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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all enjoying a positive start to 2023. The children in school have settled really well and we have really noticed how much more grown up everyone is after their holiday. I would like to express a sincere thank you to you all for your support and participation with the Christmas activities and events before the holiday. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in school

Book Swap

Our book Swap is now ready for use! The book swap trolley will be outside at home time on dry (and not too windy!) days at pick up time. Huge thanks to everyone who has donated books to get us started. We had a great response to our request for books and even sneaked some into the library!

You are welcome to bring a book and take a book - children and grown-ups – as often as you like!

School Council

The KS2 School Council has met several times already this term and one of their jobs has been to agree on a new School Council Policy for Staying Safe and Happy in School. You can view this on our website in the policies section.

Miss Campbell has plans to involve the KS1 school Council in decision making this term and they will be meeting very soon.

Proposed Strike Action

We contacted you earlier this week to inform you that we did not yet know the impact of the NEU strike action for Wednesday 1st February. We are still waiting for further advice and I have a meeting planned for Monday. After this, I hope to be able to give you a definite picture of how we will be affected. I understand that you need to know as soon as possible whether this affects you and your children. I will share the information you need as soon as I have it. I hope that this will be early next week.



Car Parking

We understand that parking around site is very difficult and limited. However, please take notice of the road markings and park safely, both on site and off site. Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope to be able to share information with you very soon about the use of the park and ride facility. We will keep you up to date with any news and developments.

Staffing News

We have appointed Mr Leo Angus to the staff team as a teaching assistant. Many of you will know Leo from Gosforth out of School Club where he has worked for a number of years. He is continuing to work with the club as well as school and we know that he is already an excellent addition to our team.

Nut Free School

Please remember that we do not allow any nuts, or foods containing nuts, in school including at the out of school club and extra-curricular clubs. This is because we have several children in school with severe nut allergies. Cereal bars and some biscuits often have nuts in which are easy to miss. Thank you for your cooperation.



Late Arrival at School

After a few technology issues, we are now ready to start using a secure electronic monitoring system for attendance and punctuality. If you arrive after 8.55am in the morning, you will need to sign in your child with a reason for the late arrival. It is very important that children are in school for the beginning of the day, learning starts immediately and children settle much faster and are happier when they arrive on time with their peers.

Best wishes

Helen McKenna

Headteacher

Dates for Spring Term 2023



Wednesday 1 st Feb	NEU Strike Action (details to follow)
Tuesday 7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Friday 17 th Feb	Break up for half term
Monday 27 th Feb	Return to school
Wednesday 1 st March	Reception progress evening for parents and carers
Thursday 2 nd March	Reception progress evening for parents and carers
Monday 27 th March	Governors meeting 5pm
Tuesday 28 th March	Y1 – Y4 progress evening for parents and carers
Wednesday 29 th March	Y1 – Y4 progress evening for parents and carers
Thursday 30 th March	Reception visit to Hall Hill Farm
Friday 31 st March	Break up for Easter Holiday