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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term! Hopefully we shall have a return of the lovely warmer weather so that the children can enjoy playing outside. Many thanks for so kindly providing an outdoor P.E. kit when requested to do so in an earlier letter. We appreciate that the colder weather then meant that the children tended to stay inside for their lessons, but Premier Sport staff are wanting to go outside again whenever possible – so please resend the outdoor kit. Many thanks!

Parking

Please respect the 'No Parking' cones strategically placed outside the entrance/exit gates! Some of them have actually been run over and destroyed! Please DO NOT drive/park in front of the entrance/exit gates. Many thanks!

Staffing update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Dawn Solomka to the school. She will be covering Miss Swift's class until the end of this academic school year in July. She is a very experienced teacher, with particular interests in creative and outdoor education and we hope she will be very happy with us. Miss Swift remains seriously unwell and we continue to think of her and send her our very best wishes. We will update you about her return to work as soon as we are in a position to do so.

Academisation/School partnerships

As you know, the governing body of the Ormesby Schools considered academisation very seriously and responsibly over the course of the last eighteen months. Both the schools are now judged to be 'Good' by Ofsted and the governing body wants to ensure that they remain so. It is very important that the schools do not become isolated and have the means to collaborate in some way with other settings, so that their provision can consistently be quality assured. Both schools have joined a local network of schools called 'Broad Horizons' and headteachers, senior leaders and subject leaders will meet regularly to discuss and share best practice and to moderate children's work across the curriculum. Our budgets are a significant cause for concern because of the continued fall in pupil numbers and any future partnership, such as joining an academy trust, must be financially viable. Governors will continue to explore all options prudently and with the best interests of all the children at heart. You will be informed, of course, if and when, any decisions or proposals are made.

Red Nose Day

Next Friday, March 15th, is Red Nose Day and children may come to school in clothes of their own choice – with a red nose if they wish! We are asking for a voluntary donation which we shall send to the appeal.



Parents' Evenings

These will take place later in the term. PLEASE NOTE: the date of the second evening has changed due to unforeseen staffing issues and other events. We apologise for any inconvenience and remind you that you are welcome to make an alternative mutually convenient time to see teachers if necessary.

Easter Bonnet Parade

On the last day of the term – 5.4.19 – we will hold our annual Easter Bonnet Parade. Children may come to school in their own clothes, with or without an Easter theme, and, if they wish, enter our Easter Bonnet Parade. There will be three winners in each class for the most creative bonnets! All the children will enjoy an Easter Egg hunt during the day as well.

Diary dates

13.3.19 – School choir to Norfolk County Music Festival – 10.15am

15.3.19 – Red Nose Day

25.3.19 – Archery enrichment day for all pupils

28.3.19 – Parents' Evening – 3.30-6.30pm

3.4.19 – Parents' Evening – 3.30-6.30pm – DATE CHANGE

5.4.19 – Easter Bonnet Parade/Easter Egg Hunt

5.4.19 – School closes for Easter

23.4.19 – School reopens for summer term

Yours sincerely

L. J. bates

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Headteacher