Kids with Bricks' club, which is open to children in Years 1 and 2. This will take place on Wednesdays from 3.30pm – 4.30pm, starting on 28th February. You can book a place for your child using [this link](#).

With best wishes for the weekend, Richard Martin.

Diary Dates...

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February - Half Term

w/c 26th February – Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, 1st March – Mothers & Others Present Room

w/c 4th March – Parent Reading Breakfast Sessions for World Book Week

Wed, 6th March – Mothers & Others Present Room

Thursday, 7th March – World Book Day

Easter holidays Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

Back to school – Monday 15th April

Dates, Reminders & Other Info...

Reminder: Years 5 & 6 Cambridge Festival Lecture – 18th March 2024 – photo permission and payment required.

Attached **Save the Date** PTA Poster

