

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you all had a relaxing break (and didn't suffer too much in Storm Eunice!).

As you will probably know, changes came into effect yesterday regarding Covid-19 isolation—a good sign that things are beginning to return to normal! An email with further guidance from the Trust will be sent out later today.

We have another busy term in store. We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday, 3rd March, and, as always, I look forward to seeing all of the wonderful book character costumes from children and staff.

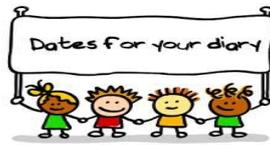
Parent Consultations will also take place next week (don't forget to book!) and class photographs will be taken the following Monday (please make sure your children wear full uniform on this day).

We then have our Mother's Day events and our Trust Music Concert at the Woodville Halls to look forward to and, before we know it, it will be Easter and we will be enjoying the Passion Play performed by Year 5.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Busbridge and Mr Snow, who joined us last term as Teaching Assistants. We also welcome Mr Maughan, who is completing part of his teacher training at St Botolph's this term.

Kind regards

Mrs Amy Chitty
Head Teacher



TERM 2

February

- Fri 25 Book Fair (until 2nd March)
9.00 Eucharist—Y5C
FOSB February Discos
- Mon 28 3.30-6.00 Parent Consultations
- March**
- Tue 1 Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Races
- Wed 2 9.30 Ash Wednesday Service
at Church
3.30-7.00 Parent Consultations
- Thur 3 World Book Day
- Fri 4 9.00 Eucharist—Y4J
- Mon 7 Class Photos
- Fri 11 **Trust Training Day (school closed to pupils)**
9.00 Eucharist—Y3H
- Mon 21 FOSB Mother's Day Crafts
- Tue 22 Shakespeare Performance
- Wed 23 2.30 Mother's Day Tea
- Thur 24 2.30 Mother's Day Tea
- Fri 25 9.00 Eucharist—Y2C
2.30 Mother's Day Tea
- Tue 29 6.00 Trust Music Concert
- Wed 30 Easter Lunch
- April**
- Fri 1 9.30 Passion Play at Church
1.30 **End of Term 4**
- Tue 19 **Start of Term 5**

Parent consultations

Monday 28th February -
3.30 – 6.00pm

Wednesday 2nd March -
3.30 – 7.00pm

If you haven't already booked your Parent Consultation, please visit : <https://stbotolphs.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.



Thought for February ...

"A child is like a butterfly in the wind. Some can fly higher than others, but each one flies the best it can. Why compare one against the other? Each one is different, each one is special, each one is beautiful."

TERM DATES 2021—2022

TERM 4

22nd February — 1st April 2022

TERM 5

19th April — 26th May 2022

TERM 6

7th June — 22nd July 2022

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

11th March 2022 (Trust Day)

6th June 2022

27th May 2022—Jubilee Holiday

TERM DATES 2022—2023

TERM 1

1st September—20th October 2022

TERM 2

2nd November—16th December 2022

TERM 3

4th January — 10th February 2023

TERM 4

20th February — 31st March 2023

TERM 5

18th April — 26th May 2023

TERM 6

5th June — 21st July 2023

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

30th September 2022

1st November 2022

3rd January 2023

20th March 2023 (Trust Day)

17th April 2023

3rd July 2023

Termly Attendance

We continually monitor attendance and punctuality and pupils with persistent lateness and unauthorised absence will be referred to the Education Welfare Service.

Well done to Year 2 Magnolia Class, who have had the best attendance so far this year at 97%.

WORLD BOOK DAY! THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

To celebrate 25 years of World Book Day, we would like all children AND staff to come into school on Thursday 3rd March dressed as their favourite book characters.

Please do not go out and buy anything especially for this event; we want you to simply use items of clothing that you or your children already have at home and add a little imagination!



FEBRUARY DISCOS



It's Disco time!

Bookings and payments can still be made until 1.30 today via ParentPay.

Mother's Day Tea

We would like to celebrate Mother's Day by inviting all mothers or grandmothers to come and enjoy tea and cakes with their children or grandchildren on either Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th or Friday 25th March 2022.

The cost of this event will be £2.00 per adult/child. For health and safety reasons, we can only accommodate a certain amount of people each day and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to include anyone who does not book and pay, via ParentPay, by **Friday 4th March 2022**.



Can you help?

We would be very grateful for donations of any of the following:

- Shoes
- Trainers
- Plimsolls
- PE Kits
- Tracksuits
- Wellies

For our Shakespeare production/ drama costume box:

- Artificial flowers
- Plastic swords
- Crowns (for Kings or Queens)
- A plastic chalice
- Blazers/smart jackets
- Tiaras
- Capes
- Belts
- Hair Garlands

Thank you.

Charity Day for Ellenor

On Friday 4th February, Year 3 held a cake sale and a 'Sponge the Teacher' event and raised a fantastic £655 for Ellenor!

Thank you to everyone who took part, donated cakes or volunteered to be sponged!



Don't forget that the Travelling Book Fair will be visiting our school from Friday 25th February to Wednesday 2nd March!

Come and take a look at the books in the school hall at any of the following times:

Friday 25th February and Tuesday 1st March—3.10pm to 3.40pm

Monday 28th February— 3.10pm to 6.00pm*

Wednesday 2nd March—3.10pm to 7.00pm*

* Throughout Parent Consultations

Payment for books can be made directly through our online checkout at: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1168120/checkout>. Cash payments will also be accepted but we are unable to accept card payments.

Commission from all sales will be used to buy new books for our school!

Why good attendance matters ...

Although we are aware that we are in exceptional times, attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life, and everyone should aim for 100% attendance.

Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Research suggests that children who attend school regularly could also be less at risk of becoming involved in antisocial behaviour or crime.

Below is a table showing how a pupil's percentage attendance equates to the amount of school time missed:

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent days
95%	9
90%	19
85%	29
80%	38
75%	48
70%	57
65%	67

FREE Home Study Support

Invicta National Academy has been commissioned to deliver a full-scale Home Study Support offer, accessible to all pupils in Years 5 and 6 (Upper KS2) and all KS4 pupils, which will give virtual access to a qualified teacher two evenings a week.

Starting next week, and operating throughout term time in terms 4, 5, and 6, the following group sessions will be available:

- Upper KS2 Maths 5-6pm Tuesdays and Thursday
- Upper KS2 English 6-7pm Tuesdays and Thursdays
- KS4 Maths 5-6pm Tuesdays and Thursdays
- KS4 Science 6-7pm Tuesdays
- KS4 English 6-7pm Thursdays .

Although each session will have a focus topic, which will be published by Invicta, these sessions are intended to give pupils the opportunity to ask for help with any subject related question or specific issue.

Pupils **MUST** have cameras turned off and can either post their questions in a chat function, which is controlled by a facilitator, or request permission to ask their question verbally, again with the facilitator managing the microphones. Pupils are welcome to attend part or all of the session.

You will need to register directly with Invicta (details to follow)

Please contact Angela from Invicta for further information: admin@invictaacademy.com

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Are you thinking about joining the most rewarding profession or know someone who is?

KMT has been working in partnership with many schools throughout Kent and South East London for over 25 years to successfully train thousands of teachers. Our wide range of partner schools play a huge part in developing talented individuals into the teachers they want to become.

If you're thinking of becoming a teacher, or if you know someone who is, it is not too late yet. We are still recruiting until the end of the academic year, so why not get started today! We would be delighted to hear from you.

We have opportunities available for both Primary and Secondary training. All you need to have, or have pending, is a degree and a strong desire to teach and inspire the minds of the future. I

f you have any questions or would like some further guidance on your application then please contact our recruitment team at recruitment.team@kmtraining.org.uk or on 07729608106