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TERM DATES School Year 2018-19

Spring Term **INSET DAY** Monday 7th January 2019 First day of Term Tuesday 8th January Half Term Monday 18th February -Friday 22nd February **End of Term** Friday 12th April **Summer Term** First day of Term Monday 29th April Bank Holiday: 6th May Half term Monday 27th May -Friday 31st May **Last Day of Term** 19th July 2019

Whole School Attendance 18-19	
Week beginning	Percentage
07/01	98.1%
14/01	98.5%
21/01	97.8%
28/01	97.4%
Overall	97.6%
HALF TERM	

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Friday 1st February 2019



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Please look out for a Bicentenary update coming home today, via ParentMail, which will give you an idea of what we are planning in school for our special week of celebrations and associated events.

This week, it has been a fairly quiet week in school as we try to keep warm and focus on our learning. Year Six had their Exit Point for their Topic 'What a Wonderful World' on Wednesday, thank you to the parents who were able to attend. We are so lucky that our Exit Points are so well attended. We know you can't come to everything, but thank you for your excellent support across the year.

Year Five are welcoming a parent into school this afternoon to support their learning in their topic. One of the children was telling me that I am a suspect in a crime. Perhaps the spilled black tea is a clue... Perhaps not... Earlier in the week, Reception also invited a parent into the class to support their learning on the topic of dinosaurs and I know how useful children and staff found this session. Many thanks to all of the parents who support our learning by sharing their expertise with us. If you would like to share something with us—let me know!

We welcomed Reverend Whittaker into school to lead worship on Wednesday. As we approach Candlemas, John reminded us that Jesus came as a light into our world to help and support us all. An important thing to remember as we continued to look at our school value of endurance in this morning's worship. This morning we watched a video of Derek Redmond's 1992 Olympic bid for the 400 metres, which ended in disaster when he tore his hamstring. Demonstrating real endurance, Redmond, and his Father, carried on until the end, crossing the finish line and completing the race Derek had trained for. I reminded the children that sometimes we need some help to endure!

Tonight is the last rehearsal before the KS2 Choir head to the O2 next Tuesday for the Young Voices 2019 concert. Young Voices were featured on BBC News last night and for those who saw it, it has added to the excitement and anticipation in advance of our concert date.

Also next week, Nursery have invited a Policeman into class to talk to them about their job. It is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday (or SID for short). We will be marking the day across the week with various activities, thank you to Mr Lett for organising. On Wednesday, Year Two are off to Kew Gardens and on Friday we have a School Council meeting!

This afternoon is Year Four's cake sale, please support the class fundraising efforts and until next week—I hope you enjoy a rest but also stay safe and warm!

Cheryl Payne Head Teacher