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Dear Families,

Welcome back to school after the half term break and I hope you had a wonderful time with your families. The children in years 1-6 have been busy testing all their knowledge this week and I am all delighted with how hard they have been working. These tests will allow teachers to measure progress and set targets for your child.

At St Mary's, we believe good attendance and punctuality is vital for children to access all the rich and varied opportunities available to them. Therefore, holidays should not be taken during term time:

The Department for Education regulations state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Likewise, gates open at 8.30 and school at 8.40am. Staff have to close gates at 8.50am promptly, so please make sure your child is in school by this time.

As I have already said, parents evening will be Thursday March 7th however, meetings may take place at other times throughout this week and a virtual option will be available if this is more convenient. Booking for this will be sent out early next week and will close on Tuesday 5th March. Please ensure you have booked by this date as we will be unable to reopen to book late appointments.

As a reminder, staff have asked, if you have any spare socks, tights or underclothes that you no longer need we would be very grateful for them, especially lower down the school. If you could either hand these to the class teacher or to the office we would be extremely grateful.

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. On this day we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or to wear their pyjamas. There will be fun activities in classes and the poet Ian Bland will be revisiting St Marys on the 14th March to work with the whole school. Children will have the opportunity to buy signed copies of his books and information will be sent out nearer the time.

As you all know we are a, 'School street' (this has now been made a permanent Traffic Order) and we are incredibly proud of this status with only one other Stockport school having this in place. However, there are a number of cars still using Broomfield Drive. I again ask for you to park and stride both before and after school. Zig Zags and school markings should not be parked on at any time and Council parking enforcement are also monitoring this.

Staff have updated the class pages on the website so please ensure you check this for up to date information and our curriculum maps for what your child will be learning this half term. On each class page staff have also included their long-term plan for the academic year.

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Dates for your diary:

Monday 26 th February	Jewish workshop year 1 and 3
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (£1 book token is being sent home with the children today)
Thursday 14 th March	Ian Bland poet in school
Friday 15 th March	Non-uniform Day Red Nose Day 'Wear red' £1 donation
Tuesday 26 th March	Easter parent's morning 9-10am (parents welcomed into school)
Thursday 28 th March	Children finish for the Easter holidays
Monday 15 th April	Inset day, school closed to children
Tuesday 16 th April	School reopens to children

If you have any questions or concerns regarding anything written in this letter please come and speak to me or your child's class teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend with the warmest wishes,

Mrs Faryniarz