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Common Road Infant and Nursery School

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Dear parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term break with your children. We were happy to welcome them back to school. What a jam packed week it has been…This week we have all enjoyed pancakes cooked and served by Mrs Farr and Mrs Hay, thank you both for your hard work ensuring the pancake café was a success. On Thursday we all came as our world book day characters to celebrate world book day, we hope you managed to join us to listen to a story. Thank you to Miss Atkinson for organising this for the children. Throughout this week and next we will be celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight and at the end of next week class teachers will be writing their class newsletters for parents, keep your eyes peeled! We hope these are useful to you.

Pupil progress meetings

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our pupil progress meetings before the February half term. It has been lovely to read all of your comments on the questionnaires we sent out. If you have not yet returned these please feel free to hand them in to your child's class teacher.

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Lee

We were delighted to celebrate the wedding of Miss Birdsall and Mr Lee in the half term break. Mrs Lee was kind enough to share a few photographs of her special day on our social media pages so the children could see her and her dress. I am sure you will all agree she made a beautiful bride. We wish Mr & Mrs Lee many years of love and happiness.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th March – Fire service safety talks in school

Friday 11th March – Class newsletters out to parents

WB 14th March – Science Week

Thursday 17th March – Tigers class assembly

Friday 18th March – School Parliament meeting

Monday 21st March – Wear odd socks for Downs Syndrome Awareness Day – A silver donation most welcome.

Friday 25th March – Koalas class assembly – Mother's Day

Wednesday 6th April – Easter parade decorate a bonnet or an egg for our competition!

Friday 8th April – Elephants class assembly – Easter. School closes for the Easter break 3.05pm.

Stay and play sessions

Starting next Thursday 10th March we will be hosting a homestart weekly stay and play session for children under 3 years of age. The sessions will be weekly and will start at 12.15pm and finish at

1.45pm. Miss Wheatley will be joining homestart for the sessions. The pedestrian nursery gates will open for 12.15pm and will be opened again for the end of the stay and play sessions. These sessions are free and there is no need to book a place.

Staffing

I am delighted to welcome both Mrs Mock and Miss Copcutt to our support staff team. Mrs Mock will be working in reception and Miss Copcutt in Year 1. Congratulations on your appointments and welcome to Common Road School.

It is with sadness I write to you to inform you that Mrs Holling will be leaving Common Road School. Mrs Holling has worked at the school for many years and I know many parents know Mrs Holling and really appreciate her hard work and dedication to the school. Mrs Holling will be starting a new post after Easter for Wakefield Council and will remain in Early Years education in her new role. We will pass on your good luck and best wishes to Mrs Holling and I, alongside all the staff, children and governors at Common Road wish her the best of luck in her new post.

We have recently appointed two teachers to our school. We were over the moon to offer Miss Mitchell a post as a permanent class teacher in our school and look forward to working with her over many years to come. We also were delighted to appoint Mrs Hulme to join our teaching team and she will be teaching in the Koala's class after Easter for the remainder of this academic year, she will also be teaching the Koalas every Tuesday to ensure a smooth transition for our children. Miss Hulme is a teacher in a Wakefield School and is very much looking forward to joining the Common Road team. In the meantime myself and Miss Atkinson will be teaching the Koalas, with Mrs Staves teaching in the Tigers to ensure that all children continue to have consistency and access to the best teaching.

Reporting absence

After a recent register check with our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) she has asked me to write to all parents reminding them of the importance of informing school if your child cannot attend for any reason. You can do this by phone 01977 651981, email office@commonroad.wakefield.sch.uk and by replying to a text from the school texting system. Currently the office are having to telephone many families to find out why children are not in school. If we do not hear from parents and cannot contact you we may complete a home visit to check you are ok and if we have further concerns telephone the police for a welfare check.

Thank you all for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Danielle Edwards

Headteacher