



15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents,

### **Spring Letter 17**

#### **Parent Consultations - Spring Term**

Thank you for returning the parent consultation appointment slips. Over the next few days, the teachers will be sending an email containing a link to meet with you via MS Teams. In the event of this link not working or a technical hitch, the staff will ring Contact 1 immediately to continue with a telephone consultation. All appointments are scheduled to last 10 minutes. If a longer conversation is needed, teachers will arrange to meet with you at a later date.

#### **Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots Celebration Day Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

You may notice the staff looking a little different this Friday...wearing jeans and sporting leather jackets and electric guitars or donning a robot mask! It is for a very good reason as Friday is TT Rock Stars and Numbots celebration day.

What is Times Tables Rock Stars?

In either paper form or online, Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for hundreds of thousands of pupils over the last 8 years in over 14,000 schools - both primary and secondary - worldwide.

What is Numbots?

NumBots is all about every child achieving the "triple win" of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from counting to calculating.

On Friday and throughout the rest of the school year, the staff will be keeping a close eye on the pupils' progress with their basic number skills and times table recall.

The event this Friday is to celebrate the progress made so far and to encourage the pupils to keep going.

#### **Bikeability**

We have booked Bikeability for our Year 5 pupils who, due to COVID restrictions, were unable to complete this cycling proficiency course last year. The date of the course will be Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Our current Year 4 pupils will take their level 1 course on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May. Both of these valuable activities will be funded by our PTA. Many thanks!

Our Year 6 pupils will be completing the Level 6 Bikeability course week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May. This will be funded by our Primary Sport and PE Premium as we believe that cycling safely is an important life-skill and will be increasingly useful as our pupils move to high school and become more independent.



### **Malvern Outdoor Elements**

As part of our wider curriculum offer, pupils in Year 4 are expected to take part in our annual residential to Malvern Hills Outdoor Centre. This year I have booked two consecutive day courses to enable our pupils to gain this valuable experience. If government restrictions continue to be lifted I will endeavour to organise the overnight stay too. We will keep you up dated, as we know more about the roadmap to recovery.

### **PTA End of Term Easter Celebrations**

Our PTA continue to offer valuable support both financially and in devising great ideas to bring the school community together. A PTA Newsletter will be issued soon outlining end of term activities such as Easter Egg Hunts and Easter Bonnet Competitions. More information to follow. Thank you to all parents who help with these PTA events.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Dean'.

Mrs J Dean  
Headteacher