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Half term Update

Please find some information below about what's been happening in school over the last few weeks and some future events.

Messy Church

Messy Church was very popular again with the children enjoying a light tea and then taking part in lots of different activities. Please note, parents are also invited to take part in Messy Church and it would be lovely to see you there.

Sports Crew

Our Sports crew have been busy running different activities each lunch time. The children have shown how responsible they are by organising the playground, the resources and running a lunchtime club every day to encourage our children to stay active and healthy – well done to our Sports Crew!

Gymnastics

The children have thoroughly enjoying our gymnastic sessions and their hard work in school paid off at the gymnastics competition. They were amazing ambassadors for our school, were great team members and came very close to reaching the final with Tigers coming fourth overall.

Netball

We are in training for our next inter school competition which will be high five netball. So we can ensure we are well prepared, Mrs Hatch is in the process of arranging a visit to Kirkby Malzeard this week so we can have a friendly match before the competition. Please look out for more information regarding this.

Ambassadors and the Fruit shop

The Ambassadors are taking part in a project with other local schools named 'eat, sleep, get fit and repeat'. The children are devising ways to encourage us all to stay healthy. One of the ideas the children have had has been to set up a fruit tuck shop each day. This is now running at break time and children can bring in 10p each day to purchase a healthy snack. This has followed on from our ambassador visit to Minskip Farm Shop. Please see Austin and Daisy's report below.

'Yesterday, we went on a trip to Minskip Farm Shop and learnt about how the farmers grow their food. The shop was made out of wood and sold all sorts, such as: eggs, cheese, jam, fruit and vegetables. We went outside onto the farm area and looked at some pigs. Their names were Mudd, Violet and Bangers. The lady that was leading us through the farm (Emma) told us that the pig's manure helped

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all the plants grow. In winter, the farmers have something called the hunger gap which is a time where not many crops grow, apart from some including kale and potatoes. Later, we visited the chicken spa. The leader told us about how the chickens are very well looked after and how they have toys, warmth and fresh straw to make them comfortable so that they can lay eggs. Because the farm is so close to the shop it means that there is a low carbon footprint getting food to the customer which is good for the environment. We highly recommend that you visit the farm shop at Minskip.'

Forest School

Forest School continues for Panthers this term. They have been learning about how animals can survive in different habitats. In addition to this they have been den building, fire starting and have even made camp fire pizzas!

Cookery

Mrs Brassington has started to volunteer to cook with the children each week linked to their topics in class. The children have been making 'Picadillo' which is a South American dish consisting of mince, salt, pepper, onions, red pepper and spices which was delicious! Everyone in school will get a chance to cook at some point this term so look out for your home delivery of something tasty!

Busy starts

We are always looking for ways in which to involve parents in school life. This term we are going to introduce 'busy starts' which will be held once a half term. On busy start sessions, parents will be able to come into school at the start of the day with their children and support/take part in their learning. Our first busy start will be held on **Thursday 13th February at 8.45 – 9.15am** and is a 'library busy start'. You will be able to come into school, enjoy some time in the library or go to class and enjoy some reading time with your child. Future busy starts will each have a different focus such as 'maths calculation' or 'phonics'. We hope that these sessions will allow you to see some of the teaching and learning the children take part in and ask any questions about this you may have.

Parent Coffee Morning

We would also like to invite parents in for coffee and catch up sessions. These will provide an opportunity for you to meet with governors and/or the senior leadership team in an informal way regarding what is happening in school. The first session is booked in for **Friday 6th March at 8.45 am**.

Website

Please bear with us... we are undertaking the task of redesigning the website to make it more user friendly and will communicate more news regarding this in the coming weeks.

Outdoor Area and Tiger Class

You may have noticed some changes in Tiger Class. We are working hard to redesign the classroom layout and are hoping to be able to buy some new resources and furniture to further improve this area. In the summer term, we will also be revamping the outdoor area for Tiger

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Class. On **Wednesday 12th February** we will have a skip outside school so we can clear some old resources and furniture away. We would be very grateful if any parents could volunteer to help for an hour or two to clear the outdoor area and the shed of some old resources and toys. If you feel you could help, please contact Mrs Umpleby in the office.

Top Table/ 007

New Award System

The children have been very excited this week by the introduction of the 'Top Table' and '007 award'. The top table award is presented each Friday in school to the lunch table who have shown the best manners and behaviour all week. The winning table get to eat at a specially decorated top table, have juice, a treat and are waited on by the staff for the day.

'007 Award'- we now have secret agents in school who are chosen each week – some are staff, some are children. Their job as spies is to who look out for excellent behaviour, everywhere, all week. The children who are chosen receive the head teacher award and are invited for hot chocolate and biscuits with Mrs Taylor the following week.

PTA

The PTA are running another Film Night tonight. It would be lovely to see all the children there to support this. The PTA have worked incredibly hard raising funds which all go back into school to improve resources and experiences for our children.

They have very kindly agreed to pay for works to be done in our forest school area to further develop the provision we have there and have also been instrumental in helping school fund a revamp of its reading scheme which is very costly. The class teachers are busy organising a class trip each to support our curriculum topics which will also be funded by the PTA.

If you would like to join or can support them in any way please contact Mrs McNamara. Thank you to all the parents who have given up their time to raise this money for our children.

Thank you

Thank you for all your support this half term.

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