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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fantastic break and we're looking forward to another action-packed half term with lots of learning and experiences for our amazing children.

Absence

Unfortunately, Mrs Lawson-Ross has been poorly over half term (nothing too serious) and is not yet fully recovered. We expect that she will be back in school at some point this week but if you have any queries in the meantime please direct them to me. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Similarly, if your child is going to be absent from school please leave a message on the school answerphone on the morning of the absence, or pop in and let Mrs. Moss or Mrs. Greensit know. Thank you.

Thinking Day – Wednesday 22nd February (REMINDER)

You may already be aware that 22nd February is a very special day in the Scouting and Girlguiding calendar. It is when we celebrate the birthday of their founders, Lady Olave Baden Powell, and her husband, Sir Robert Baden Powell. Any children who belong to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies or Guides (It doesn't have to be the Masham Groups) may wear their group uniform to school on the first Wednesday back if they would like to. I think we may spot a couple of staff in uniform too!

Collective Worship

Rev. Gareth kick started our new Collective Worship value of 'forgiveness' today, as always we're very grateful for his contributions. We heard the story of the ungrateful servant and thought about how this could link to forgiveness in our own lives. Here's a link to the story if you'd like to discuss it at home:

<https://www.biblefunforkids.com/2017/08/parable-of-unforgiving-servant.html#:~:text=The%20servant%20was%20told%20that,talents%20that%20I%20owe%20you!%22>

Safeguarding

As a reminder, Mrs Lawson-Ross is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mr Scott is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. If you have concerns about the welfare of a child please speak to them in the first instance. More information regarding this, and how to report your concerns directly to the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership, can be found here <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child/> Please also find attached an information sheet helping you to prompt discussions around your child's internet use – this links perfectly to the work we did in school before half term for Safer Internet Week.

Little Lambs

The Little Lambs pre-school group begins on Wednesday 22nd February at 11am in St. Mary's Church. It is open to children of pre-school age and lasts until 12pm, you're also able to stay for a soup lunch afterwards. The activity is free but donations are welcomed if you're able.

Have a brilliant week!

Mr. M. Scott

Senior Teacher



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Dates for your diary

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

Monday	20.02.23	All	School opens
Wednesday	22.02.23	Reception and Y6	Height and weight checks
Tuesday	28.02.23	Cover	Racing to School visit @ Catterick Racecourse
Thursday	02.03.23	All	World Book Day – more information to follow
Friday	03.03.23	Cover	Cover Class celebration assembly 14:30 at church
Week beginning	06.03.23	All	Parent Teacher consultations
Wednesday	08.03.23	All	Yorkshire Cricket Board taster sessions
Thursday	16.03.23	All	Science morning for British Science Week
Friday	17.03.23	Burn	Burn Class celebration assembly 14:30 at church
Friday	24.03.23	Laver	Laver Class celebration assembly 14:30 at church
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 activities in Church – more details to follow.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone for making an effort to be here and on time over the last week. It makes such a difference to the start of the day and the children's learning. Scores on the doors this week are:

Swinney - 95%

Laver – 95%

Burn – 90%

Cover - 96%

Great work Cover!

A message from Mrs Clark

Mrs. Clark's message will follow in a separate email.





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A message from Mr Scott

This week in Cover Class we are drafting and editing our newspaper reports based on Holes, our class text. We're continuing to focus on inference and retrieval in reading and enjoying working our way through the novel – we're getting to some really good bits! In maths we're continuing to learn about fractions, particularly improper fractions and mixed numbers. Follow this link for more information

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsxhfg8/articles/zyxsf82> We're continuing to perfect our activism art banners and in Geography we're continuing our detailed study of The Alps – if you have any holiday snaps please feel free to send them in!