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Dear Parents, Grandparents and carers,

Happy New Year! Our Spring Term has got off to a really promising start, with children eagerly engaging in a wealth of learning and looking forward to a number of enrichment opportunities. We started the term with a whole school creative day, using six well known poems to inspire art. Last week, we were visited by the ever popular Oliver Naylor from Steps in Time, who presented a Romans play to Hampton and Fairlawne Class. Hampton Class will now learn more about the Romans through research and hands-on learning. Next week, year 5/6 will visit the Farmers' Market and The Chaser where a delicious breakfast will be cooked and enjoyed, and swiftly following this is our much anticipated choir trip to the Young Voices concert at the O2.

All clubs start this week, and we hope that your child enjoys taking part in their chosen sessions. Many apologies again for the cancellation of Football Club – this is something that we will endeavour to have in place in the near future. May I remind you that prompt collection at the end of a club is much appreciated, particularly whilst the cold, darker weather is with us. May I also remind you that should we need to close the school due to poor weather conditions, then we will update the Kent closures website and our own website as soon as the decision has been made.

Our next PTA meeting is at 9am this Thursday in the hall. You are all welcome to join us as we begin to plan future fundraising events. Our recent Christmas Party and Film Night were a great success; thank you to all of you who were involved.

Finally, today we welcomed in to school two final year student teachers from Christ Church University in Canterbury. The students will be with us until Easter: Miss Nina Francis in Tinley and Miss Olivia Theobald in Hampton. Both students will be closely mentored by me and liaise directly with their class teachers as they plan and deliver both group sessions and whole class lessons. In the past, we have gained hugely from student teachers who always add a wealth of expertise to our already strong staff team.

Should you have any questions, as always please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs T. Daters

Interim Headteacher

Term 3:**Composers of the Term - Edward Elgar and Rachel Portman****Creative Focus - Art inspired by Poetry**

Year 5 / 6 pre-visit to Farmers' Market – Thursday 17th January

Fire Safety visit – Monday 21st January

Year 5 / 6 to Farmers Market and The Chaser for a cooked breakfast – Thursday 24th January

Choir at the O2 – Thursday 31st January (10.30am start on Friday for choir if required)

Whole School Outdoor Day – Friday 1st February OLD WARM CLOTHES AND FOOTWEAR REQUIRED

Versatility Netball Tournament at Kent College by invite – Saturday 9th February from 8.30am to 12.30pm

Whole School Skipping Workshop – Friday 15th February

Last day of term – 15th February

Term 4:**Composers of the Term – Henry Purcell and Mylene Klass**

First day of term – Monday 25th February

DT week – Monday 25th January to Friday 29th January

Whole School Ten Pieces Music Day – Friday 1st March

Fairlawne trip to Tonbridge Castle and Parish Church – Tuesday 12th March

Fairlawne trip to Carrotty Wood: Orienteering – Friday 29th March

Parent Consultation Meetings – Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April

Easter Egg Hunt – Thursday 4th April

Last day of term and Easter Service at St Giles's – Friday 5th April at 1.30pm

Hampton Class Trip to a Garden Centre TBC

Tinley Class Space Day TBC

Advance Notice:

Year 6 SATS testing week – 13th May to 16th May

Year 2 SATs assessment week 20th May (provisional)

Year 1 Phonics Screening – week beginning 10th June