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LSAs: Mrs Silvester

Spring Term 2022

Welcome

Welcome back and happy new year! We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas break and a well-earned rest. Hopefully, all the children are ready for the learning we have coming up in 2023! Spring term is one of our shortest terms, though one of the most important—especially for our Year 6 pupils, who are preparing for their SATs tests at the beginning of the Summer term.

An important term

This term will be vital in Year 6's preparation for the KS2 statutory assessments. We shall be continuing to run interventions and support areas of challenge to allow each child to achieve their very best. Attendance is key to ensure that children are as equipped as they can be with the knowledge and skills to succeed. Miss Salmon will be running booster sessions for maths- by invitation only.

Our Spring curriculum

This term's topic is 'Would I like to live in India?' Our children will be immersing themselves in Indian culture, looking at many different topics such as politics and trade to clothes, food and religion. In science this term, we shall be studying Earth and Space and are currently looking into a planetarium visit- watch this space! We also have a very special Sikh visitor joining us as part of our religious education studies!

Wider opportunities

This year brings lots more exciting opportunities for our Upper School children to grow in independence. For Year 6, we have our fantastic Isle of Wight trip and for Year 5, we have the brilliant Pioneer trip! Both trips provide the children with great hands-on experiences and always prove to be a hit! Look out for letters and payment information.

Home learning

Home Learning continues to be an imperative part of your child's learning journey. This is set every Friday, due the following Friday, when we discuss the Home Learning and ensure that any misconceptions are addressed immediately. As part of their growing independence, we always impress upon the children that it is their home-learning, not their adults'. They are responsible for completing it and bringing it to school on the correct day. Children are also expected to read five times a week and log in to Times Table Rock Stars for at least 10 minutes a week.

Other useful reminders

Please ensure that your child **always** has the following items in school:

- Coat (**named**)
- Water bottle (**named**)
- PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
- Bag for reading book and reading diary and homework folders. Please ensure that this is not too big as peg space is limited.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4th January 2023 - **Non pupil day**

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023 - **Half term**

Friday 31st March- **Last day of Spring term**

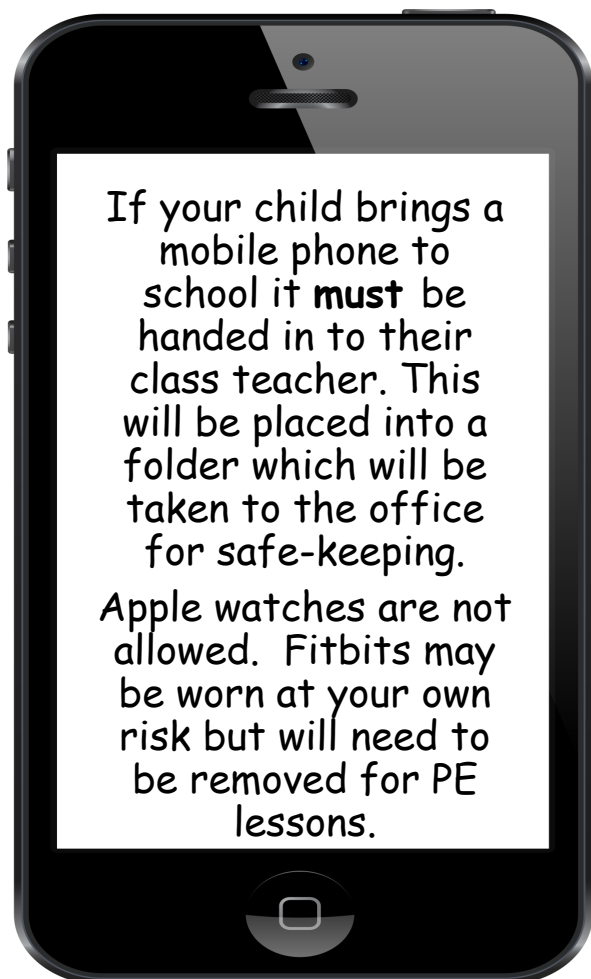
Monday 3rd April to Monday 14th April—**Easter Holidays**

Monday 17th April -**Start of Summer Term**

Monday 8th May- **Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 9th- Friday 12th May- **KS2 SATS week**

Year 6 Isle of Wight residential - **Week Beginning 22nd May 2023**



Remember that lots of important information can be found on the school website:

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/>

Our Calendar and Important Dates

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/calendar/>

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/school-holidays-and-term-dates/>

Our Newsletters

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/news/>

Our Curriculum

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/curriculum-and-classes/curriculum/>

Our Safeguarding

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/information-hub/#safeguarding>