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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year! The children have settled into the new term beautifully and we've seen some really excellent learning this week in all areas of the school, a cracking start to 2024!

The Golden Table.

The lunchtime team have introduced a new initiative this week to reward the children for their fabulous manners, attitudes and helpfulness in the dining hall. In recognition of super behaviour, the children can receive a raffle ticket which is put into a pot ready for the end of the week (there were lots this week!). 8 lucky winners are then chosen to receive a seat at the Golden Table for lunch on Friday where they are treated to special cutlery, table settings and a juice option if they would like it! Congratulations to our first well-deserved winners who thoroughly enjoyed their meals today!



Free School Meals

On a related note, please could we encourage any families who think they may be eligible for free school meals (or who aren't sure) to pop in and see me or Mrs Greensit to make sure you are receiving your full entitlement. This is especially important if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 as there is additional funding to support your child that you may not be aware of. As always, any enquiries will be kept in strictest confidence.

Class Information

If your child is in Laver, Burn or Cover class information about their learning this half term will be sent out this afternoon (Swinney will continue to send a short overview weekly). If you would like to volunteer to help out in school either with specific curriculum area (for example, you may have an experience, profession or skill you could talk to the children about) or to help with reading please do let us know - we'd love to welcome you!

Clubs

Also attached is a letter detailing this terms range of lunchtime and after school clubs for the children. Please can completed forms be returned to the school office on Monday morning.

Have a lovely weekend

F. Lawson-Ross

Mrs F R Lawson-Ross, Head teacher



Dates for your diary

+Blue text indicates occasions where parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend.

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| Tuesday | 15.01.24 | All | FOMS Meeting in school @ 7.30pm |
| Thursday | 01.02.24 | All | Skip 2B Fit Day |
| Wednesday | 07.02.24 | All | Musical Extravaganza |
| Friday | 09.02.24 | All | School Closes for half term @ 3.30pm |
| Monday | 19.02.24 | All | Children return to school |
| Thursday | 22.02.24 | All | World Thinking Day – Children in Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Squirrels, Beavers and Scouts are welcome to wear to their uniforms to school. |
| Monday | 26.02.24 | All | Parents Evening |
| Monday | 26.02.24 | Year 6 | Bewerley Park |
| Thursday | 29.02.24 | All | Parents Evening |
| Thursday | 07.03.24 | All | World Book Day |
| Friday | 22.03.24 | All | Easter Service 1.15pm @ St Mary's Church |
| Friday | 22.03.24 | All | School closes for Easter @ 2pm |
| Monday | 08.04.24 | Staff | Training Day |
| Tuesday | 09.04.24 | All | Children return to school |
| Monday | 06.05.24 | All | School closed for May Day |
| Wednesday | 08.05.24 | All | Skip 2B Fit Day |
| Tuesday | 21.05.24 | All | Sports Day Afternoon (Weather Dependent) |
| Thursday | 23.05.24 | All | Alternative Sports Morning |
| Friday | 24.05.24 | All | School closes for Half Term @ 3.30pm |
| Monday | 03.06.24 | Staff | Training Day |
| Tuesday | 04.06.24 | All | Children return to school |
| Wednesday | 10.07.24 | KS2 | Summer Performance |
| Thursday | 11.07.24 | Ks2 | Summer Performance |
| Thursday | 18.07.24 | Year 6 | Leavers celebration |
| Friday | 19.07.24 | All | Leavers Service 1.15pm @ St Mary's Church |
| Friday | 19.07.24 | All | School closes for summer @ 2pm |

Other trips, visits and exciting activities will be added as the year goes on.



Attendance

Swinney – 89.29%

Laver - **97.73%**

Burn – 96.67%

Cover – 93.45%

| Attendance Percentage | Days missed over a school year |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 100% | 0 days |
| 95% | 10 days |
| 90% | 20 days |
| 85% | 30 days |
| 80% | 40 days |

Superstars of the Week

Laver - ALL the class for a fabulous first week

Burn - Rory J – for a brilliant start back at school and working particularly hard in maths

Cover - Ellie B – for a fab start to the year

Masham Writer of the Week

Aaron