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Spring 2 Events for Your Diary

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope our families and staff had a wonderful half term break and are looking forward to the Spring 2 Term. Thank you to everyone who supported our events, activities and opportunities last half term, please do get in touch if you feel that you would be interested in supporting any of the items listed below.

As always remember to regularly check the school website www.devonshirehill.com and your ParentMail notifications for updates.

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY | Spring 2 First Day - Welcome Back!

Below are a few reminders as we begin the new term...

Punctuality - The gates open at 8:45am, the school day begins at 8:55am. Breakfast club is available to those requiring an earlier start. The school day ends at 3:15pm after school clubs are available to those requiring a later finish time. For more information about our clubs visit: www.devonshirehill.com/parents/after-school-clubs/

Pencil Cases - Children in Year 4 to Year 6 only should be bringing to school a well equipped pencil case which includes: HB Pencil, Pencil sharpener, Eraser, Ruler (small 15cm), Glue Stick, Coloured Pencils (at least 4 colours including red and blue). Any items which are not on this list should be left at home.

Lost Property - as the weather starts to warm up we may see an increase in the amount of misplaced jumpers. Please ensure that your child's name is in all of their belongings to avoid items getting lost.

Uniform/Forest School/PE Kit - Children should wear suitable clothing for their daily timetable and for the current colder weather conditions. Please remind yourself of your child's timetable by visiting the school website: www.devonshirehill.com/about-us/the-school-day/.

School Meals Menu - The Spring Term menu, including a number of exciting event menus can be accessed here: www.devonshirehill.com/parents/school-meals/.

Open Day Tours - We will continue to hold daily open day tours for prospective families to come and visit our school. If you have family or friends that might be interested in joining our school please encourage them to come along to meet our staff and have a tour.

Parent/Carer Volunteers - If you are available to support any of the events outlined below please make contact with your class teacher or with a member of staff at the Main Office. Volunteering could include helping out behind the scenes - i.e. putting up decorations, creating hampers for our raffles, organising the library etc or attending an activity in class, event or trip in order to support the staff and children.



Call for Jolly Jar Donations | all families, N, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Following the success of last year's Jolly Jar FUNdraiser, we are asking for donations once again. Simply collect, wash and decorate your used jars, fill them with goodies; stationary, sweets, accessories, anything that will fit inside and then donate them to the Office for the raffle table. Tickets will be available from Friday 1 March to Friday 15 March (10am).

All funds raised will be distributed equally between Comic Relief and Devonshire Hill.



MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY



Celebration Assembly - Y4 & Y5 | Every Monday | [parents/carers invited - 9.05am](#)

Families are invited to our weekly Celebration Assembly to help us acknowledge the children's success. Awards will include curriculum and Anchor achievements, star awards, reading awards, attendance and the winning house.

Join us from **9.05am** every Monday. Note the final assembly of the term will be a special Home Learning celebration



COMPETITION Tottenham Hotspur: Spurs Short Story Competition | [CALLING Y5 CHILDREN](#) Entries by morning registration on [Monday 26 February](#)

Children in Onyx and Quartz Class are encouraged to write a short story for the 'Spurs Short Story' competition. Write a short story with a Tottenham Hotspur twist. How will you include THFC in your short story? Each class will choose their favourite entry to share with author and competition judge Dan Freedman. The prize has a THFC theme of course!

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY



Stay & Read Sessions | Every Friday | [Nursery parents/carers](#)

Nursery families are invited to our weekly stay and read session.

Join us for up to 30 minutes from **8.55am** or **2.45pm** every Friday. Share a good book with your child and support them to develop a positive love of reading.

Have even more time to spare? Why not volunteer in our fantastic new library. There are lots of books to keep organised. Extra book loving hands are always welcome to help.



Celebration Assembly - Y1, Y2, Y3 | Every Friday | [parents/carers invited - 9.05am](#)

Families are invited to our weekly Celebration Assembly to help us acknowledge the children's success. Awards will include curriculum and Anchor achievements, star awards, reading awards, attendance and the winning house.

Join us from **9.05am** every Friday. Note the final assembly of the term will be a special Home Learning celebration



Tottenham University Michael Rosen Q&A event | [Selected Y4/Y5 Children](#)

Year 4 and 5 children participating in the Tottenham University Programme will attend a special talk by children's author and poet Michael Rosen at St Francis School. During the event there will be a question and answer session and some photo opportunities. Why not bring along your favourite Michael Rosen book and see if you can get an autograph. Find out more about Michael Rosen at: www.michaelrosen.co.uk/about/

Note children will be required to wear full school uniform, including black school shoes and a waterproof coat for this event. They will return to school in time for lunch.

MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY



IntoUniversity Workshop in school | [Coral Class](#)

Children in Coral class will attend an educational workshop by IntoUniversity. IntoUniversity offers an innovative programme that supports young people to consider their future and develop an awareness of their long term educational goals, including further and higher education, employment and work-based training.



COMPETITION Tottenham Hotspur: Spurs Short Story Competition - Shortlisting | Y5

Entries to your class teacher by morning registration

Children in Year 5 will vote for their favourite two short stories from the Spurs Short Story competition. The two selected entries will be sent to Tottenham Hotspur for the competition final. Author Dan Freedman will decide on the overall winning entry from a total of three Haringey Schools.

Tuesday 27 FEBRUARY



IntoUniversity Workshop in school | Amber Class

Children in Amber class will attend an educational workshop by IntoUniversity. IntoUniversity offers an innovative programme that supports young people to consider their future and develop an awareness of their long term educational goals, including further and higher education, employment and work-based training.

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY



Diamond Class Assembly | parents/carers invited 11.45am

Year 2 families are invited to attend a special Diamond Class assembly.

Join us for a short performance where the children will share their most recent learning.

THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY



Onyx Class Assembly | parents/carers invited 12pm

Year 5 families are invited to attend a special Onyx Class assembly.

Join us for a short performance where the children will share their most recent learning.

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

Jolly Jar Raffle - purchase your 'e-ticket' in the ParentMail Shop from 10am - 5 entries for £2

In line with our eco schools ethos and to support efficient sales, we will use an electronic system which enters your name into the draw and therefore you will not receive a physical ticket.



Call for Easter Treat Donations | Whole School | 'E-tickets' available from Friday 15 March.

All families are encouraged to make a donation for The Big Easter Raffle Table. Last year we had a fantastic contribution from so many families and the prize hampers were incredible. Please bring your donations to the Office for our raffle table or directly to your class teacher. The more donations we have the more prizes we can give.

If you are a parent/carer who would be able to offer your time to support with decorating the raffle table or creating some amazing hampers please let us know!

THURSDAY 7 MARCH



World Book Day | Whole School | £2 Donation

Children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for a donation of £2 this World Book Day. We will take part in a number of exciting activities including a book character parade, best homemade outfit award, a special themed lunch and free book tokens!

All funds raised will go towards new resources for our fantastic new library.

FRIDAY 8 MARCH



Tottenham Hotspur Short Story Competition Final & Stadium Tour | Y5

Children in Year 5 will attend a special event celebrating the Spurs Short Story competition. The day will include THFC stadium tour, question and answer session with author Dan Freedman and an award and prize giving ceremony.

Note children will be required to wear full school uniform, including black school shoes and a waterproof coat for this event. They will require a packed lunch at the event.

MONDAY 11 MARCH



IntoUniversity Workshop | IntoUniversity Haringey North Education Centre | Y5

Children in Onyx and Quartz Class will attend a special Into University Workshop all about 'What is University'. Each class will take part in half a day of activities aimed at introducing 'Higher Education' opportunities.

Note children will be required to wear full school uniform, including black school shoes and a waterproof coat for this event. They will have lunch at school as usual.

THURSDAY 14 MARCH



RI Live Science Show - Super Cells | R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 - Families invited 2-3pm £2 donation

The Royal Institute of Science will join us to put on a series of exciting live science shows for children in Reception to Year 6, our families and the local community to enjoy. Note that Nursery children are welcome to attend with a parent/carer. As this show is available to the local community it is strongly recommended that you book your FREE ticket using the following link: <https://forms.gle/z7AoF1JrUYw876ci7> spaces will be offered on a first come first served basis. We suggest a donation of £2 per person - payable on the day for family members or in the ParentMail Shop for your child's attendance during the day.

FRIDAY 15 MARCH

The Big Easter Raffle - purchase your 'e-ticket' in the ParentMail Shop from 12pm - 5 entries for £2

In line with our eco schools ethos and to support efficient sales, we will use an electronic system which enters your name into the draw and therefore you will not receive a physical ticket.



Red Nose Day Jolly Jar Raffle | 5 entries for £2

Donations and entries for The Jolly Jar Raffle FUNdraiser must be complete by 10am on Friday 15 March.

Prize winners will be announced throughout the school day.
All funds raised will be distributed equally between Comic Relief and Devonshire Hill.



Home Learning Projects due | Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

All children must bring at least one completed home learning project to school on this day. During the Spring Term stars will be awarded for incredible home learning efforts. A printed copy of your child's Home Learning Passports will be sent home during the first week back, they are also available on the school website:

www.devonshirehill.com/our-learning/home-learning/

Parents/Carers are invited to attend the relevant Home Learning Assembly:

Y4, Y5

Monday 18 March at 9.05am

Y1, Y2, Y3

Friday 22 March at 9.05am

Y6 will celebrate in class due to SATs preparations)

Please note that as of next term (Summer 1 Term) children in Reception will also receive a Home Learning Passport as part of their transitions to Celebration Assemblies and Year 1.

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH



Crystal Class Assembly | Y1, Y2 & Crystal parents/carers invited 11.45am

Crystal Class families are invited to attend a special assembly.

Join us for a short performance where the children will share their most recent learning.

THURSDAY 21 MARCH



Quartz Class Assembly | Y3, Y4 & Quartz Class parents/carers invited 12pm

Quartz Class families are invited to attend a special assembly.

Join us for a short performance where the children will share their most recent learning.

Thursday 28 MARCH - Last Day of Term School will finish at 3.15pm unless you have an after school club



Lost Property & Happy School Bag Collection | **Whole School**

All lost property must be collected before the end of today. Any items which have not been collected on the last day of term will be disposed of or donated over the Easter Break. Please remember to collect your good quality unwanted clothing for our Happy School Bag Collection over the half term break. Final collection will be on Friday 19th April. Collections open once you have received a Happy School collection bag.

Important Dates ahead of Spring 2

**FRIDAY 29 MARCH
& MONDAY 1 APRIL**

Bank Holiday - School Closed

**MONDAY 1 APRIL -
FRIDAY 12 APRIL**

Easter Holiday - School Closed

MONDAY 15 APRIL

Summer 1 First Day Back
Pendarren residential trip Day 1
100% Attendance Assembly

FRIDAY 19 APRIL

Pendarren attendees return
100% Attendance Assembly
Inflatable Obstacle Course for children with 100% Attendance and in Winning House

MONDAY 9 MAY

Bank Holiday - School Closed

FRIDAY 10 MAY

Class Photo Day

**MONDAY 13 MAY -
THURSDAY 16 MAY**

Year 6 SATs exams - No Celebration Assembly this week

MONDAY 20 MAY

Charlie's (school dog) Birthday Celebrations

We are very excited for the events of Spring 2 Term and look forward to updating you in our next newsletter.

Yours sincerely,
Julie D'Abreu | Headteacher