



Happy New Year! I always love the Spring Term as the children are established in their routines and can focus on some high quality learning. I always feel like it is the term that leads us out of the dark nights and head towards the better weather!

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 10th February, it is Safer Internet Day. We would like to invite parents and carers into school from 2:15 on 10th February to take part in activities linked to computing. As part of this session, you will engage in fun activities with your child and our class teachers will show you the many learning platforms we have available as a school. We spend a lot of money subscribing to Lexia, Purple Mash, TT Rockstars, Ten Town and more – so we would love the opportunity to show you their many benefits and wish to encourage their use at home to support learning.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. In the morning the children will visit our 'Character Creation Station' and choose an outfit or costume to dress up in and take on the role of a new book character they design themselves. They can be as creative as they wish! They will take part in a range of activities throughout the day linked to the character they create. We already have some items in school, but if you have any old costumes, wigs, hats, coats or things you think would create a good outfit and would be willing to donate or lend it to us, we would much appreciate it! If your child has their own things, they wish to dress up in to create their character, they can bring them along.

Wrap Around Care

Wrap around care (Sunset Club) is going really well. We are finding that children are often choosing their own things to do rather than specifically focusing on, for example an art activity or Lego. With this in mind, for the Spring term, we are going to have every night open as a general offer, where children can choose from the wide ranging activities we have available. As the weather improves, we will look to specify opportunities such as Gardening Club or Forest School.

Newby Wiske Residential

Class 4 have the opportunity to take part in our three day residential in June. Please note the centre asked to change the dates and this is now happening from **Wednesday 10th June – Friday 12th June**. The trip is priced at £290 and this covers, transport, meals and activities. We have always been impressed with the quality of the food and facilities at the PGL sites. We have asked that half of the balance is paid by 02.02.26 with the full balance being settled by 22.05.26. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss payment.

Year 6 revision Breakfast Club

With only five months until Key Stage 2 SATS, Mrs King is offering a revision Breakfast Club for the year 6 pupils. Mrs King will send a text to confirm which day revision club is open to your child. A range of breakfast items will be available to enjoy while revising and this will be free of charge.

Bikeability Training

Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to take part in Bikeability Cycle training later in the Spring Term. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. This will be taking place from 23rd – 26th March. The Department for Transport funds Bikeability cycle training for schools via Durham County Council. Your child will need a bike and a helmet to take part. In the past, pupils have shared bikes and loaned them from friends and family if necessary. There are also two levels, so if you child is not a confident cyclist, this could be the opportunity for them to gain confidence. On-site training will also take place for pupils in Year 2. We will send consent forms at the start of March but I wanted to make you aware now that this opportunity is coming up soon.

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 2 Class 3 swimming at Spennymoor Leisure Centre	Class 4		Class 4	Class 1 Class 2 Class 3

Diary Dates

Please see important dates coming up in the Spring Term.

Date/time	Event
10.02.26	Safer Internet Day and Computing workshop with families
20.02.26	School closes for half term
02.03.26	School re-opens for Spring 2
05.03.26	World Book Day
23.03.26	Bikeability Training
31.03.26	Whole School Skipping Day
01.04.26	Easter Craft afternoon for Parents and Carers 1:30 – 3:25 am – more details to follow
02.04.26	School closes for Easter
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,

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Headteacher