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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break and are ready for the term ahead.

SENDCo

I am delighted to tell you that we successfully appointed a SENDCo earlier this week. Terri Rawlings will join the school after Easter. She will work in school on Mondays and Tuesdays. As soon as she has settled into the role, met the staff and children, we will arrange appointments for the parents of our children with extra needs to come and meet with her.

Ukraine

We have all been shocked by the terrible events happening in the Ukraine. As a school and with the support of our governors, we made the decision not to talk to the children about this in assemblies this week. Attached to this news letter is a PowerPoint presentation from Picture News that you may want to share with your children on an indidual basis. It was made available to staff to share in individal classes if the subject arose.

Mr Robinson, parent of a child in yr1, is travelling to the Ukrainian border at the end of March. He is collecting donations for the children effected by this situation of: waterproofs; winterfootwear; brand new underwear and socks; colouring books and reading books. Donations can be left at the office from Monday.

Parent volunteers

Now that the government has lifted the Covid regulations we are eager for all our parent helpers to return to school. We will be sending out a parent mail form asking if you can help and if so what days you would be available. Since it is more than three months that volunteers we in school, everyone will need to renew their DBS check. We will be organising this over this half term with a view of having all our volunteers back in school by the beginning of the Summer term.

Red Nose Day

This year, Red Nose Day falls on Friday 18th March and we are supporting this important charity event. We will be selling red noses in school and details of payment for these will be sent via parent mail next week. We have only been sent 160 noses so purchases will be limited to one per child. Of course this is a purely voluntary purchase and you may choose to buy noses from supermarkets. Noses purchased via ParentMail well be given to the children on Thursday afternoon ready for Friday. There is no requirement to purchase a red nose for this day.

Science week

The week beginning 14th March is Science week. This years' theme is "Growth" and we will be carrying out related science activities during this time. On Wednesday 16th March we would like to invite you into school to see what the children have been learning. The Walton lane gates will open at 2:30 on this day. We would ask you to leave the classrooms by 3:00pm so we can finish the day and dismiss the children in our usual manner.

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Introducing our Governors



Hi, I'm Hamish and I joined the Board of Governors at the start of February.

My wife, Jane, and I moved to Bosham at the end of 2019 to run a Bed & Breakfast. We worked hard to get everything ready to open in February 2020 and four weeks later we had to close! It's been a rollercoaster couple of years but really enjoyable and we feel so fortunate to be living in such a special part of the world.

Jane is the one who actually runs the B&B, I just do the washing-up and help with maintenance and gardening at the weekend as during the week I am a Director of a wine company. It's not as glamorous as it sound - I mostly deal with supermarkets and other large retailers and so spend my time sending emails and looking at spreadsheets rather than tasting my products!

We moved to Bosham from Mid-Sussex where I had been a Parent Governor of Warden Park Academy in Cuckfield for six years as our three children worked their way through; I am excited learning more about primary education and hope that some of my experience will be useful to BPS.

I have great interest in sport – I am a qualified FA referee and Coach - and am passionate about encouraging all children to reach their full potential through education.

Author Presentation

Mark Stratton, the Author who came into school today, will be reading Toadpig and Georgeous Girl at 3pm on Saturday at the Dogeared bookshop in Bosham Walk. This is a free event and aimed at children in Year 1 to Year 4.

And Finally...

Congratulations to all our Year 5 and 6 cross country runners who competed in the county event in Brighton Yesterday. (Alice, Grace, Bethany, Olive, Orla, Phoebe, Raef Henry, Ollie, Kalab). They all rose to the challenge and enjoyed the event. We are proud of them all. My thanks go to the parents who supported the children throughout this event.



This is Ollie in year 6, He competed in the Sussex County Swimming Championships last Sunday. Impressively, he came second in his 50m freestyle heat and finished ninth overall beating his personal best by 0.36 seconds. Congratulations Ollie; we are proud of you.



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A reminder of letters sent this week

Year 5 STEM letter – consent required on parentmail.

Dates for your diary

Taskforce day: Saturday 12th March

This is being led by Mr Richmond and Mrs Grandy. Details of "jobs" will go out on Monday.

Science open day: Wednesday 16th 2:30pm

Red Nose Day: 18th March

Easter holidays: 11th April – 22nd April

Summer half term: 30th May - 3rd June

INSET: 6th June

Last day of the school year: Thursday 21st July

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

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