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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a wonderful time we've been having at school this week! There's been such a buzz of activity and engagement across the whole school community, and I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is well under way, and it's been fantastic to see so many children excited about choosing new books to take home. There's something really special about that moment when a child finds a book that captures their imagination, and the fair has certainly provided plenty of opportunities for that magic to happen.

Our Year 1 children recently returned from an absolutely amazing trip to Beamish. They were so enthused by everything they saw and did that they could quite happily have spent another full day there exploring! It was wonderful to see their curiosity and wonder as they engaged with the experience of the Toy workshop! Similarly, our Year 3 children have thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Centre For Life, where they've been investigating all things science related. These visits really do bring learning to life in such a meaningful way.

I must also take a moment to celebrate World Book Day, which was a great success. As always, our children enjoyed swapping books, making their own books, and listening to and acting out stories. It's one of my favourite days in the school calendar, and the enthusiasm and creativity on display never fails to inspire me. Following on from this, our National Fairy Telling Workshop for Year 1 and 2 this week was a marvellous success. The children were absolutely captivated, and it was a real privilege to see them so engaged with storytelling in all its forms.



I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our parent helpers who are able to come and help on school trips. You make all of the difference, and our trips simply would not be able to go ahead without you. Your support is invaluable, and I'm genuinely grateful for the time and energy you give to our school.

A couple of important notices for your diaries:

Our Parents Meetings will take place on **Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March**. We will be setting up our sign-up system next week so you can book your slot. Please do look out for further details.

Next week we are celebrating Science Week in school. The children will be focusing on all things science and will also be trying out some exciting challenges in the afternoon, which will be closely monitored and checked by our Eco Warriors. I'm sure it will be another wonderful week of discovery and learning exploring the following:

- Monday afternoon 'Maximise daylight' having lights out in classrooms, blinds open.
- Tuesday afternoon 'Go Paperless' using no paper
- Wednesday afternoon 'Energy Free lessons' no electronics to be used
- Thursday afternoon 'Turn it off' anything not in use to be turned off
- Friday walk or bike to school if possible

Please note our school will be **closed on Monday 1st June** as an occasional day.

This means after half term in May the children will return on **Tuesday 2nd June**.



'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.



N: Tommy H	Rec: Archie	Y1 C: Ethan	Y1 H: Sahil	Y2 E: Eliza L	Y3 E:	
Y3 R:	Y4 A: Cayden	Y4 B: Lacey	Y5 B: Jazlyn	Y5 L: Robson	Y6 A: Lukas	Y6 O: Max

Due to our year 3 students being on their trip this Friday, they will celebrate their Stars of the week next week!



Eagles	Hawks	Owls	Red Kites
262	381	367	236

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!*

Have a lovely weekend!

Colette Bell

Head Teacher

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