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### **Money raised for Comic Relief**

Children donated £447.50 to Comic Relief which is an amazing effort! I know that the children were very interested to see how the money is spent by the charity. Thank you for your contributions.

### **Miss Lauder's Class Assembly**

The next class assembly in school is Miss Lauder's Year 1 children on Friday 5th April at 9am. Families of these children are very welcome to attend.

### **Year 3 Pedestrian Training**

On March 26th Year 3 will begin their pedestrian training with trained Local Authority providers. Please ensure that your child has a coat with them as they will be going out even if it's raining!

### **Sports next week**

There are 3 sporting festivals next week: one for Reception; one for Year 1 and one for Year 5. The Reception festival is on Tuesday 26th March, the Year 1 festival is on Wednesday 27th March and the Year 5 festival is on Thursday 28th March. The Year 5 festival is at the very cold Alun Armstrong Centre so a tracksuit is advisable too. As the buses set off straight away it is advisable for your child to come dressed in their PE kits.

### **Year 3 and 4 Spring Performances**

The children in Dr Greenwell's and Miss Scott's classes have been busy rehearsing for the Y3/4 play. They are performing twice, once on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 1.45pm and again Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6pm. Four tickets for each performance have been sent home with the children this week. If you do not require all 4 for both performances, please send spare tickets back to school.

### **Chess Tournament**

On Monday our chess players competed against Gainford, Cotherstone and Staindrop in a tournament that we were please to host. Our chess players have definitely improved and won several matches however Cotherstone were worthy overall winners. It is great that we try to enter as many 'sports' as possible and games like chess teach many skills. Well done to the chess team and thank you to Dr Greenwell for organising this.

### **Parents' Evening**

We really value our positive relationships with parents/carers and hope that you will be able to attend the Parents' Evenings on March 26<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>. It is a chance to look at your child's work as well as ask any questions that you may have. To book an appointment, please either call into the School Office or telephone. If the dates are inconvenient, please let your child's teacher know and try to arrange another appointment with them. Please come into school via the Main Entrance.

### **No Clubs during Parents' Evenings**

As the hall and classrooms are used during Parents' Evening, clubs on these days will not go ahead as highlighted on the club booking form. Chill Out club will still be available until 5.30pm.

### **SATs Meeting for Parents/Carers of Y2 and Y6**

Miss Blackburn and Miss Richardson would like the chance give more information to Year 2 and Year 6 parents about the SATs that the children will take in May.

Both meetings will be on Monday 1st April – Year 2 from 5pm-5.30pm and Year 6 from 5.30pm-6pm.

### **Parent Pay**

Parent Pay will be available from April 1st. If you require separate accounts for parents/carers or a payment card for school dinner use please let the office know and this can be arranged.

**The last day for Cash/cheque payments to be accepted is Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## Mother's Day

On March 29th starting at 1.30pm, we will be celebrating Mother's Day and welcoming Mums or other family members to school to do some fun events with their child. It will work similarly to last year, where there will be refreshments available and different activities to do with your child.

## Library

Thank you very much to the children and parents who have sorted through their bookshelves at home and donated some books to our library. Miss Earl is helping me organise the space and it is beginning to take shape. Some books are being taken into the Goods Wagon for use at playtime as School Council begin to help kit the wagon out with playtime options.

## The School Environment

This half term I have been working with staff, thinking about the wider curriculum, and how we show this in books and display. I have been pleased for a long time with the breadth and balance of the subjects taught, and how innovative our approaches are. This is starting to show in the displays around school which are vibrant, attractive and showcase children's learning in a range of subjects. A special mention should go to Mrs Daniels and Mrs Spence for their work with Art Club, whose wonderful animal colleges look amazing! Well done Art Club!

## The Outside Environment

Work will begin in the Easter holidays to landscape around the site the areas that need attention. I am really looking forward to the school not looking like a building site!

## Attendance for w.b. 20.3.19

Class	Present
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	92.2%
Year 4	90.5%
Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	100%
School overall attendance	95.4%

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons.

1 HOUR AND 46 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

This is due to a few pupils who are regularly late and I will be contacting parents to discuss this further.

## Dates for the diary

March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Festival at Staindrop School
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pedestrian Training Year 3
March 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evenings
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Football Competition at Staindrop School
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Multiskills festival
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Band Workshop at Teesdale School 1-2.30pm
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day event 1.30pm
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 2 and Year 6 Parents SATs meeting (Y2 5pm; Y6 5.30pm)
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pedestrian Training Year 3
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Spring Performance 1.30pm
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Spring Performance 6pm
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Lauder's Class Assembly
April 8 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter holiday
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Summer Term – children return to school
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Key Stage 2 Football Tournament
May 13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs

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