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Start of Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a good Christmas holiday. Welcome back to school and the start of another busy term – please find the latest school news, events coming up and reminders to note below...

Pupil news

A very special welcome to new pupil **Chloe (Y4)** and her family who have joined us this term. We were sad to say goodbye to **Harris (R)** at the end of last term as he and his family were moving to live in Scotland – we send them our best wishes and hope to stay in touch via emails to Class 1.

Staff news

This term, we welcome **Ms Rebecca Hodds** to her new role in school as administrator/secretary, **Mrs Jules Natlacen** as Clerk to the Governors and **Mrs Katrina Hogg and Mrs Sam Scarr** to our team of midday supervisors. We also have **Miss Zoe Burton**, who will be a new volunteer assistant on Tuesdays in Class 1 and 2 and **Miss Shona Fisher** joining the Class 3 team as student teacher. I have now returned to my teaching duties in Class 3 on Thursdays as well as Fridays, as my support work at Dean Barwick School comes to an end during January.

Plans for the term

Across the whole school this term, we are focusing in different ways on the science/geography-based themes of **Water/Lakes/the Sea and the Environment**. Class 4 also have a history focus on **World War 2** and Class 3 will do some local geography/history work about **the Lake District and Wordsworth**, as well as lots of poetry writing! We will take part in the RSPB 'Big Schools Birdwatch' event later this month. Our Christian Value focus is **Forgiveness**. Any ideas or resources to help us will be welcome! If you wish to see more detailed plans for our teaching, please get in touch with individual teachers.

Extra-Curricular clubs

This half term we have Warhammer Club starting on a Wednesday after school. Letters & permission slips have gone out to those that have attended the sessions last term. More exciting extra-curricular clubs will be coming after half term. As ever, we are very grateful for the goodwill of staff and volunteers in organizing these extra activities and are also keen to welcome anyone who is able to help support these in or after school or has other talents/ideas to share .

Senegal link news

Next Monday, Classes 1 and 2 will continue to develop our Senegal link through taking part in some exciting art workshops inspired by **Claire Griffel's art and photography exhibition. 'Images of Senegal' in Kendal**. Y2 will visit the exhibition, meet Claire and create some artwork with local artist Emily Jackson in the morning, while Y1 and R pupils will be able to enjoy an afternoon of Senegal-themed art with Emily in school. We are also looking forward to a very special **visit from our MP and Liberal Democrat Party leader, Tim Farron, later this term** (on February 13th), who will be coming to visit us to find out more about our Senegal twinning project, as well as meet Claire and our pupils and tour the school.

PTA news

Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 18th January 2017, in school at 3.30pm**. After-school Club is available for childcare (please book in advance). Please come along if you would like to find out more about what we do!

With best wishes from,



Andrea Walker
Head teacher

Diary Dates January/February 2017

- Monday 9th January:** Yr2 African Morning with Emily at Space2Create.
Class 1 & 2 African art afternoon with Emily in school.
New Student Teacher placement in Class3 starts – Shona Fisher.
- Wednesday 11th January:** Governor SDP1 visit Class 1 & 2-am
Class 3 swimming 9am- Leisure centre (More information to follow).
Open the Book in Church – 2.50pm – ALL WELCOME!
Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm
- Thursday 12th January:** Ski Club – 4pm
- Wednesday 18th January:** Class 3 swimming 9am- Leisure centre.
Open the Book in Church – 2.50pm – ALL WELCOME!
Casterton Cross Country – TBC.
PTA Meeting - 3.30pm – ALL WELCOME!
Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm
- Thursday 19th January:** No ski Club.
- Tuesday 24th January:** Author visit Class 3 – morning
No football club.
- Wednesday 25th January:** Class 3 swimming 9am- Leisure centre.
Open the Book in school – 2.50pm.
Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm
- Thursday 26th January:** Ski Club – 4pm.
- Tuesday 31st January:** Class 3 & 4 Poet visit – Holly Carr
- Wednesday 1st February:** Class 3 swimming 9am- Leisure centre.
Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm
- Thursday 2nd February:** Rev Angela Candlemas service in School (1 -1.20pm)
Ski Club – 4pm.
- Tuesday 7th February:** Full Governors meeting – 7pm.
- Wednesday 8th February:** Class 3 swimming 9am- Leisure centre.
Class 3 Netball tournament 1.00pm – Kirkbie Kendal/Leisure centre (TBC).
Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm
- Thursday 9th February:** Open the Book in school – 2.50pm.
- Friday 10th February:** KS1 Small school Gymnastics -1pm QKS
- Monday 13th February:** Tim Farron & Claire Griffel visit re Senegal link & Solar Panel project – morning.
- Tuesday 14th February:** Class 3 Big Play Music Platform at The Brewery– afternoon practice & evening performance.
- Wednesday 15th February:**Class 3 swimming 9am- Leisure centre.
Open the Book in Church – 2.50pm – ALL WELCOME!
Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm
- Monday 20th February:** HALF TERM
- Monday 27th February:** New half term starts.

Key Dates for March & April

- Monday 6th March:** English (Reading & Grammar) Information evening for parents.
- Monday 27th March:** Parents evening (5 – 6.30pm).
- Monday 3rd April:** Open Afternoon (1.30 – 3.20pm).
Parents evening (3.30 - 5pm).
- Friday 7th April:** Easter Service in Church (1.15pm) – ALL WELCOME!
End of Term. School finishes at 2pm.

Summer TERM 2017

- STARTS: 24th April 2017 ENDS: 20th July 2017
- HALF – TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
- EARLY BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 1st May