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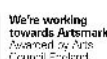
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of all of the events we have running in term 3. I have attached links to letters for more information. Sometimes impromptu events come up within a term but we will try to give you as much notice as possible. *A paper copy can be available in the office if you would like one.*

Term 3 up and coming events:

Term 3	
Monday 8th January 2024	INSET DAY: School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 9th January 2024	Return to school. Cherry and Plum classes have separate start dates. See below.
Wednesday 10th January 2024	Cherry pupils return to school. New pupils have been given their start date individually.
Thursday 11th January 2024	Plum pupils return to school. New pupils have been given their start date individually.
Thursday 11th January 2024	Year 3 Stone Age Day: On Stone Age Day, the children will experience what it was like to live in Stone Age times. The children will get the opportunity to create Stone Age tools, build shelters and whittle sticks. In addition, the children will get to sit around a fire and use this to cook a tasty treat. There will be a letter with more information to follow. The pupils will need to come to school dressed in forest school wear and dressed for the weather. Link to letter - Year 3 Parents: https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2023/12/Year-3-Stone-Age-WOW-Day-at-Dashwood-January-2024.pdf
Monday 15th January 2024	Year 5 Trip to see Matilda at Wykham Park Academy: We have been invited to watch the performance. This will be in school time. Pupils will be walking up to WPA after lunch; we hope to be back for 3.15pm, however it may be more like 3.30pm. We will text parents on the day to keep you updated.
Monday 22nd January 2024	Year 6 Junior Citizens Trip to Oxford - More information to follow in a separate letter.



Tuesday 23rd January 2024	Young Voices - Choir trip for those who have been rehearsing in The Young Voices Choir. Please see the separate letter to confirm movement details for the day.
Thursday 25th January 2024	Parent behaviour Workshop Part 2: De-escalation Strategies. From our staff training on the INSET day, we are going to run a session on 'How to de-escalate a situation when a child is struggling to regulate.' As the workshop was so popular, we will run the session in the hall. Please fill out the google form link to feedback on the previous session but also your input will help us to plan future sessions. https://forms.gle/P82ckG7LXh9ibA836
Friday 26th January 2024	Year 2 Space Centre trip: Please see the letter for more information: https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2023/11/Y2-Space-Museum-Friday-26th-Jan-2024.docx.pdf
Thursday 1st February 2024	Maths Workshop EYFS Parents 9am in the hall: We are going to run a parents session and show you how we teach early maths in school. We will show you the resources we use and even give you some to take away. We will give an overview of expectations and some tips on how you can help at home.
Friday 2nd February 2024	<p>PTFA Disco: Tickets will be available on ParentPay for £3.50 from the 8th January 2024. Please sign up by 4pm on Wednesday 31st January 2024. Please note, parent pay will close at 4pm on this day as we need to ensure we have time to organise the event with the correct numbers. We will not accept any more ticket purchases after this time. We will run two sessions:</p> <p>EYFS and KS1 (Year 1 & 2): 3.15 - 4.15pm Children can bring a party outfit to wear in a named bag and we will take them down to the hall. You do not need to collect them at 3.15pm.</p> <p>Key Stage 2 (Years 3 - 6): 4.30 - 5.30- Children will need to be collected from school at 3.15pm as normal and brought back to school for 4.30pm. They will come through the office; a table will be there for them to be signed in.</p>
Tuesday 6th February 2024	Norbar Visit for a group of year 6 pupils - more details to follow.
Wednesday 7th February 2024	Maths Parents Workshop Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) 9am in the hall: We are going to run a parent session and show you how we teach early maths in school. We will show you the resources we use and even give you some to take away. We will give an overview of expectations and some tips on how you can help at home.
Thursday 8th February 2024	EYFS (Plum and Reception): Bedtime Story event 3.45 - 5.00pm - more details to follow.
Friday 9th February 2024	Dashwood Action Committee: Please let us know of any items you would like to discuss and we can add them to the agenda. These meetings are so useful so please come along - your views are really important to us. Positive changes have been made as a result of these meetings.
Term 4 dates	
Monday 15th April 2024	Term 4 begins

Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March	Parents Evenings: a link will be sent out nearer the time for you to book a consultation.
Friday 29th March	Good Friday Bank Holiday: School Closed for all children