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Dear Parents,

I am pleased to tell you that we now have 2 new elected parent governors – Mrs Natalie Brodie and Mr Michael Taylor who will be joining our governing body. I would like to thank them all for standing for election and for parents who took the time to vote.

Parent consultation evenings will take place during the week of 28th March and as usual parents are asked to book an appointment on the school's Gateway system. If you are unsure how to do this then please ask our office staff who will be pleased to advise. Appointments will now be face to face on one day or telephone calls on a different day. This is to try and support our families' needs.

In the coming week we will begin our NFER tests with pupils from years 3,4 and 5. Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will take old SATs papers and Year 1 and 2 pupils will also complete old phonics assessments to help familiarise them with the test format. This helps to inform our view of how well the children are progressing and what else needs to be done to support them. We would respectfully ask that all children are on time for school to start the tests.

I would like to remind parents that we are not able to sanction holidays in term time- especially given all the disruption to children's education this last two years. Our attendance is currently below national expectations due to covid and other illnesses. This means that we must do all that we can to improve. This is something that OFSTED would expect so please do not be offended if you receive a rejection to holiday requests. We would urge all families to ensure that they consult the calendar we have on our website before booking any holidays.

The Easter holidays begin on Monday 11th April and end on Sunday 24th April.

As schools have been given an additional day's holiday this year to take as we wish we will be taking a professional development day on Friday 27th May for the Queen's Jubilee and the following week will be half term so this will give families a full 10 days holiday in total.

Finally I would like to thank our generous and thoughtful pupils and families who recently helped raise £365.25 through our cake sale for the people of Ukraine. It was an excellent response and we would like to congratulate you.

Yours sincerely,

Gerri Howard



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