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1st February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Snow Weather

What a dramatic way to start the month of February with all of this snow. If the school has to shut due to inclement weather, an emergency text message will be sent to all parents via Parentmail using the emergency contact number provided. Learning activities to support your child's learning at home during snow days, can be found on our school website.

Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Stanley will now be joining our team once again after a long term illness. Mrs Stanley will be working across the school, initially on Fridays with Y5/6, then after half term Thursdays in Y3/4 and in Reception on a Monday afternoon.

Comic Relief

We will be raising money for Comic Relief by selling red noses this year. These are available from the school office for £1.25 each. There are many new noses to collect including Snufflekins, Wolfnose, Happy Hooter and the ultra rare Transforminos.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. Children will be receiving their £1 voucher during this month. Children may dress up as a book character on this day.

Residential Trips KS2

We are still waiting to finalise details of the Y6 trip to London. When these have been finalised we will communicate them with you.

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On Thursday 14th March at 5pm there will be a meeting for parents of children in Y3,4, 5 regarding the Residential Trip to Ford Castle.

Roots & Shoots

Year 3 & 4 have an excellent opportunity to take part in a Roots & Shoots scheme at Alwick Gardens. Children will take part in a project to grow their own vegetables both in their own school allotment and at Alwick Gardens. Look out for further information.

Swimming

Swimming continues this Spring Term for the pupils in Year 3 to Year 6. Please may we request voluntary contributions of £3.50 per session to cover the cost of the lesson and the coach travel.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place this half term on Monday 4th February. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher and look at your child's work. Appointments can be made via Parentmail later in the half term. It is vitally important we see all parents so if you are unable to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher to re-arrange another appointment.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 5th February. This is an excellent time to discuss safe use of the internet with your child.

Taffy Thomas The Storyteller

Taffy Thomas came in to work with all of the children on 21st January. He told them tales using pictures from his personally designed cloak as a stimulus. Children have been retelling these

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tales and using them as starting points as inspiration for their own writing. Taffy Thomas was very impressed with the behaviour, politeness and listening skills of the children.

Parent Lunches

Our parent lunch for a Chinese New Year Lunch on Thursday 7th February was booked up extremely quickly with all available places going on the first couple of days. We are sorry if you did not get a place this time. Rest assured there will be other opportunities in the future.

Dates for Diaries

Monday 4th February 2019 - Parent Consultations 1pm-6pm.

Tuesday 5th February 2019 - Safer Internet Day.

Thursday 7th February 2019 - Parent Lunch - place to be booked.

Friday 15th February 2019 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 25th February - Children come back to school.

Warmest Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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