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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE. DIARY DATES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

I am writing to update you about exciting events which are happening soon in the Springwell Learning Academy.

Leading Parent Partnership Award – Thursday 16th March 2017

We are being reassessed for the above award. This means that we aim to communicate well with parents and carers. We are always keen to improve how we do this and would love to hear your views. Would you please contact Rachel Musgrave (Parent Support Advisor) if you would like to assist with this.

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March 2017

Pupils are welcome and encouraged to wear a red nose with the specially designed T shirt or a red coloured top and school trousers to show their support. Please note no jeans or joggers to be worn on this day, school trousers only. We will be selling red noses in school which cost £1.

Pupils will be asked to donate £1 which will be forwarded to the charity after the event. If any class in the Alternative Academy is celebrating Red Nose Day in other ways, they will contact you about it.

Family Learning Day – Wednesday 5th April 2017

We warmly invite you to come and speak to your child's teacher. It will be an opportunity for parents of students in Year 10 and 11 to discuss how best to support their child during exam times, which we all know can be very stressful.

Family Learning Day is an opportunity to see what your child has been learning about and talk to staff members.

School uniform will be available for you to purchase.

We are hoping to have workers from agencies such as:-

SENDIASS (formally Parent Partnership)

Provide independent advice regarding schooling.

Cerebra

Provide support and information for children with neurological difficulties. They also run sleep clinics for children with problematic sleep patterns.

Lifeline

Give advice and support to young people affected by alcohol and drugs.

FIS: Family Intervention Service

Provide support and information, assisting with a range of problems.

Recovery College:

Provide courses for adult learners.

Education Welfare Office:

Provide support to parents/carers about school attendance.

Youth Service:

Information about services available for children in the borough.

Early Help:

Provide family support and youth provision.

Easter Music Concert – Friday 7th April

The Easter Music Concert will commence at 11.00am with pupils from both the Special and Alternative Academy performing. Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend however places are limited so please contact reception to book a place. After the concert, you may take your child home or you are welcome to wait in our heart space with a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit whilst the children have their lunch.

Easter Holiday

The Special and Alternative Academy will close for the Easter Holiday on **Friday 7th April** and return on the **Monday the 24th April 2017**.

May Bank Holiday

The Special and Alternative Academy will be closed for the May Bank Holiday **Monday 1st May** - one day only.

Future Dates and Events

Please note that dates and times for future events will be on the school website, sent out on twitter and via text message. If you don't have your own account you can access the school twitter account on twitter.com, @springwellLC.

This will allow you to view, but not comment on tweets. Please follow us if you have an account. On our website, you will also be able to follow your child's class blog to see what they have been learning and enjoying in school.

Please feel free to contact school if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely

Ms V Watts
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