



Welcome to the Spring Term. I always feel this is a positive term as it moves towards the lighter nights and warmer weather, with everything to look forward to in the year ahead. We have a lot of exciting things coming up.

Valentine Disco

On Friday 14th February, we will be hosting a Valentine Disco with Nikki Noo Noo. The disco will be straight after school and will finish at 5pm. Children can bring party clothes to school to change into. A small snack and drink will be provided. Tickets cost £3 and are available from Mrs Blenkiron in the office. When the disco is finished, we ask parents to collect their children from the playground as usual.

Track-it Lights

Following our review of the behavior policy and from talking to pupils in our Pupil Voice sessions, we bought into a whole school system called 'Track-it Lights'. This is a visual system which is used in school to capture positives and track house points. You may have heard your child say I got a 'Track-it' today. This system also tracks warnings and more serious incidents. There is an app parents can use to login into their child(ren)'s profiles. Please find details of this attached to the newsletter. On this app, you can also track your child's attendance. There are many other features, which we may use as the system becomes more familiar for staff. If you have any questions about this, do not hesitate to get in touch. If you have any questions regarding updates to track-its, please speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day.

World Book Day and Scarecrow Hunt

Following the success of last year's Scarecrow hunt, Mrs Bradwell is organising another one for World Book Day! We are inviting children to come to school on Thursday 6th March dressed as their favourite book character to take part in a whole day of fun and exciting activities. Please also see the separate letter about the festival and an entry form.

Year 6 SATS and breakfast club

Mrs King will be hosting an important SATs meeting for the parents and carers of Year 6 pupils on Wednesday 5th Feb at 3:30pm. Year 6 Pupils are also invited to attend. This meeting will explain the content of the exams and what to expect. It will also give you a chance to look at past papers and ask any questions.

From Monday 27th January, Mrs King will be offering a free revision Breakfast Club every Monday and Friday for those pupils in Year 6. This is optional but we see it as an opportunity to gain some additional tuition and support from Mrs King. This club will start at 8am and breakfast will be provided. Mrs King will be contacting you to discuss this.

NEfirst Credit Union

At Byers Green, we are linked to NEfirst credit union who have simple, straight forward savings accounts for adults and children. It also operates an inclusive and ethical approach to family loans. You or your child can join the community bank and make regular savings. Banking day is at school on a Thursday. If you would like further information call 0330 055 3666 or Mrs Blenkiron is always happy to help.

Medicines Policy

Please note it is in our policy that all medicines are handed in to a member of staff on a morning and collected from the school office by an adult at the end of the school day.

PE days

Please can children come to school on their PE day dressed in PE kit. PE kit comprises of navy joggers and jumper /hoody and a white t-shirt. Please can all hair be tied back and all jewellery be removed. Please wear plain or school branded items only.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 3 swimming at Spennymoor Leisure Centre	Class 1 and 2	Class 1 and 2 Class 3	Class 4	Class 4

Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby and Toddler group will continue to run from 2:15pm every Friday. Please spread the word as everyone with a preschool child is welcome. Refreshments are available.

Diary Dates

Please see important dates coming up in the Spring Term.

Date/time	Event
11.02.25	Safer Internet Day
14.02.25	Valentine disco after school – tickets cost £3 from school office
21.02.25	School closes for half term
03.03.25	School re-opens for Spring 2
06.03.25	World Book Day – Village Scarecrow Hunt (dressed as your favourite book character)
21.03.25	International Day of the Forest – Whole School Forest School Day
11.04.25	Easter Craft Morning for Parents and Carers 9:00 – 11:30 am
More dates will be updated in this table as other opportunities arise – please keep checking.	

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Please get in touch if I can help you in any way.

Kind regards,

C.E.Dodds

Headteacher