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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a positive week of 'Friendship and Fun!' Our children have been incredibly creative, making wonderful cards for each other and decorating friendship pebbles that will soon find a special place in our school grounds. And I must tell you about the latest loom banding craze that has completely taken over our school this week – the lengths these have reached are astounding! It's been wonderful to see such joy and connection.

Moving forward, I'm excited to share that children will enjoy 'Friendship and Fun' every Friday for half an hour in the afternoon with their friends - a lovely opportunity for connection and play.

This week, we had a brilliant 'Zones of Regulation' coffee morning for parents and carers. Our Educational Psychologist provided a comprehensive and clear parent-friendly explanation of the zones we use in school and how they can be applied at home. If anyone missed this informative session and would like more information, please contact our school office. We'll also be sharing more ideas about this in the coming weeks.



Some staff updates to share: Today was Miss Elliott's last day in Year 2. After half term, Mrs Stewart will be working in Year 2 class on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Stewart has recently returned from maternity leave and will be supporting year 6 in their upcoming SATs and teaching in Year 2. We won't say a full goodbye to Miss Elliott just yet, as she'll be working across our school as needed after half term. We truly thank Miss Elliott for her hard work with our Year 2 children since September.

Exciting events are coming up! **Our Scholastic Book Fair starts on 5th March.** We'll be opening our doors before school and straight after school for parents and carers to browse. All children will receive their World Book Day tokens to use towards a purchase.

**World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 5th March** with a creative twist - we're asking children to come dressed as a word! Think 'spotty', 'sparkly', 'king', or 'queen'. There's an extra challenge: children might earn additional house points if they can tell their teachers which word class their costume represents (adjective, noun, and so on).

A special note for Year 1 parents: Due to your Beamish Trip on 5th March, your children can dress up on Friday 6th March instead.

For more World Book Day ideas and resources, do check out:  
<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>



**'Showing up today plants the seeds for tomorrow's success'.**

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.7% which is just above the national average of 94.6% Thank you for your continued efforts to support our children coming to school.



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| N:<br>Henry      | Rec:<br>Isla  | Y1 C:<br>Louie             | Y1 H:<br>Elliott | Y2 E:<br>Eliza L  | Y3 E:<br>Jack F |                 |
| Y3 R:<br>William | Y4 A:<br>Zara | Y4 B:<br>Amelia -<br>Grace | Y5 B:<br>Hope    | Y5 L:<br>Layton W | Y6 A:<br>Isla   | Y6 O:<br>Taylor |



| Eagles | Hawks | Owls | Red Kites |
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| 414    | 570   | 435  | 449       |

**Half term totals:**

Eagles – 2672

Owls – 2879

Red Kites – 3293

Hawks – 3378

Have a lovely weekend!

Colette Bell

Head Teacher

**Please continue to check our school calendar attached to this email as this is updated weekly. Please keep visiting our Facebook page to find out up to date messages and curriculum news across the school!**

