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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely, relaxing half term and took a break from your usual routines to enjoy some family time. Usually our weekly comms comes out on Fridays, however, in light of the PM's announcement I thought it best to reach out today.

8th March

We're absolutely thrilled with the news yesterday that schools will be back open to all children from 8th March. I expect most of you are too! For some children and adults, you may be feeling a little anxious about the return. I want to assure you that our focus will be all about settling the children with wellbeing being at the forefront of our planning. From our experience last September, it didn't take long for the children to fall back into their routines and friendships – we anticipate a similar pattern but of course will be ready for any wobbles! Please note that the Department for Education (DFE) has said that attendance for all pupils will be mandatory when schools reopen.

New guidance has been issued. Whilst I haven't yet had time to go through it with a fine toothcomb, on an initial scan, things will be very similar to as they were before Christmas. I will send invites to optional zoom calls for grown-ups if you have any further questions – these will take place on Wednesday 3rd March at 4pm and 7pm. Please use the following link for both meetings.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89542324861>

Our priority next week will be around ensuring that we are fully prepared for the children's return. We won't do our weekly phone calls, but if you do have any queries about the remote learning or need any support please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher via Dojo, or contact me through the office.

Lunches

If your child has school dinners, please ensure you have booked their dinners **by Tuesday 2nd March on ParentPay**. Please contact Mrs Garget in the office for any support required around this. Nothing has changed from before.



Science Week

When children return on the 8th March we will be taking part in British Science Week in which our afternoons will be spent planning, asking questions and best of all, investigating! Class teachers will be in touch with lists of resources they may require your assistance in gathering, for example, milk bottles, cereal boxes etc. We believe that this week will not only allow for curiosity and enquiry, but will also give the children an opportunity to settle back in to a 'usual' school routine- both those who have been learning remotely and those in school.

If any parents have STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and mathematics) related jobs we would love to invite you to speak to children about what you do. They will have the opportunity to ask you questions about your job and how you got there. They may throw in the odd curve ball- that's working with children for you! Please contact me via the info@ account if you'd be willing to join in a Zoom call with groups of children.

World Book Day

A reminder that next Thursday (4th March) is World Book Day. We invite all children and families to join us in dressing as their favourite book character. You might be aware that as a whole school we are reading the book, Journey. It is full of magic and wonder- and we hope you'll join in with the spirit of World Book Day with us.

Academy Updates

You will have noticed some changes to the academy environment; it's a very exciting time for all of us to see our school come together. The fields are now visible and the outdoor play areas for the front and back playgrounds will hopefully be signed off for use this week!

I hope this letter answers questions you may have about the reopening, there will be further opportunity to answer questions on the 3rd March.

Have a good week,

Yours sincerely

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