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Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in the fourth week since half term and spring seems to have sprung! The children continue to work hard across the school and have been enjoying the sunshine. It has been great to see the new creative equipment being well used, with some fantastic, imaginative play. Some important messages follow as the coming weeks continue to be busy.

World Book Day – It seems a while ago now, but I wanted to pass on my thanks to everyone who came along to enjoy our event. The staff did a great job with their storytelling and I know the children (and their adults!) enjoyed listening and joining in. Thanks also to Mrs Little and the team for organising the refreshments.

Carlisle Music Festival – Our school choir were AMAZING! It was a real pleasure to see children from across the school, doing themselves proud with their collaboration. Two fantastic songs were performed in front of a packed audience. Well done, everyone.

Clubs – Now that choir is finished for now, Miss Reding will be running a very creative 'wool club' on Tuesday lunchtimes for Year 3-6, and an 'activity club' on Wednesdays for Reception – Year 2. Chess club continues on Monday, Revision Club (Y6) on Tuesday after school and Kenny's football club on a Wednesday after school.

Red Nose Day – Friday 21st March. Wear anything red! Red nose/hair/clothes/accessories etc. £1.00 donation will go to charity if you would like to contribute.

Mother's Day Service at Kirkoswald Chapel – Sunday 30th March. As is tradition, any children from school are welcome and encouraged to join the service for Mother's Day. Miss Reding will be preparing a couple of songs so the school can contribute. It would be great to have as many children as possible attend and show our support to the community. It might help if we have an idea of numbers; if you are planning on attending, or sending your child along with a trusted adult, please may you let us know as soon as possible.

Spring Service/Celebration – A reminder that the service will be held on Thursday 3rd April – 2pm at The Chapel. All children will be contributing with singing, music, readings and more. At the end of the service, teas and coffees will be available for any parents who would like to stay and enjoy a drink with their child(ren).

Beamish Trip – Monday 31st March. Our visit to Beamish for Reception – Year 6 is fast approaching. Children need to be in school for 8:15am for register and prompt departure. We expect to be back at school for 5:30pm. See previously sent Beamish letter for additional details, including lunches and the routine for collecting children when we return.

Attendance – I had the half termly monitoring visit from the Local Authority Attendance Officer last week and we have been praised! I wanted to pass on my thanks for everyone's efforts with attendance. Hopefully as the weather continues to improve, those bugs will stay away! If you have



any queries about attendance, please don't hesitate to get in touch or check the attendance policy on the website.

NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops – Week Beginning Monday 31st March. We have signed up for the NSPCC virtual assemblies for KS1 and KS2 with follow-up workshops to be delivered by teachers in their classes. The theme is 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' and it encourages children to recognise how to keep themselves safe and what to do if they are worried. More information on the programme can be found at www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout

School Day – To enable the staff and children to begin the teaching and learning routines promptly, we are trying to ensure that children are ready for collective worship at 9:05am prompt. This means we need all children to be in their classrooms and settled at 9.00am, and we politely request that adults are out of classrooms. We always have an open-door policy for our parents to pass on messages or queries; we do appreciate your support with an efficient start to the day, allowing children to start their routines as independently as possible.

Birthday treats/items containing nuts - Please be aware that we are unable to have any items in school that contain nuts due to severe allergies within our school community. If children would like to bring in treats to celebrate in school, we must ensure that they are nut free. If in any doubt, individually wrapped packs of sweets, such as mini bags of Haribo, are ideal. I appreciate your understanding with this.

Edinburgh – Class 3 will be on their residential next week, with Mr Andrews and Mr Jervis. We will see you back in school on Friday! Please direct any messages to Danielle where possible.

End of Term - School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 4th April at 3:00pm. Buses and After School Club will be running as usual. Please ensure you note the time and make collection arrangements.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr L. Andrews
Headteacher

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