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IMPORTANT DATES

5th February - Safer Internet Day
5th February - Themed lunch - Chinese New Year
6th February - Greek Workshop Year 6
11th February - Phonics screening talk for Year 1 parents 3.15pm
14th February - Themed lunch - Valentines Day
18th - 22nd February - Half term
25th February - Year 6 to visit Nissan
1st March - Year 1 infant agility challenge
4th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 6pm
5th March - Year 5 to visit Gibside
6th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 5pm
7th March - World Book Day
8th March - Year 2 infant agility challenge
11th March - Anti Bullying production Y2-Y6
12th March - Travelling book bus in school
13th March - Year 3 on visit to Durham University - Wear Roman experience
19th March - Year 1 to visit Preston Park
21st March - Year 3 class assembly 9.15am
25th March - Spring Discos
25th March - Ducks arrive in Nursery/Reception
3rd April - Easter egg competition Y1—Y6/Easter Parade Nursery and Reception
8th April - 22nd April - Easter holidays
2nd May - Community room used as polling station
13th May - SATs week
21st May - Year 4 to Gibside Residential visit
24th May - School closed to children - Inset Day
27th May - 31st May - Half term holiday
3rd June - School closed to children - Inset Day
4th June - Raising Aspirations/Inspiring the Future week
4th June - Year 6 to visit Safety Works
10th June - Phonics Screening week
17th June - Nursery sports morning/Be Fit, Be Safe, Be Healthy Week
17th June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon
18th June - Year 6 to visit Sunderland University
19th June - Year 3,4,5, 6 sports afternoon
26th June - Winners of 5R school visit- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
27th June - Winners of 5R school visit - Year 3,4,5,6
1st July - Transition week
9th July - Summer picnic
11th July - Reports to Parent/Carers
17th July - Year 6 leavers assembly 5pm
19th July - Break up for summer holidays

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Headteacher's Update

It is hard to believe that half term is approaching! The children enjoyed having fun in the snow last Friday - take a look at our website to see some of the photographs of us all! All children have enjoyed their new learning experiences this term and are looking forward to sharing their learning with you at our up and coming parent/carers consultations on Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th March.

I would like to invite you all to my termly coffee afternoon on Friday 1st March at 2.15pm in the main hall. We always have a theme at this event; our school council will be sharing their work to date. I will send further details after the half term holiday but please save the date!

We had a fantastic online/internet safety event this week. The children have been revisiting the importance of how to use social media safely and responsibly. This is a good reminder for adults that what is posted online is always left in your digital footprint.

Our annual Easter egg decorating competition theme for children in years 1 to 6 is 'a trip to the moon' to celebrate the first man to walk on the moon 50 years ago. I have no doubt that the children will produce some unique and fabulous creations! We also look forward to Nursery and Reception Easter Bonnet parade to see their fabulous headwear. Nursery and Reception are also looking forward to baby duckling eggs hatching over the Easter period. They arrive into school on 25th March.

Enjoy the half term break when it comes.

With very best wishes,
Julia Watkins

Family Challenge

We have joined up with Sun FM radio to enter a competition. Families will have the chance to win a £50 gift card with school receiving an activity day from PEAK. All children will have received a Family Fitness Challenge booklet. The completed booklet needs to be returned to school by Thursday 21st March and the winners will be announced week commencing 22nd April.

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Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed performing in their class assembly to share their topic 'Toys' with parent/carers. They have worked so hard over the past couple of weeks learning their lines and dances - their hard work and persistence paid. They are very excited to continue with the rest of their topic throughout the term which will include a visit to Preston Park Museum.

World Book Day

As part of our World Book Day Celebrations on Thursday 7th March, we are launching a competition across school. We are asking children to create their own talk book box on their favourite story. The box should be no larger than a shoe box. Children are encouraged to decorate it according to their chosen story. Inside of the box you can include pictures/models of characters, favourite quotes from the story, pictures of settings or anything that reminds them of their book. There will be a winner from each key stage. The winning prize will be a lunch at Frankie and Benny's and a trip to a book shop to choose a book of their choice. Competition entries need to be in school by 6th March. Alongside the competition, children will be taking part in a variety of activities around their class text. All children will be given a £1 book token to spend at their favourite bookshop.

Parent Governor

We currently have two parent governor vacancies. If you would like any further information on the role of a governor please contact Mrs Watkins or Linda Jobson Governors clerk on 0191 7070125 ext 4.

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Year 6 were invited to Oxclose Academy to use their labs as part of their science hands on experiment. The children dissected a sheep's heart and were able to identify the main parts of the heart and understand the functions of it.

Valentines Lunch



On 14th February, school meals will be serving a Valentines Lunch. Children can choose from chicken curry, fried rice, chips, tomato pasta with garlic bread or ham, cheese or tuna pannini. The desert will be a sweetheart muffin. Spot prizes will be given out throughout the lunch period. If your child is normally packed lunch and would like a meal, please let the school office know and forward £2.

School Sport

Congratulations to the school football team who managed to progress to the finals of the Washington Football League Indoor Trophy. Unfortunately, after two close games, we just missed out on winning. Well done to the following children: Aaren Taylor, Harrison Beadling, Lewis Slater, James Morrell, Lewis Waggott, Warren Potts and Daniel Stephenson.

Good luck to Year 6 hockey team who will be competing against schools in our cluster today. In addition, our Year 3 and 4 tennis team will be participating in the Sunderland Tennis finals at the Puma Centre, Silksworth on Friday 15th February; we are sure that all of that extra training will be worthwhile!