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## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JANUARY

23 Year 1 Pirate Workshop

### FEBRUARY

11 Safer Internet day

14 Last day of Term 3 for  
Infants and Nursery

24 Children return to  
School and Nursery

25 Parent Consultations  
From 3.15pm

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### MARCH

18-20 Reception  
Measurement Programme  
and Vision Screening

31 Class Photos

### APRIL

3 Last day of terms for  
Infants and Nursery

20 INSET Training Day for  
staff. School closed for  
Infants and Nursery

21 Children return to  
School and Nursery

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Welcome back to school and the start of another New Year. The children have made a fabulous return to school and in assembly and classes they have been busy setting their intentions for 2020. This term is a very important one, and just four full weeks now so we are hoping that children will be especially receptive to the exciting learning we have planned for this term. Can I remind you to check out the planning

for your class which is presented on the class windows so that you can support learning at home.



Can I also please take this opportunity on behalf of all staff to thank you for your kind Christmas greetings and for the cards and presents that arrived into school during December. You are all very kind.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We will be holding our Parent Consultations on Tuesday 25th February, Wednesday 26th February and Thursday 27th February. We will be putting up a list of times towards the end of term for you to sign-up and see your child's class teacher. These meetings are so important so please do come along.

## STUNNING STARTS TO LEARNING IN TERM 3

Term 3 has got off to a stunning start with lots of exciting new topics getting underway:

**Reception** children will be learning about 'People who help us' from Firefighters to Nurses, Police Officers to their own teachers. Lots of activities have been planned and visits from various professionals to the school.

**Year One**, our theme this term will be 'By the Sea and Pirates'. This will inspire our work and we will be reading the books 'The Treasure of Pirate Frank' by Elspeth Graham and Mal Peet and 'The Lighthouse Keeper's lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage. We will also be reading

'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle. In our Learning Journeys in the afternoons we will be learning about the Japanese artist Hokusai and his art work 'The Great Wave' as well as the historical figure Grace Darling.

**Year Two** Our learning theme this term is 'into Africa'. We will be studying the environment, people who live in Africa and learning some of the language spoken.

In English we will continue to develop the children's letter writing skills using lots of lovely texts including a book called 'Meerkat Mail' about a meerkat who decides to travel the world to find himself a new home, and writes letters home to his family.

## 100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all those children who gained 100% attendance for Term 2. They have all received a certificate:

The class with the highest attendance in Term 2 was Ruby with 94%

Our recent weekly 100% attendance raffle winners were Thomas Vaudrey, Erin Stevens and Laria Robinson. Cedric has visited Coral, Ruby & Sapphire classes.

Cedric (Come Every Day Ready In Class) bear will also visit the class with the highest weekly attendance.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME CANNOT BE AUTHORISED!**

## DOGS

Just a reminder that dogs are NOT permitted on the school premises. If you bring your dog on your journey to school please would you tie it securely to the perimeter fence away from the entrance as we do have some children with allergies and some who are nervous around dogs. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

## WELLBEING

We returned to school in January with a focus of 4 days of 'Wellbeing for best learning'.

The children spent time thinking of all the things they are grateful for in their lives. They revisited their class charters and focussed to setting goals for the New year ahead.

We love our happy and safe school and our Wellbeing first approach—we hope you do too!

## A BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to say a special thank you to the **Friends PTA of West Rise Community Infant School** for all the good work that they do. It was so lovely that the Friends were able to organise a Mr and Mrs Santa Claus to deliver some Christmas presents to all the children in school at the end of last term.

If you would like to be part of this group, they always welcome new ideas and new faces, the more help they have the bigger and better events they can organise.

To keep up-to-date with all the PTA information please like their Facebook page- [West Rise Infant School PTA \(the one with the school logo\)](#)

## HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

We would like to remind you to ensure your child's packed lunch is as 'healthy' as possible. As a treat you could include items such as a yogurt, raisins, muesli bars or dried fruit. As an occasional treat, a chocolate covered biscuit such as a Penguin or a Breakaway etc. could be included. Please could we ask you NOT to put sweets or chocolates on a daily basis into your child's lunchbox. We would also like to remind parents that NO food/spread containing 'NUTS' should be put into school lunchboxes due to some children in the school having nut allergies. Thank you for working with us.



## SCHOOL CLOSURES

If the school has to close for any reason e.g. due to extreme weather conditions you will be notified by School Ping. Please make sure you have notifications switched on so that you receive messages. Please pop into the office if you have any problems. There will also be messages on the school website, school Facebook page and local radio stations.

## INSET DAY REMINDER

*Monday, 20th April 2020  
Wednesday, 22nd July 2020*