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Dear Parent/carers,

What a change in the weather this week. I hope this stays for a few weeks so our children can enjoy the playground and our Year 2 children can enjoy their outdoor education activities. They had a brilliant time at Hamsterley Forest and there are lots more activities planned around our beautiful County.

**After School Activity Clubs**

Thank you for all requests for our activity clubs. We have some very busy clubs running this term which are all now full. All clubs start on Monday 20th and run until the end of this half term, then they resume after half term and run until Friday 4th April- this means there are no clubs in the final week of the Spring term. Due to discos and movie nights, there will also be no clubs running on Thursday 13th February and Thursday 3rd April.

More information regarding these 2 events will follow shortly.

**Half term holiday clubs**

We are starting to get information into school regarding the activity clubs available over the February half term. Please look onto the Durham County Council website for more information. We also have information on a private provider (Durham University) who are also running sports clubs over the half term. If you would like more information on this, please see their website [www.durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps](http://www.durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps)

**Y6 SATs information session for parents**

There will be an information session for parents, regarding the SATs in May, on Monday 20th January. This will be held at 4:15pm in the Y6 classroom. Please come to the sports yard where Mr Colling will greet you. Hopefully, the session will give you a taster of what the assessment entails and how you can support your child.

**Uniform**

We are seeing an increasing number of children who are wearing bright or white trainers for school. Our school policy does state that children’s shoes should be all back. Please ensure your child follows our school policy and wears the correct footwear. If you are struggling to purchase correct footwear for your child (their feet grow so quickly) please contact the school office and we will be able to support you. Once children attend secondary school, they have very stringent uniform rules with detentions given for incorrect uniform. We always aim to support children to develop good uniform choices to help them in the future.

**Headlice**

We have another outbreak of headlice in school. Whilst headlice is a common childhood issue, it is very easily treatable and children can return to school as soon as treatment has been applied. The pharmacy can offer the headlice treatment free of charge so please do speak to them before purchasing your own. We also have a limited number of headlice combs in school for families which will help remove the lice and the eggs. Please check your child’s hair carefully and if you do notice lice or eggs, please treat them over the weekend to help prevent the spread in school.

**Reception school places**

The closing date for applications for Reception 2025 has now passed and the Local Authority will be busy allocating places. We are aware that a number of our families have not applied for places yet and we urge you to contact admissions at the Local Authority as soon as possible. Applications that are submitted late mean that parents may not be offered their preferred choice of school and the later an application is made, the less likely it is that the place offered would be a local school.

**Learning cafe**

Over the next 2 terms, we have teamed up with ‘Durham Learn’ to offer learning cafes to all families. This will involve an adult from within the family (grandparents welcome) coming into school for an afternoon to learn alongside their child. The activities are designed to be interactive and fun and will help families understand the curriculum their children are learning. Where adults attend (one per family), there will be a £20 voucher which is redeemable in any Asda store. Please look out for more information over the coming weeks. They have proven very popular in other schools with positive feedback from parents about how it has helped them to help their child.

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:**

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.