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Dear Parent/Carers and Staff Team

We hope you all have a good half-term break ready for all the activities we have planned when we return to school on Monday 24th February. Please find below a few updates on what's coming up:

1.'One World' Week - w/c Monday 24th February & Nation Themed Mufti Day on Friday 28th February

Thank you for all your responses so far to share and celebrate links your children and families have to other parts of the world for our 'One World' week. Please send in your photos for the 'One World/Country Links' display by email to head@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

During our One World week, the children will be learning about life in another country of the world. Countries of study are: Class 3W - South Africa, Class 3B & Year 5 - India, Year 4 - Nepal and Year 6 - Mexico.

We will be finishing the week with a 'Nation Themed' Mufti Day on Friday 28th February. On this day the children can come into school wearing:

- a costume to do with the country they are studying,
- clothes to reflect the colours of the flag of the country they are studying
- any other mufti clothes with an international link

We are very much looking forward to this new project which will replace a DoubleDay for this term.

2. Pancake Day Fundraiser – Tuesday 25th February

The children are very excited to be taking part in the Pancake Day charity fundraiser on Tuesday 25th February in aid of the Hunter Hospice who help people with dementia. To ensure we have enough pancakes and your child doesn't miss out, the deadline to return the £1 money attached to the consent slip is Monday 24th February.

3. Ash Wednesday Assembly – Wednesday 26th February

On Wednesday 26th February our Church Curate David Preece, and Youth Leaders Anto and Judith, will conduct the Ash Wednesday assembly in school. Those children and staff members who want to can have an ash cross placed on their forehead.

4. Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching for Year 3 & 5 (Monday PMs) and Tennis Coaching for Year 4 (Friday AMs)

We have two coaching opportunities taking place in school after the half-term holiday.

On Monday afternoons until the end of term, Farncombe Cricket Club are running their Chance to Shine cricket coaching with our Year 3s. The Year 5s will then have the coaching after the Easter holiday. On Friday mornings until the middle of May, Priors Field Tennis Academy are running tennis coaching sessions with our year 4s.

Please can you ensure your child has their full PE kit in school at all times, and particularly on these days, so the children can fully access their PE lessons and these additional coaching sessions.











5. Swimming Gala Update – Saturday 7th March

Many thanks for all the entries we have had for the Junior Schools Swimming Gala coming up on Saturday 7th March. Please note the deadline for entries has now passed. As expected, we have a lot of keen swimmers so some of the year groups are over-subscribed. In addition, the organisers have now made the decision to reduce some of the races as unlike BJS other schools have been struggling to get numbers. We will do our best to accommodate as many children as possible but unfortunately there will be some disappointed children. We are hoping to let you know the squad immediately after half-term and those who are unsuccessful will go on the reserve list in case there are any changes.

6. Parenting Puzzle Course – Wednesday afternoons from 26th February to 18th March

Please find attached details of a parenting course taking place at St James School in Elstead on Wednesday afternoons from 26th February to 18th March. The course helps to support parents and carers to enjoy bringing up their children and get the best out of family life. To book a place please contact 01252 703248 or email thehub@st-james-elstead.surrey.sch.uk.

7. Waverley Borough Council Half-Term Xplorer Events

Please also find attached information from Waverley Borough Council about free Xplorer events taking place at half-term in the local area. To find out more information go to www.xplorer.org.uk.

Kind regards

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