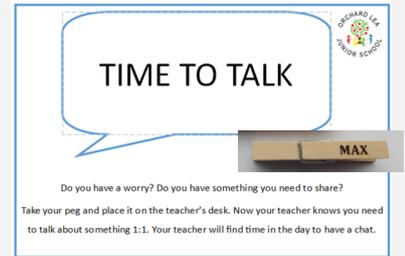


# Notices and Dates for Your Diaries—Friday 3rd February

## Spotlight on... Assembly

This weeks assembly theme was linked to children's mental health week which is next week. We discussed the importance of feeling connected to those people around us. This could be in the form of a smile, a wave or a conversation. This built on from our assembly the previous week where we explored the impact of unkind behaviour and how important it is to confide in a trusted adult. 'Time to talk' pegs were introduced as a way of every child being able to request time to talk with the teacher about something, be that a worry or something positive. Pleasingly, children have already started using this peg system.



## Holiday Requests

We appreciate that holidays with family are precious but when requests are submitted for holiday during term time I am unable to authorise them. The Education Regulations 2016 state that Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The fundamental principles for defining *exceptional* are; rare, significant or unavoidable, which means the event could not reasonably be scheduled at another time. Circumstances vary from school to school and family to family so each request is dealt with on an individual basis. There is, however, no legal entitlement for time off during school term time to go on holiday and in the majority of cases holiday will not be authorised.

In term-time, if leave is taken without prior permission from the school, the absence will be unauthorised and if the number of sessions absent meets the thresholds set down in Hampshire County Council's *Code of conduct*, parents/carers will be issued with a fixed-penalty fine or other legal action in

## School Dates

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February – February Half Term

Tuesday 21st February—Pancake Day

Tuesday 28th March– Parents Evening

Wednesday 29th March– Parents Evening

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April- INSET (School closed to pupils)

Monday 29th May –Friday 2nd June - May Half Term

Monday 19th June - INSET (School closed to pupils)

Friday 21st July - Last day of school



### Year 3

No Key Information

### Year 4

On Wednesday 22nd February at 2:30pm, parents/carers are invited to take part in timestable activities with their children in Year 4 and to discuss the statutory multiplication check, which will be taking place in June.

We are thrilled to be able to invite parents/carers to our Y4 music concert on Thursday 23rd March between 2:15 – 3:00.

### Year 5

Monday 27th March—Year 5 Winchester Science Museum

### Year 6

Thank-you to all adults at home for supporting with SATs homework and ensuring it is completed on time. This will really help prepare your child for secondary school.