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Dear Parent/carers,

Wow, the wind has certainly blown the cobwebs away today! Whilst the children may be upset they had to stay inside today, we feel very fortunate that we have had very limited damage to the building. We’ve spotted 2 missing ridge tiles but other than that, we seem unscathed. Thankfully, our roofers were due out early next week anyway so we should have a quick fix. I hope all of our families have remained safe in the storm and that everyone else has been as lucky as we have and there is no major damage to homes.

**Headlice**

We are having a significant outbreak of headlice across school. To stop the spread, please check your children’s hair carefully this weekend and treat any lice or eggs you may find. We appreciate that lice are a very common childhood condition but we would like to take all the possible steps to minimise the spread as I appreciate how frustrating it is for parents when children are repeatedly catching them. Please also be reminded that, in some circumstances, pharmacists can give the treatment for free so please ask them We also have a stock of combs available in school if you speak to the school office.

**Community events**

St. Andrew's Messy Church starts up again this coming Sunday 26th: 10.15-11.15am- breakfast, stories, crafts and activities all free of charge. They look forward to seeing you all there.

**Half term holiday clubs**

February half term is getting closer and many families will be requiring childcare. If you would like more information on clubs, please see their website [www.durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps](http://www.durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps). Many of these clubs are free to eligible families and they can offer food too. If you are an eligible family you will be issued with a voucher to present to the club to book your place. Please keep an eye on your Eschools account over the next couple of weeks for this coming through.

**Y6 SATs information session for parents**

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend this session. I hope you found it informative and that you have gained a better understanding into what the SATs are like and how you can best support your child.

**School disco**

Please look out for the Microsoft Form that was sent home today to request a place at the school disco. Our children love our discos and there is always plenty of games as well as dancing. Plus, of course, there are hotdogs, sweets and a drink! Please complete the form to request a place for your child. We will then invoice you through ParentPay and payment must be made before the event.

**Learning cafe**

There has been a flyer sent home today regarding our learning cafes. We are going to make Mathematics our first focus. The café will allow you to learn the curriculum alongside your child so you know how best to support them. Our first café will be for the parents of Year 1 children and will take place on Thursday 20th February 1-3pm. More information will be sent to parents directly but you can add this date to your diary as it promises to be a fun event for both parent and child. For any parent that attends, they will be offered a £20 Asda voucher.

Hopefully, the weather will settle for next week and we can enjoy the outdoors again.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please contact the school office, email teachers directly or speak to staff on the school yard. We are also happy to help and support, including signposting to additional services within the community.

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher

**Upcoming diary dates:**

Thursday 13th February – School disco (information has been sent home)

Thursday 20th February- Maths learning Café – Y1 parents. 1-3pm

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 (3yr old Little Acorns only - 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.