



14th February 2019

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Dear Parents,

As we reach the half term break, I am writing with some reminders, requests and details of some forthcoming events. May I also take this opportunity to thank all of our parent helpers for their continued time and support; it is very much appreciated.

40 Acts – our focus on Lent 2019:

In promoting our celebration of Lent this half term, we are repeating the very successful idea of '40 acts of kindness'. This is a lovely initiative that involves children undertaking a different act each day that they can do at home or school for someone else. The theme for each day will be posted on the school's Facebook page and text out to parents each morning. I hope this is something that you will also encourage your child to participate in this year. For further details about the 40 Acts initiative, you can follow the link below:

<https://40acts.org.uk/>

World Book Day:

Sarisbury will be supporting World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. In addition to the children coming dressed as a favourite book character, there are a number of book themed activities planned throughout the day for children to enjoy.

Pupil progress review meetings:

Our Spring Term pupil progress review meetings with parents will take place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March.

As with the autumn term discussions, we are asking that your child be present for at least part of the interview, as we will be sharing your child's targets (Steps to Success) during the review meetings. A copy of these will be provided for you to share with your child. These are valuable discussions and ensure that you are kept well informed about your child's progress and their future learning goals.

Online bookings for parents' evenings this term will be available after the half term holiday.

Healthy Snacks:

May I take this opportunity to clarify our policy on healthy snacks in school. Our preference is that children bring fresh fruit, vegetables, dried fruit snacks or cereal bars. Break time snacks should not include crisps, chocolate snacks or snack bars that contain sugar / salt. Please note that due to severe allergies, snacks should not include nuts of any description or kiwi fruit; thank you.

Site Security:

I would also like to remind parents that all visitors to the school should report to reception when visiting the school premises. The school has an extensive CCTV system around the school grounds for everyone's safety; this system is in operation 24 hours a day.

Please would parents also note that the playground at Sarisbury is used for PE teaching until 3:15pm each day. We request that parents refrain from accessing the playground until the gates are opened from 3:15pm at the end of each school day. Your cooperation is much appreciated. We also request that parents collecting bikes / scooters with their children use the designated footpath to and from the storage areas and not across the car park; thank you.

Please can we remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted in school unless prior permission has been sought. These are expensive items and so in all cases, we ask that mobile phones should be left with our reception team and not kept in children's bags. We would also ask parents, particularly of children in Year 6, to check that children do not have their phones with them when coming to school. Thank you.

In-service Day Closure:

Please note that the school will be closed on Friday 15th February for staff training. We will see you all on Monday 25th February.

Have a lovely half term holiday.

With our best wishes,

A. J. Stockton

Mr A. J. Stockton
Headteacher