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Message from the Head: We have had a very busy half term so far, with 81 grandparents attending our Grandparents' Day; 43 parents and carers attending our World Book Day Poetry Recital; a visiting theatre company to perform a living book production of *A Twist in Time*; a visit from the STEM Science Ambassadors team to promote excellence and enjoyment in scientific learning across the school; two Laser Quests; two Parent Consultation Evenings and a visit from The Symphonia Academica – not to mention 3 class trips and a special Easter-themed assembly from our local GenR8 team.

There is plenty more to look forward to, with our KS1 and Year 4 trips and our Wyton Marathon in aid of Comic Relief next week and a visit from the Pathfinder Collection on our Book Look evening (Thursday 30th March). We also have a public consultation on our new school building (also on 30th March) and our two end of year concerts on Friday March 31st. And all that on top of our everyday teaching and learning: it will be no surprise if our children are looking forward to a well-earned Easter break!

Please Don't Forget...

- If you join us for one of our school performances / assemblies, we would be grateful if you would stay for the whole performance and not just your child's section. Whilst we understand that everyone is busy, it can be very demoralising when children see their audience leaving part way through.
- Please name all personal items! We have a large amount of lost property, which will be cleared at the end of half term. Y1 lost property is on the washing line in the window, Reception items are hung on the gate and lost property from Years 2-6 can be found in the children's kitchen.
- Please remember to avoid holidays in school term times. See the letters and forms section of our school website for more information on this topic: <http://wytonprimaryschool.org.uk/Newsletters.htm>

A Huge Thank You!

- ... To Mr Tuxworth and Mrs McDermott for giving up their time to support the Laser Quest evenings organised by our Year 6 pupils as part of their fundraising towards their Whitby trip.

Friends of Wyton News & Dates

- Many thanks to our Friends of Wyton for running their Key Stage 1 and 2 discos on Friday 3rd March. Details of funds raised to be confirmed.
- Don't forget our Friends of Wyton **Mother's Day Gift Shop**: during this week leading up to Mothering Sunday, the Friends of Wyton are organising a Mother's Day gift shop for classes, after lunch between 1.30 and 3pm on the following days:
 - Monday 20th March – Johnson Class (Reception)
 - Tuesday 21st March – Nightingale Class (Year 1) & Hillary Class (Year 2)
 - Wednesday 22nd March – Keller Class (Year 3) & Seacole Class (Year 4)
 - Thursday 23rd March – Da Vinci Class (Year 5) & Luther-King Class (Year 6)
- Pupils are invited to choose a Mother's Day Gift with the help of Friends of Wyton members. All gifts £2. Children wishing to take part should please bring £2 in named envelope, which they can hand in to their class teacher on their day.
- **Chocolate Bingo:** Friday 24th March 6pm – 7.30pm (details to follow)

Coming Very Soon...!

- Next Friday we will be holding our Wyton Marathon, with proceeds shared from our run between Comic Relief and our school.
- As part of our Comic Relief fundraising, we are also holding a 'Lolathon': pupils and staff members are invited to tell (appropriate) jokes to their class for a donation of 20p. Classes will vote on jokes told and the winning joke from each class will be told in assembly the following week.
- We will be sending details of our extra-curricular clubs for next term at the end of this week. Unfortunately, the amount of negative attention and additional phone calls / letters our clubs have generated this year, coupled with the sheer number of clubs we have been running has taken up a great deal of our administrative time and we have taken the decision to reduce the number of school run clubs from April so that we can focus on our core purpose of teaching and learning.
- There will still be a number of clubs run by external providers (e.g. Premier Sport) and parents will need to liaise with those providers regarding registration and payment for places. The School Office will only be involved in the administration of externally provided clubs in the event that a club is cancelled at short notice.
- Priority for any clubs run by the school next term will be given to those children who were on the waiting list for clubs this term.
- Please note that wrap around care for families will still be available in the form of our before and after school childcare facilities, in accordance with our statutory duties. We will also signpost parents to local term-time and holiday childcare services, if requested.
- Invitations for parents and carers to join us for a School Dinner this term are yet to be decided. We are reviewing how these have worked over the last two terms and will decide whether or not to continue these in the Summer Term.

Let's Celebrate!

Well done to Daisy & Rhys from Year 2 and Miruna & Darcey from Year 6, who represented us so well at the Cambridgeshire Area Young Artist Competition 2017 (see <http://wytonprimaryschool.org.uk/NewsEvents.htm> for the pictures)

Well done also to those pupils who were chosen to perform with the Symphonia Academica during their visit on Thursday afternoon – you did us proud!

For a full list of this and previous weeks' achievements, please visit our school website <http://wytonprimaryschool.org.uk/HeadteacherAwards.htm>

Attendance

Congratulations to **Keller Class** for having the best attendance so far this term. You are really helping us towards our annual target of 96.4%.

	So far this term
Johnson (Reception)	95.6%
Nightingale (Year 1)	95.4%
Hillary (Year 2)	96.3%
Keller (Year 3)	97.6%
Seacole (Year 4)	96.7%
Da Vinci (Year 5)	97.2%
Luther- King (Year 6)	96.4%
Overall	96.4%

Diary Dates

Please read this section in conjunction with the Key Diary Dates for 2016-17 and any other letters from class teachers and club leaders

Please note that there are 27 school days next half term, therefore the total for parents ordering daily school dinners for next half term is £60.75

Monday 20th March – Thursday 23rd March, Friends of Wyton Mother's Day Gift Shop (£2 per gift) (Gifts will be gift-wrapped to avoid spoiling the surprise!)

Friday 24th March, Wyton Marathon & Red Nose / Sport Relief Day (see separate letter near the time)

Friday 24th March, Friends of Wyton Chocolate Bingo 6 – 7.30pm in the School Hall. All welcome.

Wednesday 29th March – Multiple Intelligences Day for all pupils

- Thursday 30th March 3.15 – 5pm:
- Book Look for parents and carers in classrooms (Year 5 in the Learning Hub)
 - Pathfinder Collection exhibition in our Year 4 classroom (as part of our heritage project)

- Thursday 30th March 3.15 – 7pm:
- Public Consultation on the proposed new school building

Friday 31st March 9.20am and 2.20pm End of term music concerts, in which all classes perform a group piece.

Tuesday 18th April: mandatory staff training day

Wednesday 19th April: Pupils return to school for the Summer Term

Next Full Governing Body Meeting: 22nd March 6pm
We currently have vacancies for School Governors. Please contact our Chair of Governors, Carolyn Daines, via the School Office for details.

Invitations for parents & carers to join us for a school lunch for the remainder of this half term:

Monday 20th February: Year 4, 5 and 6 (please book tomorrow Friday 10th Feb)
 Monday 6th March: Year 3
 Monday 13th March: Year 2
 Monday 20th March: Year 1
 Monday 27th March: Year Reception pupils (adult school lunch =£3.20):

Just a reminder that the Mobile Library Service stops outside the playpark every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3.15pm. If we don't make use of this valuable service, we could lose it altogether!