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## Newsletter 14

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It is lovely to see the children back in school ready to learn.

### The Crew!

Our after school childcare provision 'The Crew' is up and running and has been a great success so far. The children have enjoyed having a healthy snack, choosing games and activities and, bizarrely, washing up! The provision takes place in the school hall every evening until 17:30 if needed and is a bargain at £5 for the first hour and then an additional £4 for the second. Sessions can be booked on Parent Pay or ask in the office if you would like any more details.



### Staff update

The new year has brought some new, and not so new (or should I say familiar!), faces to our staff team this term. We are thrilled to welcome back Mrs Owen-Stanford who will be working as a teaching assistant in Swinney Class again and she is joined by Miss Peacock who some of you may remember from a placement a few years ago. Miss Peacock is now a qualified teacher and will be teaching in Swinney on Mondays and Tuesdays for the time being. Mrs Greensit who lots of you will know as a parent (photo coming soon) will be working in the school office for three mornings a week and we are pleased to welcome Mrs Booth who will be working as a TA in the older end of school. We are sure they will all really enjoy their time here at Masham.



Miss Peacock



Mrs Owen-Stanford



Mrs Booth

### Safeguarding

Just a reminder that our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Fiona Lawson-Ross and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Matthew Scott. Our safeguarding governor lead is our Chair of Governors Mrs Sarah Webster. All can be contacted via school should you have any concerns about a child.

Have a great week ahead.

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## Dates for your diary

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

Wednesday	25.01.23	All	Reading Cafe
Wednesday	01.02.23	All	Skip2BFit
Friday	10.02.23	All	School closes for half term – 15:30
Monday	20.02.23	All	School opens
Thursday	02.03.23	All	World Book Day
Tuesday	28.03.23	All	R. E. Day
Friday	31.03.23	All	Easter Service, St Mary's Church. 13:15
Friday	31.03.23	All	School closes for Easter 14:00
Saturday	01.04.23	All	Easter crafts in school

## A message from Mrs Clark

Burn Class made a good start last week on our new **geography** topic and drew detailed maps which we will continue with this week along with locating countries and key mountain ranges on atlases. In **English** we will be reading and analysing non-chronological reports in preparation for writing a fictional report about the mountain in the text we studied last term, The Firework Makers Daughter. Our grammar focus for Year 4 will be prepositions and fronted adverbials. Year 5 new grammar learning will be on modal verbs (e.g. might, should, will, must). In **maths** we will look at adding 4 digit numbers. Mrs Watson will be covering statistics at the end of the week looking at charts using the vocabulary comparison, sum and difference. In **science** we will be learning how rocks are formed. There are some great videos to consolidate this learning on YouTube. Rocks and Fossils information and activities can also be found on BBC bitesize. **Spelling** this week will focus on the /g/ sound spelt gu, e.g. guide, guard, guitar and -ture e.g. picture, adventure (Year 4). Year 5 spellings will recap possessive apostrophes and learn the spellings; bruise, guarantee, immediately, vehicle, yacht.

## A message from Mr Scott

This week in Cover Class the children are very excited to be returning to Forest School sessions - for this half term they will be weekly, each Monday. Miss Lawton has arranged for lots of exciting learning and the patience, determination and resilience the children develop will help them enormously back in class. In English we have been learning how to punctuate direct speech correctly and this week we are using this knowledge to write the next chapter of our class novel, Holes. In maths Y5 children are consolidating their knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 whilst Y6 are getting to grips with long division - no easy task but the children are working incredibly hard! In computing we are starting a new unit all about spreadsheets and in art we are focussing on activism - the children will be thinking about causes close to their hearts so expect some activist discussion at home!