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Dear Parents/Carers

**Easter** – The children have enjoyed a lovely two days of Easter celebrations, helped by many of you donating crafting materials and giving your time this afternoon. Easter is a celebration of new life and the children have enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and a colouring competition, bonnet making and parading, amongst the more serious learning of the Christian religion about Jesus and the sacrifice he made. Look out for photos on Google Classroom and our school website.

**Attendance** – Congratulations to Night Pirates class which has won the best attendance award for the Spring term. They will be able to choose a Headteacher's reward in the first week back after Easter. They also won the Autumn term reward. I wonder if a different class will win the Summer?

Class	Spring term attendance
Snow Bears	92.5%
Very Hungry Caterpillar	91.4%
Gruffalo	86.7%
Percy the Park Keeper	92.1%
Stardust	89.7%
Paddington Bear	89.8%
Night Pirates	93.1%

Our target for attendance is 94% and over, which you can see we are still not reaching, and quite a long way off for some classes. Hopefully, as we move into the Summer the warmer weather will see off the winter coughs and colds and attendance will improve. Regular school attendance is essential for consistently good progress and we want to do our very best for your children. Mrs. Newcombe is available to support any families who are experiencing difficulties.

**Wrap-around provision** - We have renamed our provision to distinguish this from our other free after school sports and dance clubs, and this wrap-around care provision is now known as "Early Birds" from 8.00 to 8.30am and "Night Owls" from 3.00 to 5.30pm. Spaces are available - please contact Mrs Rigby if you would like to register and book any of these slots.

MHST session for parents - I wrote to you previously to explain that we are now a "**Mental Health Support Team School**" (MHST). We have already started to work with the team to benefit some of the mental health challenges that our children face, and are pleased to say that the team is able to come into school to offer a session to parents to support with concerns you may have in how to help your children. We have arranged an afternoon session from 1-3pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, and will send a booking slip after the Easter holidays. This session will be open to any parents who have concerns or need reassurance; the team will be ready and willing to support with guidance, strategies and signposting.



**Reminder: ‘The Big Bridgwater Spring Clean’** will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Bridgwater Town Council will be taking part in Keep Britain Tidy’s national initiative, ‘The Big Spring Clean’. In the Hamp area, litter pickers will gather at the Recreation Community Hub at 10.00am and they will pick up litter for two hours before returning to the Rec for free refreshments. Certificates will be given to all children who take part.

**Please keep checking for headlice over the holidays. It would be fantastic if we could start the Summer term “nit free”!**

**Holidays** - School and nursery closes today for the Easter break today and reopens at 8.30am on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** (the day after Easter Monday). Our first week back is a **“Food and Farming Theme Week”** – Please see more details in the Spring term newsletter.

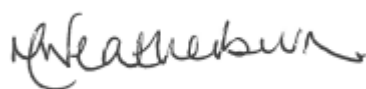
Finally, **staffing news**. We wish Miss Allen and Miss Brock all the best of luck as they move on from us to new adventures.

After Easter, we welcome Mrs. Ingram into our Nursery provision and Mrs. Vassiliou and Miss Asare into school. This means a few unavoidable changes in our Nursery and class staffing structure in order to ensure we provide the best provision we can, hopefully there will be no other changes this year and we can keep this consistent for the children.

Class / Nursery room	Teacher/supervisor	TA/Nursery practitioners
<b><u>Snow Bears</u></b>	Miss Carter White Mrs. Hall	Miss Balmforth Miss Weatherburn
<b><u>Very Hungry Caterpillar</u></b>	Mrs. Williams	Mrs. Carter* Miss Asare
<b><u>Gruffalo</u></b>	Mrs. Huxley Mrs. Clements	Mrs. Criddle Miss John/Mrs. Wass*
<b><u>Percy the Park Keeper</u></b>	Mrs. Burrows	Miss Pettitt
<b><u>Stardust</u></b>	Mrs. Vassiliou Mrs. Beresford	Miss Baker Miss Goffe Mrs. Bentley*
<b><u>Paddington Bear</u></b>	Mrs. Gardener	Miss Kitchker Miss Chilcott
<b><u>Night Pirates</u></b>	Mrs. Foord Mrs. Gentile	Miss Elliott
Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Wass work across several classes to cover teachers PPA and SLT responsibilities.		
<b><u>Jack and Jill</u></b>	Miss Miller – Nursery manager	Mrs. Hake Mrs. Savage Miss Cole
<b><u>Five Little Ducks</u></b>	Mrs. Haste	Mrs. Baker Miss Ellis
<b><u>Humpty Dumpty</u></b>	Mrs. Ingram	Miss Cloke

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or need any further support.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher