The last day of term will be Wednesday, March 31st. In order to give teachers a chance to organise their rooms before the holiday, we would very much appreciate it if children were to be collected <u>before lunch</u> after the Easter Assemblies. Please see collection timings below. Younger siblings will be looked after in their classrooms until collection time with their elder siblings.

If these timings cause particular difficulty for any family, there will be some limited supervision available in the afternoon, but we would need to know numbers by Wednesday, March 24 at the latest. Parents should email the school office if this is required.

Next term starts on Monday, April 19th. Some key dates for the summer term are given below.

Wednesday 31st March – Collection Times

1100 - Early Years 1110 - Year 1 1120 - Year 2 1140 - Year 3 1150 - Year 4 1200 - Year 5 1210 - Year 6 1230 - Year 7 1240 - Year 8

Collection venues remain the same.

Easter Gifts for Staff and Pupils

Unfortunately, the exchange of Easter eggs and cards between pupils and gifts for staff will sadly not be possible under the current restrictions.

Music

Exams

Good luck to all of those taking exams tomorrow! We hope the results will be back with us before the end of term, so we will let parents know as soon as these are available.

Sport

Saturday 20th March

Timings for tomorrow are below. Boys will need mouthguards, shin pads and hockey sticks for their session.

0830 – 1000 Year 5 Boys Hockey Year 6 Boys Rugby Years 5 & 6 Girls Netball

1030 – 1200 Years 7 & 8 Boys can choose Hockey or Rugby Years 7 & 8 Girls Netball

Summer term - important dates

These are the dates for Saturday coaching during the Summer term. There will be a carousel of sports dependent on the weather. Should there be a change in restrictions that allow one or two fixtures, they will be added at a later date. If a child has a weekend sporting commitment for a local club, we are happy to support this. It is important we get the children as active as possible and encourage them to enjoy all sports.

April 24th Years 3 & 4: 0830 - 1000 Years 7 & 8: 1030 - 1200

May 8th Years 5 & 6: 0830 - 1000 Years 7 & 8: 1030 - 1200

May 15th Years 3 & 4: 0830 – 1000 Years 5 & 6: 1030 – 1200

May 22^{nd} Garden Open Day (with some exhibition sport by invitation)

June 12th Years 3 & 4: 0830 – 1000 Years 7 & 8: 1030 – 1200

June 19th Hall Grove Tennis Tournament: Years 5 - 8

June 26th Years 3 & 4: 0830 - 1000 Years 5 - 8: Potential cricket fixtures

July 3rd Sports Day

Virtual Fireside Talks Series at Wellington College

Please find below links to the Wellington College Fireside talk series, as mentioned in recent Newsletters.

Monday 22nd March – 5pm: <u>MS Teams: Fireside Talk with Dr Pragya Agarwal</u>

Pangbourne College Virtual Open Evening for Year 9 Entry Thursday 25 March at 6pm - Q&A session from 7pm

Discover a community where the individual matters.

During this packed online event we'll introduce you to key members of staff, parents and pupils, and show you our beautiful campus.

This is your opportunity to discover:

- What a typical day is like in Year 9
- The academic subjects you can study
- Sports and co-curricular activities on offer
- The creative subjects and facilities available
- How to register and the process for securing a place
- Why our parents believe that Pangbourne is a place where their children can thrive

There will also be an extended Q&A session, where you can put your questions forward to our team.

Previous attendees to our Virtual Open Evenings have said:

"Just wanted to say thank you for the open evening last night. Out of all the online school open events Pangbourne's was by far the best and most interactive I have seen. I thought it was really impressive and very informative."

"Excellent overview of the school. Felt like a real introduction to all the important things about school life and was a brilliant alternative to visiting the school in the current circumstances."

To book your place, please register here.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Woking and Sam Beare Hospice

Woking and Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care have a created a fun and egg-citing (sorry) <u>Easter Pack</u> which can be downloaded for **free**. This pack contains word searches, scavenger hunt ideas, recipes and more! It could be used as a classroom activity, or shared with parents as a family fun pack designed to keep children (and adults) entertained this Easter.

If you are looking for more of a challenge, you could check out the <u>East Fun Run</u>. Hop, skip, walk, run or even jump your way into Easter 2021! All the details are on the website.

King Edward's Remote Chess Tournament

King Edward's would like to invite pupils to take part in a **remote Chess Tournament** which is taking place at 11am on Saturday 1 May for one hour.

The poster attached gives the registration details. Once registered, a link will be sent to the participant.

For further details, please contact Gail Knox-Wilson: Email <u>KnoxWilsonG@kesw.org</u> or telephone 01428 686727

Documents

The following documents can be found on the school website, under the parent information tab:

- Senior Schools Open Mornings Information
- King Edward's Remote Chess Tournament
- Easter Camps

Bag2School Collection

1st South Ascot have organised another clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the 1st South Ascot Scout Group.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles. Bag2School can accept 'good quality' items for RE-USE and information on what they can or cannot accept is in the link below:

https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect

Please bring your full bag(s) to the 1st South Ascot Scout Hut, Church Road, South Ascot, SL5 9DP (NOT to Hall Grove please) on:

- Thursday 25^{th} March between 3.30pm and 4.30pm
- Monday 29th March between 9.00am and 10.00am

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Fiona Jones Group Scout Leader