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What a great first week back we have had with the family breakfast yesterday morning and Oak's Sharing Assembly today! Two wonderful events that showcase some of what is important to us here at school: working together as a community and giving the children opportunities to shine brightly. I was particularly impressed with our oldest children who wrote the assembly themselves - what a great job they did!



I would like to apologise for the confusion caused at drop-off on Thursday morning following the family breakfast. As this is a new initiative, arrangements were not completely clear. The next family breakfast will take place on the 3rd June. Depending on the time, the children may stay outside on the playground for a little while longer than usual whilst those who are still eating finish. It is likely that the members of staff on the gates will ask that you drop your children off there rather than accompany your children onto the playground. This will allow for a smoother start to the day. We will communicate with you nearer the time to remind you of this.

Lunchboxes

If your child has a lunchbox, can I remind you that we aim to be a nut-free school. We are noticing that some children are bringing products containing hazelnuts into school, for example the chocolate filled pancakes. There are children who have severe nut allergies and it is extremely important that products containing nuts are not consumed in school.

In addition, if you are sending grapes into school as part of your child's lunch, please ensure that they are cut in half as they are a choking hazard for children. Many thanks for your anticipated cooperation with both of these matters.

The Loop

Many thanks for your understanding and patience this week whilst we adjust to a new 'normal'. The loop will remain closed to all (apart from blue badge holders) until further notice. Some parents have asked when the cobbles will be fixed and if we have had quotes for the work to be carried out. As previously stated, at present church or school cannot afford for repairs to be carried out on the loop. It is not always possible for the entrance of the loop to be manned and so even if there are no cones, or a member of staff is not present, we ask that it is not used.

Parking Charter

Thank you to those who have already returned the parking charters that were sent home yesterday. Our safety officers (Layla and Esme) have worked hard with Mrs Oakes and Sarah Collins, from the council, to put this together. They will be out on Tuesday morning and again after school encouraging all parents/carers/grandparents etc. to join in with this great initiative which is all about keeping our children, and each other, safe.

School Disco

We are very much looking forward to our next school disco. This takes place next Friday at the slightly different time of 6pm until 8pm. For those with younger children, please do feel free to pick them up earlier if you feel that they will not last until 8pm! Tickets are available to purchase via ParentMail. During the event, there will be the opportunity to buy drinks and snacks, so the children will need to bring some cash with them. They will also be able to pay £1 to have their face painted. When you come to collect your child, we ask that a one-way system is used. Please enter through the Acorns outdoor area to the main entrance of the hall and exit via the fire door. Can we ask for cake donations to be brought into school on Friday morning. Many thanks.

PTA AGM

We would like to give notice of the AGM of the Whitegate PTA to be held on 11th March 2025. The evening will start at 5:30pm with the PTA Annual General Meeting, followed by tea and coffee and a chance to share some ideas. The PTA plays a vital part in the school community, and all parents, as members of the PTA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to be elected or elect others to the PTA committee, showing your support for our new association.

Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member for the first time.

Please see the previous email for all of the necessary details about this event.

World Book Day

Apologies that the date of this event was incorrect on the email that was sent out before half-term. World Book Day is on Thursday next week - the 6th March. This year, we are dressing up as a book character and bringing the book in to school to share with friends. We look forward to seeing everyone's creations.

Dates



Thursday 6th March	All Day	World Book Day
Friday 7th March	9:15am	Hawthorn's Sharing Assembly for parents, carers, friends
Friday 7th March	6pm—8pm	School Disco
Monday 10th March	All Day	Elder's visit to Park Hall Iron Age Roundhouse
Tuesday 11th March	All Day	Birch's visit to Manchester Airport
Thursday 13th March	Afternoon	Hawthorn visiting the Easter Story Trail @ St John's, Hartford
Friday 14th March	9:15am	Elder's Sharing Assembly for parents, carers, friends
Friday 14th March	Afternoon	Oak visiting the Easter Story Trail @ St John's, Hartford
Wednesday 19th March	4pm-7:30pm	Parent Consultation Appointments
Thursday 20th March	Morning	Elder visiting the Easter Story Trail @ St John's, Hartford
Friday 21st March	9:15am	Birch's Sharing Assembly for parents, carers, friends
Monday 24th March	All Day	Acorns visit to Imagine That
Tuesday 25th March	2:30pm - 6pm	Parent Consultation Appointments
Friday 28th March	9:15am	Rowan's Sharing Assembly for parents, carers, friends
Friday 28th March	1:30pm	Y6 Public Speaking Competition
Tuesday 1st April	All Day	Hawthorn's and Rowan's visit to Chester
Friday 4th April	10am	Easter Service in St Mary's
Friday 4th April	3:15pm	Finish for Easter break

Thank you for your continued support

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