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We have a busy half-term coming up and I hope you will find the information included in this newsletter useful.

Cricket Coaching

Children in **Years 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6** will be taking part in cricket coaching sessions for the next 5 Fridays (**23rd Feb, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March**). The sessions will take place during school time. Children will need an **outside P.E. kit** on those dates please. An after-school club on Friday's will start shortly for children in years 5 and 6 only.

No Pens Wednesday

Our No Pens Wednesday for this term is being held on **Wednesday 28th February**. A separate letter has been sent out asking for helpers on that day. If you are able to help, please let your child's teacher or the office know.

On this occasion during the day one of the tasks children will have is to make a scene from a book. The children will be working in pairs and small groups on this task. **If you have any boxes about the size of a shoe box and any spare craft materials, please send them into school** before that date as we will need lots of them.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March and the children will be taking part in lots of book-related activities during the day. **Please note we have decided not to dress up this year.**

On Friday 2nd March, we are being joined by author Simon Puttock and he is going to work with all the children in school through workshop sessions throughout the day. Simon comes highly recommended by other schools and I'm sure the children are going to have great fun learning with him.

Science and Engineering Week

We are holding our Science and Engineering Week **the week beginning 5th March** (the week before the official week) and have lots of exciting things planned for the children in their classes but also with visitors coming in from STEM Cumbria, Glaxo and a trip out to Furness College for children in Years 5 and 6.

Play Leaders

We now have 15 Year 5 children trained as Play Leaders. Mrs. Thornton, from Dowdales School, has completed three sessions of training with the children who applied for the job as playground leader. The 15 children will work on a rota to organise and play with younger children at playtimes and lunchtime. Look out for a photograph on the school Facebook page which will be taken once the caps arrive.

P.T.O.



Healthy Snack

Children are welcome to bring a snack into school to have at morning break, please ensure it is something healthy i.e. fruit, crackers, breadsticks or a cereal bar etc. No chocolate/sweets or biscuits. KS1 are provided with fruit free of charge.

NHS APP

I have been notified about an app parents/carers may find useful called NHS Child Health. It provides NHS advice for frequent childhood conditions.



Best Wishes,

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Mrs. Fiona Newton
Headteacher

Date	Event
Week beginning 12 th February	Half-term
Thursday 22 nd February	5.30pm Year 2 SATs meeting
Friday 23 rd February	9.30-11.30 KS1 Gym @DASH
	1.15-3.30 KS2 and 3 Gymnastics
Week beginning - Monday 26 th February	Parental Consultations this week
Monday 26 th February	Rugby Reading Week 2
	PTA meeting 7pm
Wednesday 28 th February	No Pens Wednesday
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day
Friday 2 nd March	Author visit to school
Week beginning 5 th March	Science and Engineering Week
Monday 5 th March	KNEX workshops am Year 4, pm Year 3
	Year 5 and 6 to Furness College
	Rugby/Reading Week 3
Thursday 8 th March	Bee Bot sessions Years 1 am and 2 pm (half a day each) – STEM
	1.15-3.00 Y1 fun event Dowdales Gym (8)
Monday 12 th March	Rugby Reading Week 4
Monday 19 th March	Library Bus – all classes to visit
	Rugby Readers Week 5
Friday 16 th March	Cross Country @ Dowdales 2.30pm-4pm. Years 3-6.
Wednesday 21 st March	K'NEX Workshops Years 5 and 6 (one am and one pm)
	3.45-5.00 Level 1 Netball – High 5
Friday 23 rd March	Reception and Year 1 Trip to Lancaster
Monday 26 th March	Rugby Readers Week 6
Thursday 29 th March	9.10am Year 3 class assembly
Thursday 29 th March	Finish for Easter 2pm

