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School 9 Newsletter

Dear parents,

Russian Government Holidays
Please be aware that the school will be closed on the following days due to Russian Government Holidays:

- Thursday 8th March and Friday 9th March.

Baker Books
Baker Book magazines and order forms have recently been sent out. If you would like to order any books via Baker Books for your child, please submit the order form to the secretary by the 9th February.

Year 3 Sharing Assembly
Year 3 teachers, Mr Rafton and Miss MacMaster, would like to invite Year 3 parents to the Year 3 sharing assembly on Friday 9th February at 14:30.

Maslenitsa
We will be celebrating Maslenitsa on Friday 16th February. As part of the day's celebrations we will be having a sharing snack in the afternoon. This will involve children being in classes and sharing party food and the traditional блины (pancakes). The school catering company will be providing pancakes, but we would be grateful if you could send in some party food or some toppings for the pancakes for the class to share. Many thanks.

Book Week – Extreme Reading!
Monday 26th February - Friday 2nd March, we will be celebrating Book week.

An optional homework task and competition during the half-term holiday, and book week itself, will be for the children to arrange to have a photograph of themselves reading taken in an unusual place or different position (e.g. whilst doing a handstand, skiing down a mountain). All entries will be **judged on Thursday 1st March** with the winner for each year group announced the following day. Simply email or hand your class teacher the photograph by that day.

Friday 2nd March
On Friday 2nd March we invite children to bring along or come in dressed as a book character for a parade in the School 9 hall. **Parents are welcome to come and celebrate with us and view the vast array of different costumes. The parade will be at 14:30 for all year groups.**

Cambridge Tests Book Fair – KS2
On Monday 5th March, there will be a book fair after school in School 9 for parents to purchase any necessary Cambridge books. KS2 pupils have been submitted to sit these optional tests based upon pre-test scores (all children have recently sat these pre-tests) - children need to have reached a certain level of English in order to be ready to sit the optional Cambridge tests in April. Information about pupils sitting tests in April has already been sent to relevant parents. Further information about Cambridge tests can be found at http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams/young-learners-english/.

Talent Show Auditions – Wednesday 7th March

The format of the talent show will be similar to last year. Children from Y1 to Y6 will be given the chance to audition on the 7th March. Children interested in auditioning will need to sign up on the poster in the Music room. The competitors will audition to a small panel during the 7th March. **During the audition phase, only children will be required – no parents will be attending.**

Every child taking part, during the audition day, will receive a warm congratulation and certificate to celebrate their participation.

After the auditions, some children will be chosen to take part in the grand final - the successful acts will perform to the school on the 4th April.

Parents of children competing on the 4th April will be invited in to school.

Important Dates	**Event**	**Audience**
9 Feb	Year 3 Sharing Assembly	Y3 Parents
16 Feb	Maslenitsa	
16 Feb	Last day of half term	
26 Feb	Pupils return and beginning of book week	
2 March	Book week parade	Parents
5 March	Cambridge Tests Book Fair	Cambridge Test Pupils
7 March	Talent Show Auditions	Pupils auditioning
8-9 March	Government holidays	Everyone
16 March	Year 5 Sharing Assembly	Y5 Parents
19 March	Assessment week	All Pupils
26-29 March	Parent Teacher Meetings	All Parents
30 March	Year 4 Sharing Assembly	Y4 Parents