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Miss Lauder's Class Assembly

Congratulations to Miss Lauder's Class on a fantastic assembly today. They took us on a journey to Peru with Paddington Bear and remembered so much information. They have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and entertained us with singing, dancing and many facts. Well done to all of the children and staff involved in the assembly.

Sports Relief

We raised £108 for Sports Relief which was a great total. Thank you for your donations.

SATs Information Evening for Year 2 and Year 6 Parents

Thank you to Miss Blackburn, Miss Lauder and Miss Richardson for the presentation to parents on the end of key stage assessments. It is always useful to share as much information as possible with parents and I hope that those who were able to attend have more of an insight into the various tests. I know that the Y6 parents were amazed at the types of questions set at the end of primary school in 2018! The PowerPoints will be on the website later today.

Base Stay and Play

I was pleased to hear that the Base Stay and Play was well attended. There were many Easter and farming activities set up and I believe there was a jarping competition. Mrs Bartoli reported that everyone had a 'smashing time!'

GlaxoSmithKline Visits

This week saw Reception to Year 6 children visit GSK. Here they learned more about the new build, saw some of the construction machinery operate, and took part in different drawing and construction tasks. This is link I am keen to strengthen and hopefully encourage more Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) activities in the future. Thank you to Mrs Finley and Dr Greenwell for organising this, our parent/grandparent volunteers and the staff at GSK for making this possible. The children came back with a range of gifts and I know that they enjoyed their time there.

Edinburgh Residential

The Y5/6 children are looking forward to their Summer Residential to Edinburgh alongside other Y5/6s from Cotherstone Primary School. Some parents are paying amounts in instalments and some have paid off the full amount, which needs to be paid in full by May 25th. Please could those parents/carers who have not returned the EV4 forms return them as soon as possible? Thank you. I have added the PowerPoint from the parents meeting to the latest news section of the website for parents who were unable to attend the meeting earlier in the term.

Easter Egg Raffle

Today saw the very exciting Easter Egg Raffle! Thank you very much to FOMS and the parents/grandparents who donated eggs. It was a nice way to end the term.

Teacher Training Day

A reminder that children break up for Easter on Wednesday 28th March. Teaching staff are in school the following day for staff training.

Extension Update

All being well, the new car park will be ready to use after Easter. The builders are currently digging out a new area near the playground for their welfare area, vehicles and machinery as their attention turns to this side of school. Four new classrooms will be built over that side of school, with the existing playground exit being extended and two classrooms built either side. As these are being built, the yard will be enlarged and give us back the space that we lose from the build.

After Easter, there will be no access to the playground through the current car park. A path will be made outside Miss Lauder's class that will allow mobility scooters, pushchairs etc. access to the playground without going down the steps. This will obviously mean more people using that path and with this in mind I would like to ask the parents/grandparents of Miss Lauder's class to wait on the yard. After Easter, Miss Lauder will bring her class out underneath the canopy and wait with them there until she sees the child's adult and they will be handed over. This should help alleviate bottle necks and a crowded area.

30 Hour Provision and Open Afternoon for Nursery

From September, we will be able to offer 30 hour childcare for eligible 3-4 year olds.

We would like to invite any parents who may be interested seeing our Nursery provision for their 3 year olds to an Open Afternoon on Tuesday April 24th. Mrs Bartoli and Mrs Patterson will set up some activities for your child to enjoy and you can talk to the staff about the provision.

FOMS Lottery Launched

FOMS has launched a lottery with all profits going to school. A guaranteed prize to someone on our supporter list every week and there is a further chance of winning £25000 in a separate weekly draw. Start supporting now for only £1 per week at www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for Montalbo. Good Luck!

Easter Holiday

I hope that the weather is good for the next fortnight and that all of our children and families manage to spend some time together. I look forward to finding out all about the holidays when the children return on Monday 16th April.

Attendance for w.b. 26.3.18

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	99%
Miss Lauder's Class	96.7%
Miss Blackburn's Class	100%
Dr Greenwell's Class	98%
Miss Richardson's Class	98.4%
School Total	98.4%

Dates for the diary

March 29 th	Teacher Training Day
March 30 th – April 13 th	Easter Holidays
April 16 th	Start of Summer Term
April 18 th	FOMS meeting 5pm
April 19 th	Key Stage 2 Football Team to Staindrop
April 24 th	Nursery Open Afternoon

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. 25 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

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