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Dear Families,

World Book Day was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a wonderful event, and for your support in providing costumes, decorating eggs, and sending in books for the book swap.

Next week we have our Parents' Meetings:

- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: EYFS and KS1**
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March: KS2**

These meetings will take place in the hall, which can be accessed via the library door. A member of staff will be there to monitor entry for parents. Please ensure you have booked your appointment using our online system. If you have any issues, please speak to the office staff who will be happy to help.

During your meeting, your child's teacher will discuss their progress, and you will have the opportunity to look at your child's work. In response to your feedback, teachers will also provide information about how your child is progressing in Religious Education.

You will also receive your child's attendance record, showing their current attendance percentage along with a breakdown of present and absence marks. As I have previously shared, we are working hard as a school to improve attendance. You will also receive information on our attendance expectations and attendance bands.

### Attendance Expectations

- **School starts:** 8:45am
- **Registers close:** 9:15am (after this, a **U code** is issued for unauthorised late)
- **Expected attendance:** 96%+

### Attendance Bands

- **Excellent:** 98–100%
- **Good:** 96–97.9%
- **Cause for Concern:** 92–95.9% (*We will offer advice and support **if appropriate.***)
- **Persistent Absence:** below 90% (*Targeted support and intervention offered*)

If your child's attendance is below 96%, we will look closely at the reasons and **consider whether there is a cause for concern**. We understand that sometimes low attendance is due to reasons beyond your control, such as a period of illness (e.g., chicken pox). Holidays in term time also negatively impact attendance and can reduce your child's percentage below 96%.

As we are not yet at the end of the academic year, there is still time for attendance to improve, especially where earlier absences were for legitimate reasons. We ask that you continue to do all you can to ensure your child attends regularly, and please let us know if you need any support with attendance. Do speak to your child's teacher at parents' evening if you have concerns.

## Staffing Update

Mrs Cookson, our wonderful Deputy Headteacher, will be leaving us at the end of the school year to take up her first headship at a primary school within the Salford Diocese. This is a well-deserved appointment, and her new school is extremely lucky to have her.

We have started the process of recruiting a new Deputy Headteacher and I will update you once the recruitment is complete. Mrs Cookson is currently our SEND Leader and is doing a fantastic job. The governors and I will be considering the allocation of this role for September 2026. Please be assured that our new SEND Leader will receive a thorough handover from Mrs Cookson before she leaves and will be well prepared to continue her excellent work.

Best Wishes

Mrs A.Bell

Headteacher