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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you had a peaceful and relaxing half-term week. We are all looking forward to the second half of the academic year. It was wonderful to see such sunshine on Wednesday. Spring is on the way!

Parent/Teacher Consultation Sessions: Thank you for signing up for the parent/teacher consultation sessions this week. Today you will receive your child's mid-year report and at the consultation session you will be able to explore how your child is progressing in relation to the standards expected, celebrate achievements and clarify what he/she needs to focus on in order to improve. Your child is welcome to attend the meeting with you and you will also be able to view your child's books at the session.

World Book Day: We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. The charity which organises the event has a mission to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's futures success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. At Mandeville, we aim to help every child develop a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.

Parents, carers, siblings and friends spending just 10 minutes a day reading with children can help to create readers for life. Please see the following links, which contains lots of practical ideas:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/>

We hope that our famous vocabulary parade, and other activities the children take part in, will help to promote reading for pleasure on World Book Day, and all-year round.

Attendance: As you will be aware, where parents/carers decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school. This is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, progress, wellbeing, friendships and wider life chances.

At Mandeville, we set an individual pupil attendance target of 96%. If we have concerns surrounding your child's attendance, we will contact you to explore how we can work in partnership to support, liaising with the Hertfordshire Local Authority Attendance Officer as needed. Thank you for your support with this.

Nursery Application Deadline: Please be aware that the deadline for application to Nursery is Friday 6th March. Parents/carers will need to make an application by the closing date to ensure their application is considered on time. Parents should apply online at: <http://www.mandeville221.herts.sch.uk/admissions>

Thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
Headteacher

