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Dear Parent/carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all enjoyed the break with your families. It is always refreshing to be back in a New Year and to hear about the things children have been up to and to be able to talk to them about the activities we have planned for this year. On Tuesday, our ‘stars of the Autumn Term’ celebrated their achievement with ice cream and games and we know we already have many children who are hoping that their positive attitude, kindness and resilience gets them the ‘Spring Term star award’.

We are hopeful as we move into next week that the icy conditions we are currently experiencing have subsided and we can utilise the yard for children’s playtimes once again. It is always nice for children to play in the snow but, on this occasion, it is dangerously icy conditions rather than snow and we are definitely ready for it to go now!

Today, class teachers have also sent home the Spring term class newsletter. This will give you all of the information you will need to know about your child’s curriculum, PE and homework days plus any other information the class teacher feels may be relevant to you about events over the next term. If you do have any queries and do not have the class teacher’s email address, please contact the school office who will pass this on to you.

Year 2 will start their outdoor education sessions next week and whilst the providers will choose their venue according to the weather, we do encourage all children to be wrapped up warm with plenty of layers and suitable footwear. I am sure they are going to have a brilliant few weeks.

After School Activity Clubs

We have sent home a link for you to book your child onto any after school activities they may wish to be part of this term. Please look out for the link as the clubs do have limited spaces and it is very difficult to allocate children to clubs after the closing date. If clubs are oversubscribed, children will be split over the term to ensure that all children spend some time at a club.

Pharmacy services

We have been asked by the NHS to inform parents of a new pharmacy service. This is called Pharmacy First. The NHS-funded service enables children and adults to get convenient access to advice and treatment where appropriate for seven common conditions, without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. Accessing the service may mean that children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

The service supports with the following conditions for people in the age groups specified below:

* **Earache**(aged 1 to 17 years)
* **Impetigo** (aged 1 year and over)
* **Infected insect bites and stings** (aged 1 year and over)
* **Sore throats** (aged 5 years and over)
* **Sinusitis** (aged 12 years and over)
* **Uncomplicated urinary tract infections** (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)

  **Shingles** (aged 18 years and over)

We hope this helps many families, especially over the winter period when the bugs seem to be everywhere.

Online safety

Many of you may have already seen a post on ‘Spennymoor What’s Happening’ about Snapchat. We have been informed that there is an account (which is named on social media) which appears to target young girls. When a child adds the account, which is designed to look like that of another child, they are video called by a male and then exposed to sexually explicit content. Whilst our advice is that children stay clear of social media, we know for most young people that this is the current form of socialisation and many young people now use these platforms. Therefore, we are advising parents to be extra vigilant and to check phones daily and speak to your child openly about the dangers posed online. We are confident that most of our children would know to decline the call and block any further contact and then report this to an adult but we would like you to reinforce this message. Please also note, where this happens to a child in your family, it is very important that an adult reports this to the police. Please help us keep our children safe.

Finally, please also continue to read the newsletter throughout the term as they will keep you informed about events we have in school and the community, online safety support for families and SEND support services that are available locally. You may also wish to join our school Facebook page ‘King Street Primary - The Home of Active Ted’. Here, you will receive a weekly bulletin about specific aspects of online safety, see photos of our stars of the week and also photographs of what children have been doing in class.

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher

**Upcoming diary dates:**

Thursday 16th January – Y4 to visit St Andrew’s Church for reflection time. (Parents do not need to attend)

Monday 20th January- Y6 SATs information session for parents at 4:15pm.

Thursday 13th February – School disco (more information to follow)

Friday 21st February- School closes for the half term break.

Monday 3rd March- School reopens

Monday 10th - Friday 14th March- SEND parents’ evenings (more information to follow).

Monday 10th March- Reception stay and play sessions (more information to follow).

Tuesday 11th March – Nursery Stay and Play sessions (more information to follow).

Thursday 13th March- Year 3 visit to St Andrew’s Church for reflection time. (Parents do not need to attend)

Monday 17th- Friday 21st March- Year 1- Year 6 parent’s evenings (more information to follow).

Thursday 27th March- Mother’s Day event. 1.15-2.15pm.

Thursday 3rd April- Movie night 3.15-5.30pm

Thursday 10th April- Easter service at St Andrew’s Church- parents welcome. 1.15pm

Friday 11th April- school closes for the Easter break

Monday 28th April – School reopens after Easter break.