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Maternity Cover

You will remember in a previous newsletter I shared the lovely news Mr and Mrs. McCormick are expecting their second child. Mrs. McCormick will be on maternity leave for the summer term. Mrs. Coates (who is currently on maternity leave) is going to teach Year 1 for the summer term alongside Mrs. Sweeting. Mrs. Morgan is going to continue to teach Year 4 every morning until the end of the year as she does now.

Afternoon Nursery Sessions

Parents will be aware that we currently offer 30 hours nursery funded places for those children whose families are eligible. We are now in the position to be able to offer extended provision for those who are not eligible but would like to pay. The cost will be £4 an hour and bookings can be made through the school office. To help us ensure we have the correct staffing bookings **must be made in advance**, preferably for the rest of the term and/or the summer term.

Mile a Day

I'm sure the children have told you they are trying to run/walk a mile a day at the end of each lunchtime. Most of the children do a mixture of running and walking and are really enjoying the new challenge. Mr. Cairns has calculated that eight laps of the playground is approximately a mile. There are some photographs of the children enjoying taking part in this on our Facebook page if you haven't already spotted them.

Attendance

Well done to the 49 children who achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. The classes with the highest percentages were Reception class with 99.6% attendance in September, Year 6 in October with 96%, Reception and Year 1 in November with 98% and Year 6 with 95% in December. The class with the highest attendance in the Autumn Term was Year 3 with 97%.

Absences

Please could I ask parents/guardians to telephone school **before 9.15am** if your child is absent. The office is staffed from 8am every morning to take your calls. Please don't be offended if staff ask why your child is off school we need to keep a record and monitor for any patterns of a particular illness as sometime we may need to inform the Health Protection Agency.

Breakfast and After-School Club

Could I ask parents/guardians please ensure booking forms are completed for breakfast and after-school club. There have been occasions when we have not had booking forms and have needed a second member of staff at very short notice due to the numbers of children attending. I wouldn't want to have to turn anyone away because we hadn't had time to ensure we have sufficient staff. This includes regular long-term bookings please.



Big Maths – Learn Its

I have attached some information about the 'Learn Its' element of our daily CLIC lessons. They are broken down into classes and terms. In school we practise these on a daily basis as they are a key element to mathematics. Please could I ask parents you also support your child to know these facts by heart. If you have any questions please ask your child's class teacher.

Science and Engineering Week

We are busy planning our Science and Engineering week which we are holding from Monday 5th march. If you know any business/anyone who may be able to help and make this an exciting week for the children please let us know. We have already make enquiries/bookings with STEM Cumbria, Furness College, BAE, Glaxo and Siemens.

Best Wishes,

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Headteacher

I hope you will find dates for the term below useful.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 1 st February	Year 2 are taking part in Myro the Musical at Forum 28 – separate information already sent home
Friday 2 nd February	Playground leader training – Year 5 pupils
	Year 5 – Dowdales to watch Legally Blonde
	3.45-4.45pm Year 2 Indoor Athletics
Tuesday 6 th February	Valentines Disco – organised by the PTA
Thursday 8 th February	9am and 5.30pm Year 2 SATs meeting for parents
	4.30pm onwards Dance for Year 3 Ulverston
Friday 9 th February	Basketball week 5
	Week beginning 12th February
Monday 19 th February	Rugby Reading – week 1
Friday 23 rd February	9.30-11.30 Key Steps 1 Gymnastics Competition
	1.15-3.30 Key Steps 2 and 2 Gymnastics Competition
	Am – KS1 cricket (week 1 of 5)
	PM KS2 cricket and after-school cricket (week 1 of 5)
Monday 26 th February	7pm PTA meeting
Wednesday 28 th February	No Pens Wednesday
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day
Week beginning 5 th March	Science and Engineering Week
Thursday 29 th march	2pm non uniform for 50p per child £1 per family, finish 2pm. N after-school club on that day
Monday 16 th March	Back to school

