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Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that another half term has flown by. We have certainly seen more challenges this half term with Covid causing disruption for so many of our families and also giving us challenges in terms of staff illness and absences. The staff team have really gone above and beyond their normal duties in so many ways and I can't thank them enough for their commitment and flexibility. We hope that we will now see a significant drop in cases across the community and that we can start to see some normality returning. We would like to thank all of our families for your patience, support and understanding,

As we move into March, we will start to venture back to the outdoor sporting events, but will remain more cautious about the indoor events until we can see how cases settle. We are also looking forward to our Key Stage 2 classes taking part in the annual Eskdale Festival. This will be a fabulous experience and I know that there are lots of our parents who will still remember their experiences of participating in this local event. Our After School Club have created an wonderful piece of art which will be displayed at Whitby Pavilion throughout the half term break, so please do try to call in to see this. We would like to say a huge thank you to the students from Whitby Sixth Form who have supported the children in their artistic journey.

School continues to be a hive of activity and as I walk around our classes the children love to talk about their learning. The Key Stage 2 children have thoroughly enjoyed their recent visit to the Chocolate Story and York Minster, although unsurprisingly they were reluctant to share their chocolate with me! The teachers are all busy planning a host of engaging activities for next half term, so please keep an eye on our school Facebook pages to get an insight into our learning.

I hope that you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 28th February.

Weekly Flood Update

The decorators have made a good start to the works this week and it is lovely to start seeing the classrooms coming back together. The team will continue throughout the half term break to ensure that they remain on schedule for this element of the works. Sadly, the reinstatement of the toilets is still the stumbling block which could delay the completion of the works. We have been liaising with both the Loss Adjustor and the contractors throughout the week to try to push this forward. We will continue to put pressure on the team for some timescales for this element of the works, but we are in the hands of the supply chain at the moment! We are pushing to have the works completed by Easter, but I do think that we may need to be prepared that it may be just after this!

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Good Luck to Miss Baker

We have been very fortunate to have Miss Baker working with us on a supply basis throughout this year and also as a volunteer throughout the last academic year while she completed her Teaching Assistant training. We are delighted for Miss Baker, as she secured a Teaching Assistant role at West Cliff Primary School this week. Whilst we are really sad to say goodbye to Miss Baker, we are so pleased that she has now has a more permanent role. We would like to thank Miss Baker for her flexibility and commitment to the Federation we wish her every happiness in her new adventure.

Academic Mentor – We need your help

Some of you may have heard of the National Tutoring Programme, which is designed to provide catch up support for children following the Covid pandemic. We have been informed that our Federation qualifies for a funded Academic Mentor to work in school until the end of the Summer Term, but the National team have not been able to recruit anyone in our area. The criteria for becoming an academic mentor is that the candidate must have a degree qualification. If you know anyone who may be interested in this paid role to provide catch up support to children, please contact Mrs Thompson for more details.

Parent Consultation Appointments

Thank you to all of the parents who have been contacting school to make appointments for the forthcoming Parent Consultation Evenings. Mrs Jefferson has been busy collating all of the times and will send these out to you all straight after the half term break.

Fylingdale Pre-School Danceathon

The children of Fylingdales Preschool are holding a sponsored Danceathon. They are aiming for their little bodies to be dancing for at least 12 minutes a day over 5 days to achieve 1 hour of dancing in total and to allow for all the children to take part. We know that lots of our families have used the Pre-school and we hope that you will all be eager to support this worthy cause.

The sponsored event has been taking place between Monday 14th - Friday 18th February 2022.

Money raised will go towards improvements in their playrooms and outdoor space, which will help the setting looking its best and the children to thrive in their learning environment.

Please follow the crowdfunding link to support our local Pre-School.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dena-bagi?utm_term=yVKvVaDNJ

Mother's Day Reminder

Mothering Sunday is always a really special day where we like to make sure that all of our wonderful Mums are pampered. The Friends of Fylingdales and Friends of Hawsker School have some Mothering Sunday gifts which can be purchased on Parent Pay at a cost of £5. As well as ensuring that our Mum's have a lovely day, this is a lovely way to support our newly formed FRIENDS groups. The gifts will all be brought home by the children on March 25th.

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School Meals

The menu for next week will be as follows

	Main Meal	
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pasta	Please note that a choice of jacket potato is offered as an alternative on a daily basis (while stocks last).
Tuesday	Chicken and Vegetable Pie	
Wednesday	Roast Pork with Baby Potatoes	Desserts will vary daily as these are prepared at Eskdale School and transported daily.
Thursday	Quorn Dippers and Wedges	
Friday	Breaded Salmon and Chips	

Dates for the Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Details</u>
Monday 28 th February	Back to school	
Wednesday 2 nd March	Collective Worship Team @ Eskdale Festival	Bible reading classes at the Eskdale Festival of the Arts (letter circulated)
Friday 4 th March	Year 3/Year 4 at Hockey Coaching at Whitby Sixth Form 1-3pm	Year 3 and Year 4 will take part in a hockey coaching afternoon at Whitby Sixth Form College from 1-3pm
Monday 7 th March	Recorders @ Eskdale Festival	The recorders will be playing in the Eskdale Festival during the morning
Tuesday 8 th March	Choir Classes @ Eskdale Festival	The Key Stage 2 classes will be at Eskdale Festival performing their class songs.
Tuesday 8 th March	Fylingdales Parent Consultation Evening	More details to follow
Wednesday 9 th March	Hawsker Parent Consultation Evening	More details to follow

I hope that you all have a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes

Helen Thompson

Mrs Helen Thompson
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