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Online Safety

Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day. We all know that the internet has so many benefits which can help children learn, play and be entertained. We are also aware that there are some risks to be aware of when going on line and it is a job for both school and home to try and minimise these risks and educate our children about keeping safe. On Tuesday, parents are welcome to attend a short assembly (from 3pm) where the children in each class will present some information on online safety.

Afterwards, you could also talk to some of our staff such as Miss Lauder, Miss Blackburn and Miss Richardson who would be happy to give you some advice on specific issues.

Information is often given to us by our Local Authority online adviser which I pass on to you via the newsletter or separate letters. Two letters which have been sent out separately today offer advice on a particular App (Roblox) and staying safe online generally.

Sports Hall Athletics

Unfortunately, Sports Hall Athletics was cancelled but the organiser did not inform us! Apologies to Miss Richardson's Class and I have emailed the organiser to express my disappointment.

Works outside the school gates

I am pleased that work is being done outside of the school to improve access for people who use mobility scooters, wheel chairs or pushchairs by installing lowered kerbs. This is not directly part of the proposed extension works but it is certainly welcomed.

Workers on site

This afternoon the shipping containers have been taken away that we used for PE storage/the stage and other resources. The area will be fenced off with secure temporary fencing on Monday morning. Workers will be on site from next week and fence off an area where they will make a temporary compound. They plan to do some enabling works such as rerouting services over the next couple of weeks. The health and safety of children, parents, staff and visitors are paramount and I will keep you updated as work progresses.

Netball Tournament

On Monday the Y5/6 children are going to play in a netball tournament at the Alun Armstrong Centre, Shildon. The bus needs to leave at **8.55am** so please can the children come to school for **8.45am** wearing their Montalbo PE Kit. Please send them in some warm clothing as despite this being inside the last event there was very cold!

New Club Letters

Forms have been sent out today for after school clubs. There are some clubs that are remaining and some that have changed as the weather will hopefully improve. New clubs will start on the first week back after half term.

Maths Information Evening

Miss Blackburn, our Maths Leader, would like to give parents a little more information about how Maths is taught in school, give you an indication of the expectation for different year groups and the types of games or activities you can do with your child at home. Mrs Bartoli will give parents in Reception similar information. All of the meetings are on 22nd February. Nursery and Reception's meeting will be in the Base at 3.30pm, Years 1 and 2s meeting will be at 5pm and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be at 6pm in Miss Blackburn's classroom.

Dr Greenwell's Class Assembly

The next Class Assembly will be performed by Dr Greenwell's Class.

This will take place on Friday, February 9th at 9.00am. Parents and relatives of the children in this class are welcome attend.

Valentine's Disco

This will be a little earlier in the year than usual due to the half term holidays and will take place on Thursday, February 8th.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and Year 3-6 will be from 6.45pm – 7.45pm. Tickets will be available from 29th January costing £1.50 which includes a drink and a hot dog.

WOW competition

It has been nice to see the children collecting their WOW badges for walking to school at least once a week for a month. Many of them are keen to enter the badge competition to design a badge related to one of the seasons. Please bring in any designs you have by the end of February so we can send them off. Thank you.

Attendance for w.b. 29.1.18

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	95%
Miss Lauder's Class	96%
Miss Blackburn's Class	98%
Dr Greenwell's Class	98.8%
Miss Richardson's Class	97.4%
School Total	97.2%

Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m. 35 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for the diary

February 5th	Y5/6 Netball Competition at the Alun Armstrong Centre 9.30-11.30am
February 6th	Y2/3 Multiskills Festival at Staindrop School 9.30am-11.30am
February 6th	Safer Internet Day – Online Safety Assembly for Parents 3pm
February 9th	Dr Greenwell's Class Assembly 9.00am
February 12 th - 16 th	Half Term
February 19 th	School starts after half term
February 21 st	Y5/6 visiting Teesdale School for dress rehearsal of Teesdale's play
February 22 nd	Maths Information Meeting for Parents: Nursery and Reception – In the Base at 3.30pm Y1+2 at 5pm in school Y3, 4, 5 and 6 at 6pm in school
March 14 th and 15 th	Parents' Evening
March 19 th	Miss Lauder's Class Football at the Alun Armstrong Centre 9.30-11.30am
March 20 th	Miss Richardson's Class Multiskills at Staindrop Academy 9.30-11.30am
March 22 nd	Reception Festival at Staindrop Academy 9.30-11.30am
March 22 nd	Football League Matches (KS2) at Staindrop Academy
March 23 rd	Clarinetists to Teesdale for a Music Workshop

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