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Dear Parent/ Carer

We continue to work really hard each day to ensure that the school moves forward with the Ofsted Action Plan and regular visitors to the school recognise the improvements that are being made.

#### Handwriting

In a further effort to improve the school, we are adopting a cursive handwriting style. This will be through 'Letter- join', which is a resource that can be used from Reception through to Year 6 in order to develop this handwriting style. Information regarding this will be available on the website after half-term, so that you can see the way in which your child is being taught to form each letter.

#### TD Days

We have two remaining TD days for this academic year, as the one in November was an extra DBAT date. It is vital that the school focus on continually developing the provision we offer and with this in mind, we intend to focus on phonic knowledge and reading. So our fourth TD day will be on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** and then we will need to hold our fifth TD day on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**.

#### Term Dates for next Academic Year.

We will be following the term dates issued by Swindon Borough Council for the academic year 2020 - 2021. They can be found on the following link and will shortly be available on our website.

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/downloads/file/4200/swindon\\_schools\\_term\\_and\\_holiday\\_dates\\_2020-21](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/downloads/file/4200/swindon_schools_term_and_holiday_dates_2020-21)

#### TD Days for Academic Year 20-21

I am also in a position to provide you with dates for two of the TD Days for the next academic year. Our first TD Day will be on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2020** and the second will be on **2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**.

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### Medicines - administering in school

Unfortunately we are not able to administer medicine in school unless a Health Care Plan has been agreed with parents, the school nurse and the school. This is for medication that needs to be taken over a longer term. If your child needs medicine within school hours for a short period of time, it is the parent's responsibility to visit the school at the times needed, in order to administer the medication.

### Travel to and from school events

It is really important to us that the children have opportunities to join in with educational and sporting events held at other schools and venues.

In order to transport the children to these events, the school has to hire a coach. We ensure that we find the best rates available but this does mean that there will be a small charge for transport each time your child is involved, in order for us to continue our involvement. We are lucky that Highworth Warneford support us in transportation for smaller groups where possible, via their minibus. In this instance there will be no charge.

### After School Events

On a similar theme, we are really keen to involve the children in competitions with other schools, for example, football and netball matches. Unfortunately school is not in a position to arrange transport to and from the events.

### Holocaust Memorial Day

All Swindon schools had been requested to mark this day in school and we chose to make this the focus of our worship on 27<sup>th</sup> January, linking the event with our value of Respect, this term.

### Open Afternoon

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our open afternoon, I know that the children really enjoy this opportunity to share their learning with you.

### Vacancies

We have two MDSA posts available at present. Please collect an application form from the school office if you are interested in working with us. This will be from 12.00-1.00pm Monday to Thursday and 11.20am - 12.20pm on a Friday.

### Safer Internet Day

This will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and school will be ensuring that all classes throughout this week will be focusing on safe use of the internet.

### Voice in a Million

I am also pleased to share with you that on 17<sup>th</sup> March the choir will be representing the school in the Voice in a Million School Concert, at Wembley Stadium.

Yours Sincerely  
Mrs Warburton