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Dear parents/carers,

That's another half term done! You can tell we have worked the children hard as they are all tired this week and so deserve a nice week off to have family time. They have all done really well this half term, their work really is progressing well.

We bring good news; Mrs Ainsworth is having a baby and will be going on maternity late June/early July. Congratulations Mrs Ainsworth.

We have been working on our 'Church Vale Charter' this half term and have devised a set of rules and expectations that we will be holding the children, staff and community to. We will send parent copies home next term when we have launched this with the children. This is an attempt to create rules in school that also include our school values and British values too. Any child can receive a certificate for demonstrating one of our promises from our charter. Watch this space!

We are participating in World book day again next half term on the 6th March (if you have lost your list of dates don't forget they are all on the website). You do not have to dress up if you do not want to participation is totally voluntary.

Our Easter competition this year is for a decorated egg – this is definitely our favourite competition, and our parents certainly make some amazing creations. All entries in for the 4th April- there will be a flyer next term with some examples and more details.

Look out for parents evening letter going out the first week back after the holidays the appointments will be week beginning 3rd March. Work can be looked at this term and we look forward to seeing all of you.

Just a few reminders:

Children can wear no uniform on their birthday day if it falls on an actual school day.

Treats can be brought in if you want to but is not compulsory but please make sure it is shop bought so we can see ingredients.

Earrings cannot be worn for PE and cannot be covered by a plaster so please make sure your child can take their own out and put back in or leave at home on PE day. We take no responsibility for lost earrings.

Parking is turning into a nightmare again. The zigzags and double yellow lines are there for a reason so please park responsibly and watch when you are reversing off the grass, please.

PE kits will get sent home today and need to come back after the holidays. White tops and black bottoms and change of footwear if your child likes to wear trainers for school.

We have had to tighten up on bookings and cancellation for our homework club. So, if you have to cancel on the same day, after 12 midday, then you will get charged as we have had to ensure staffing is in ratio.

Breakfast club is always busy so please make sure you book and bring your child up to the door in case there are any issues, and we can't open eg, no water.

Could you all also ensure you are on the Scholarpack parents App, we will not be using the previous messaging service from April.

Lastly, I know it is annoying that we are on your case about attendance, believe us when I say it is every school in the country following on from the governments drive to improve it. We do need to see evidence for appointments and will not be able to authorise full days for doctors, dentist or opticians and please where possible book outside school hours (I know this can be a nightmare!). If not book as early as you can or as late as you can in the day so they get at least 1 mark. And just a reminder that if you do not tell us or provide evidence then it will go down as unauthorised, and this can lead to enforcement action.

The parents' coffee morning runs every Thursday if you would like to join in you are more than welcome. They do work towards the school fundraising whilst having a chat and a drink. This is in the mobile classroom starts at 9.00 after drop off and last about an hour.

Have a wonderful half term. I hope the weather cheers up and you can get out and about and have some fun as a family. Keep reading! It's the key success in life and we will see you on Monday 24th February at 8.45- don't be late!

Mrs Yardley and the Church Vale team.

