

# Important Dates & Holidays

## February

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Half Term

Non-uniform Day Children's Mental Health

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Return to school & Road Safety Week

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Booster classes

## March

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – School Nurse Drop in at 9.00am

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – World Book Day

## April

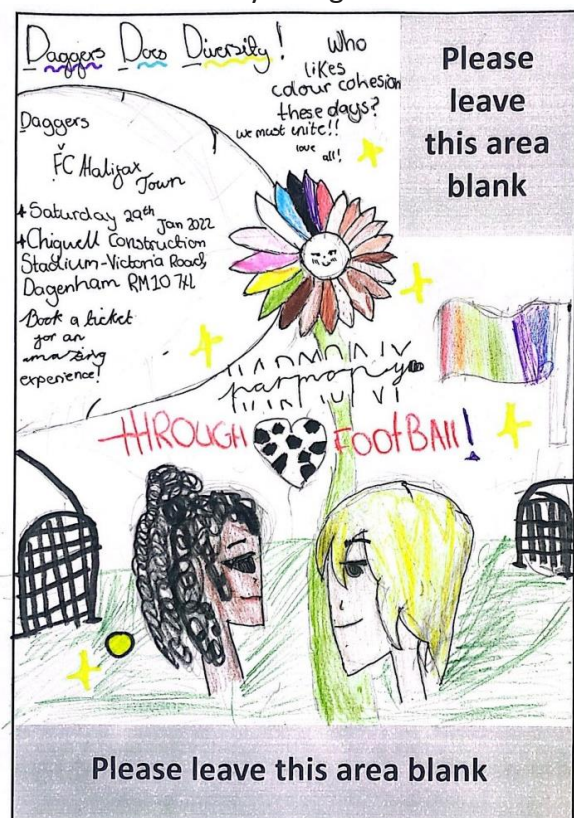
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Break up for Easter holidays

## Daggers Celebrates Diversity

I am delighted that two of our year 6 pupils, Zona and Sameeha were runners up in the competition to design a football match day programme for Daggers Does Diversity, which took place on the 29th January. Both pupils received complimentary match tickets for themselves and their families to watch a match of their choice. I am sure you will agree that the both designs show a creative awareness of diversity. Congratulations to them both!



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### Internet Safety Day

This week the children looked at the importance of Internet Safety. This day is celebrated across the world to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The NSPCC have an on-line parents page with lots of tips and advice on how you can keep your child safe: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>. Please talk to your child about what they have been learning in school this week.

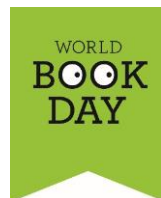
### Children's Mental Health Week



On Friday the children will be invited to come to school wearing colourful clothing as we celebrate Children's mental Health Week. We are asking parents to make a £1 donation which will be donated to the children's charity "Place2Be". The aim of this week is to raise the awareness and importance of children's mental health and help them to understand how their bodies and minds grow and develop.

### Word Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

We will be celebrating World book Day on Thursday 3rd March, when your children can dress as their favourite book character. We have lots of activities planned so that we can enjoy our favourite books and authors together.



### Pen Licenses

After spending so much time at home learning on-line, we wanted to inspire the children to improve their handwriting and presentation. In September we introduced "Pen Licences". The children have worked so hard that each week I visit classrooms across the school to award these special certificates. During a recent visit of Headteachers from other schools they shared with us how impressed they were with the children's presentation in their books. Congratulations to everyone who has received a Pen Licence this term.

### Sports Clubs

Our sports club are proving very popular with the children and will be sending you details of the Karate Club that will be returning after half term. Please look out for this.

### Boosters

We currently have over 400 children attending our after school booster sessions. The sessions have really supported your children in their learning and they are making good progress. Boosters will start again week commencing 28th February. Your child's class teacher will confirm after half term if they will be attending.

### Road Safety

We have arranged for the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Road Safety Team to visit the school after half term. They will be providing interactive workshops for all classes across the school to ensure that they understand how they can keep safe when crossing the road.



### Parent Consultation Meetings

All parents will have received a termly report about their children's progress this week to support discussions with your child's teacher. I would like to thank you for your positive comments and words of thanks. Our teachers are working extremely hard to support your children and your kind words mean a great deal to them.

### COVID

The Director of Public Health has advised that the children should take a lateral flow test before they return to school on Monday 21st February. This will help us to keep everyone as safe as possible and children learning in school.

Please remember that if your child has any of the following symptoms, they must be taken for a PCR test and stay at home until you receive the result:

- High temperature
- Loss of taste or smell
- A continuous or persistence cough

I hope you stay well and you are able to have a relaxing break with all your family. With very best wishes Mrs Shepherd