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Dear Parents and Carers

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

To celebrate our love of reading we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on World Book Day. They will receive a book token which can be used to buy specially priced books or to spend towards a book of their choice. As ever please ensure that your child's clothing and footwear is suitable for an active spring day at school.

Exemplar Education

You will have received a letter earlier this week from Exemplar Education. Please return the reply slip whether you are interested in their services or not. We cannot endorse their products as we have not used them yet, but they have offered us some product licences to use in school and will give us further licences if enough reply slips are received even if they are for no further information.

Rucksacks

As I have said previously, our cloakroom areas are really short of space and we do not have room for children to be bringing in rucksacks. They either lie on the floor as a trip hazard or are hung on pegs and prevent coats being hung on adjacent pegs, which then fall to the floor, getting dirty and trodden on. There are, of course, times when a rucksack might be needed, but these must be the exception.

Flat bags, such as the KS1 book bags or the KS2 dispatch bags are much more easily stored and we have boxes in class to take them. They do not have to be the school ones, but should be a similar design.

Football

Until the weather improves and we can use the field, children should not be bringing footballs into school. The football area of the playground is allocated by rota and a school football is provided. This prevents arguments and ensures that the 100 children not involved in a football game can also play safely.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

If you have visited Sainsbury's recently you will have seen that they are issuing their Active Kids vouchers again. We are collecting them again this year. In the past they have provided cooking equipment and playground equipment.



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Science Learning Together Week

After half term we will be running our Science Week. The PTA have offered to fund science workshops to get the week off to a flying start. Mad Science workshops are always great fun as they are able to bring in resources and equipment that are different from the standard science curriculum.

Sports Results

The netball team had a fantastic 7-4 win against Prae Wood yesterday. Well done to them! Last week they also played against Oakwood, who always put forward a very strong netball team. Whilst Windermere might have lost 6-1 to them, this is actually a very pleasing result as we lost 11.3 earlier in the season.

Cake Bake

The PTA will be running a cake sale in the dining room at the end of the day on Friday 10th February. Donations of cakes are very welcome; if possible bring them into school on Friday morning. Don't forget though, please don't include nuts in your cakes.

Nut Free

We are a nut free school. The school kitchen does not use nuts or nut products and children should not be bringing products such as peanut butter or Nutella into school. A smear of one of these on a classroom door handle could be disastrous for any of the eight children and adults that suffer with severe nut allergies.

Blogging

The children have been merrily adding to the class blogs over the past few weeks. You can access them via the website (on the class pages) or using the QR codes outside the classroom door. Parents can comment on what the children have written or done and the children would love to read your comments.

Library and Water Works

Somewhat like buses, we will have *two* major building projects starting at half term. One as a necessity (the water system) and one from choice (the library). The library project will impact on access to the school, so I am sending out an additional letter to explain how to access the school whilst the building work is underway. I am very much looking forward to summer half term, when the work should be completed. This will be a fantastic way to celebrate our diamond anniversary – 60 years since the school first opened.

Yours sincerely

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