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School Newsletter

Welcome back to what is a fairly short half term. School will close on Thursday, 2nd April, the day before Good Friday, and we will then break up for the Easter holidays for two weeks returning to school on Monday, 20th April. As always, this half term tends to move quickly as we head towards Easter and the many events and activities that take place across school.

This week we also celebrated World Book Day. The children came to school in some fantastic costumes and it was wonderful to see so much creativity and enthusiasm for reading. Thank you to parents and carers for the time and effort you put into helping the children take part. Across the school, pupils enjoyed a range of activities designed to celebrate books and promote a love of reading.

Our educational visits have also started again, which is always an exciting time for the children. Year 6 will be visiting the Winter Gardens in Sunderland to explore the rainforest on Monday and they will also attend an Experience Japan session on Friday. These visits are a fantastic way of bringing learning to life and providing memorable experiences that support what the children are learning in the classroom.

Can I please remind parents that children cannot attend school trips unless explicit permission has been given through the Arbor app. Without this permission, unfortunately we are unable to take pupils on the visit. We do ask for a voluntary contribution towards entry fees; however, the school covers all transport costs, which are generally the largest expense as coaches are very costly. Having access to our own transport is quite unique and gives us many more opportunities to offer enriching visits and experiences for the children.

As we move further through the term, we are also heading towards an important time for Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their SATs. A meeting for parents has been planned for Tuesday, 10th March at 3.30pm, where we will share useful information and guidance about the upcoming assessments and how you can best support your child during this time.

Looking ahead, we will soon be holding our annual Easter Egg Decoration Competition, which is always a very popular event in school. The creativity and effort that goes into the entries each year is fantastic to see. Please keep an eye out for further information about this and the many other trips, activities and events that we have planned over the coming weeks.

Spring Parents' Evening will take place on Monday, 30th March and Tuesday, 31st March. Please book your appointment through the Arbor app. Booking will go live at 5pm today (Friday 6th March).

Head Teacher - Simon Brown

Chair of Governors - Chris Robson

Although the weather seems to be on the turn towards spring, I did have snow on the way into school this morning, which was quite a surprise! Hopefully the coming weeks will bring some brighter and warmer days as the term progresses.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

MR S BROWN
Head Teacher

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