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Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Challenge

Well done to all our avid readers who were busy over the Summer holidays reading six books or more to complete the Summer Reading Challenge! We were really pleased to welcome Alice and Kaye from Masham library who gave out an impressive number of certificates and awards. The Christmas Reading Challenge will be announced soon, watch this space for more details!



Spinning Around

Our Year 6 children have had a super physical end to the week as they visited Michael Syddall school in Catterick to have a taster of spinning session! The children all really embraced the new activity and certainly burnt off some energy. Even Mrs Middleton and Mrs Greensit were tempted to have a go (although strangely there are no photographs of that!). A big thank you to Mrs Middleton who arranged the experience as part of her sporting events organiser role in school.



Parents Showcase

As you will have seen on the diary dates, next Friday is our first Showcase afternoon where parents and carers are warmly invited to come and see what is going on in school. There will be a chance to see your child's classroom, have a look at their work and have a brief chat with staff (although please do contact us separately if there is something specific you want to discuss in detail). Miss Lawton and some of Swinney Class will also be leading a demonstration phonics lesson just after 2:30 so please do pop along to that if your child is in Reception/Key Stage 1 or even if you'd just like to see how the sessions work. We hope to see you there!

FOMS

Many thanks to all who attended the FOMS meeting last night. Unfortunately our chair of FOMS Emma Scott-Paul has stepped down effective at the end of the last academic year. We are very grateful for all Emma's hard work and miss her greatly! Susan Briggs has kindly stepped in as interim Chair and we are very grateful for the wealth of experience she brings to the group. The next FOMS event is the school disco – 26th October KS1 15.30-16.30, KS2 17.00-18.00 We will supply a hot dog and drink to all children as part of entry cost, and will run a tuck shop for children to buy treats. We would be grateful for volunteers to help with serving food and running the tuck shop. If anyone has some disco lights that we could borrow for the evening that would also be great!



We are planning to arrange a larger event in early March (date to be confirmed) to be held in the town hall. This will be a quiz night / bingo type event with food. We will plan this in more detail at the next FOMS meeting in January – all help and suggestions welcome.

We aim to get a list of ideas from the children on what they would like current funds to be spent on so that we can make some purchases with the funds we already have. We aim to action this ASAP, ideally over half term break ready for the start of the next school term.

As always any ideas are gratefully received.

Please let us know if you can help at the school disco night via the WhatsApp poll or contacting Mrs Greensit directly. Next meeting for your diary – Tuesday 16th January 7.30pm school hall.

Have a super weekend.

F. Lawson-Ross

Mrs Lawson-Ross, Head teacher

Dates for your diary

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

Friday	20.10.23	All	Showcase afternoon 2.30pm onwards
Wednesday	25.10.23	All	Skip 2B Fit day
Thursday	26.10.23	All	Firework Disco (after school) KS1 3.30-4.30pm. KS2 4.45-5.45pm. FOMS
Friday	27.10.23	All	Colour Run
Friday	27.10.23	All	School closes for half term @ 3.30pm
Monday	06.11.23	All	Children return to school
Friday	10.11.23	Laver	Celebration Assembly
Monday	13.11.23	All	Parents Evening
Thursday	16.11.23	All	Parents Evening
Friday	17.11.23	All	Children in Need Day
Friday	24.11.23	Cover	Celebration Assembly
Thursday	30.11.23	All	Pantomime
Friday	01.12.23	Burn	Celebration Assembly



Thursday	07.12.23	All	Christmas Crafts and Dinner Day
Thursday	14.12.23	KS1	Nativity 6pm in the Town Hall
Friday	22.12.23	All	Christmas Service 1.15pm @ St Mary's Church
Friday	22.12.23	All	School close for Christmas @ 2pm
Monday	08.01.24	Staff	Training Day
Tuesday	09.01.24	All	Children return to school
Tuesday	15.01.24	All	FOMS Meeting in school @ 7.30pm
Friday	01.02.24	All	Skip 2B Fit Day
Wednesday	TBC	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 – 93.57 %

Laver - 91.36%

Burn – 95.88%

Cover – 92.50%

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

- Swinney – **Herbie** for trying really hard with writing this week
Jessica M for super use of phonics to write about frogs
- Laver - **Levi, Shami & William E** for excellent effort completing your book badge application
- Burn **Kostya** for consistently working hard in maths
- Cover – **Sonny** for writing effort
- Lunchtime - **Nela** for always being helpful during lunch
Oliva for super lining up all week