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Dear Parent/carers,

What a lovely week we have had, full of stories and positive messages. Our children show a huge amount of empathy towards others and are very supportive when someone needs help. This is brilliant to see and shows us that they are going to grow into caring, compassionate adults with a strong understanding of mental health and the importance of the outdoors and healthy eating too. The children have read a range of stories which have transported them into other worlds, given them experiences of different cultures and helped them understand different emotions. Reading is a vital skill in the world around us but it is also important for children to recognise that books can be read for enjoyment and they share with their friends the brilliant books they have read. We have also encouraged the use of the local library as this is a precious resource that many towns no longer have. They have a wide range of books for children and adults so we do suggest you pop in and have a look.

**School disco**

Next week is the school disco. Reception and KS1 children will be taken straight from class to the disco. They should be collected at 4:15pm from their usual door. KS2 children should arrive on the main yard at 4:30pm and are to be collected at 5:30pm from their usual door. Payment must be made by Monday 5pm for children to attend. This allows us to purchase the correct amount of food. Thank you.

**School crossing patrol**

Since the opening of the new school, down the road, the local area has become extremely busy on a morning and evening and we are concerned that there is a potential for an accident. Whilst DCC employ a school crossing patrol, we are not always informed if they are not going to be there therefore, cannot always give warning to families. We urge parents, if your child walks to school alone, please ensure that they have good road safety knowledge so no one gets hurt. We will continue to lobby the local authority for safer crossings.

**World Book Day**

It may seem a long way off but on Thursday 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. I thought this would give plenty of time to those families who enjoy making their own outfits to start getting creative. We love to see what you can come up with and this year will be no different. Children can dress up as their favourite character and bring a book to school. We will have a fun filled day of book-related activities and a chance to show off their outfits. Book tokens will be sent home soon.

**Half term holiday clubs**

Tickets have now been sent to eligible families for the half term activity clubs. All sessions are free and include a breakfast/lunch/tea and snacks. They offer a wide range of sessions including things like: sport, dance, art and crafts, outdoor adventures, fun with animals, circus skills and much more. The tickets have a link for you to explore what is on in the area and to book your children on to any activities using a centralised online booking system. Any parents who may have questions should contact  [FunandFoodTickets@durham.gov.uk](mailto:FunandFoodTickets@durham.gov.uk)  The booking system will go live for families to begin booking places from **12 noon on Monday 10th February 2025**.

There are also a limited number of ‘paid’ sessions for parents who would like to use the service. Please check DCC’s website <https://www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood> for more information.

**Learning café**

Dates for future learning cafes have now been released and are at the bottom of this newsletter. Remember that all families who attend (one adult per child) will receive a £20 Asda voucher. We have our first session for the families in Year 1 on Thursday 20th February 1-3pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

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

Thursday 6th March – Maths learning café -Year 2

Thursday 6th March- World book Day (dress down day)

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 – 3-year-old 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)

Thursday 13th March- Maths learning café -Year 4

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

Thursday 20th March- Maths learning café -Year 3

Wednesday 26th March- Maths learning café -Year 5

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

Thursday 3rd April - Maths learning café – Reception Class

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.