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**Key dates**

- Monday 31st—Wednesday 2nd—Year 5 Keppleway residential
- Monday 31st—Pre-School and Nursery afternoon craft session
- Tuesday 1st—Pre-School and Nursery morning craft session
- Tuesday 1st—Year 3/4 Football Competition
- Tuesday 1st—Year 3 Nurse visit
- Wednesday 2nd—Bike Confluence for Reception and Year 2
- Thursday 3rd—Work of the Half Term
- Thursday 3rd—Website photos
- Friday 4th—Finish for Easter at 1:30. 11:45 for Nursery and Pre-School
- Monday 7th— Tuesday 22nd—Easter holidays
- Tuesday 22nd—Earth Day
- Wednesday 23rd—Year 5 boys football competition
- Thursday 24th—Swimming begins for Year 4 & 5
- Thursday 24th—Year 5 girls football competition
- Monday 28th—Swimming begins for Year 1, Reception and Year 3
- Tuesday 29th—Year 3/4 Tri Golf competition
- Wednesday 30th—Year 6 boys football competition
- 1st—Year 6 girls football competition
- 1st—Year 3 trip
- 2nd—Year 5/6 Tri Gold competition

Class	Attendance
Nursery (Purple)	97%
Reception (Orange)	98%
Year 1 (Red)	97%
Year 2 (Yellow)	95%
Year 3 (Green)	98%
Year 4 (Pink)	96%
Year 5 (Blue)	94%
Year 6 (Turquoise)	96%
Whole school	95%

Please do contact us by phone if you are reporting any illnesses (01229 828348).

I was an incredibly busy March with so much to celebrate taking place in school. We are now entering that time in the year where the days feel longer and the warm weather is starting to come in. Yay!

**Attendance**

I would like to thank you for the improvements that we have seen in attendance this half term. Children being at school not only helps them academically, but of course helps to build them socially, ensuring our school values, including resilience, are lived and breathed. It has been great to see an improvement in punctuality too, with more children being on time school and therefore not missing key learning time. As always, this will be something we will continue to monitor and offer support with.

**Reading at home**

The importance of reading at home can never be underestimated and the role that you have in promoting that love of reading is crucial. Our school library is almost complete and we cannot wait to help your children to foster a love of reading.

**Social Media**

As per yesterday's dojo message, please be vigilant of your child's use of technology and social media.

**Leaving school**

Please can I ask that parents do not allow their children to climb the grass banking at the side of school on the way out of school. Besides the fact that it must add to your washing pile, it also worries me the fact that children are running in-between cars.

**Mother's Day Coffee Morning**

I would again like to thank all those that could make and support out Mother Day Service. It was great to see our children performing and lovely to provide them with a chance to socialize with you in school. We managed to raise an amazing £415. Thank you to our wonderful PTA and staff for putting the event together.

**Miss Marks**

We are delighted to welcome Miss Marks

back this Friday (4th) following the completion of her maternity leave. Miss Marks will be rejoining the staff as Deputy Head and we are really looking forward to welcoming her back into the team.

**Work of the half term**

A reminder that the work of the half term assembly will take place this Thursday (3rd April). As always, our Reception—Year 2 (with some of Nursery) assembly will take place at 9 a.m. and our Year 3—Year 6 assembly will take place at 2:40 p.m.

**Summer uniform**

After Easter the children can wear the Easter uniform:

Girls may wear a cotton purple and white gingham dress or playsuit (yellow and white for preschool)

Boys may wear tartan or grey shorts.

**Residential payments**

If there are any concerns regarding residential payments, please contact the school office. As a school we are always considerate of price and the expectation from our parents. Please note that every trip in school is supported financially by school.

**Clubs**

A list of summer clubs will be out on Tuesday 22nd, with clubs beginning Monday 28th April. One new club we have to offer is Afterschool dance with EM DANCE & Fitness. This club will be on a separate booking and payment system on ParentPay similar to Karate.

**Easter egg competition**

All years have the opportunity to produce an egg as per tradition. Please can these be in for Thursday (3rd).

**Easter holidays and Easter clubs**

Please note that this term finishes on Friday 4th April at 1:30 p.m. Mrs Herdman will be in contact this week to confirm places both on the school Easter club for the next two weeks and the HAF club for the second week.

Have a wonderful Easter break.

