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Dear Parents,

Please find below some updates of events and reminders for the Spring Term.

Recent visitors

Astronomers from Kielder Observatory came to carry out workshops with children in KS1 & 2 to link in with their current topics. The astronomers commented on how impressed they were with the children's knowledge and enthusiasm.

The police came to teach our Reception & KS1 children how to cross roads safely, discuss the role of the police and children even got to try out the police car sirens and lights.

Chinese New Year Lunch

On Thursday 3rd February, the school will be serving a Chinese New Year themed lunch for children wishing to participate. There will be prawn crackers, sweet and sour chicken and rice and a Chinese cupcake and fortune cookie. Vegetarian option available. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to partake in the lunch the cost is £2.20.

Dinner Money

For those parents who pay dinner money using Parentmail you may have noticed some changes in the last weeks. The usual method of paying for a single meal, half termly meals or termly has been replaced with options to pay in multiples of £10. This is the first step to moving towards a more efficient system. It is hoped by half term that parents will be able to keep a running tab on how much they owe for dinners by checking an account balance in Parentmail and see how much they are in credit or debit for school lunches. As not all children have a hot dinner every day and not all half terms have the same number of weeks, the multiples of £10 allow an ongoing system to be maintained using a top up approach. Your patience in this matter is appreciated.

Swimming

Swimming continues during the Spring Term for Year 3-Year 6 children. Any voluntary contributions are welcome.





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Trident Soccer

Ryan would like to pass on a gentle reminder that over half of Trident Soccer participants have yet to pay for their sessions. Please contact Ryan if you have further queries.

Residential trips

A gentle reminder for payment for residential trips:

Kingswood Y3, Y4 and Y5 is £195, payments no later than 8th April please.

London Y6 is £375, payments no later than 18th March please.

If parents would like longer to pay for the trip, please speak to Mrs Fletcher confidentially.

Dates For Diary

Tuesday 8th February

Reception eye tests.

Friday 18th February

Children break up for half term.

