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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you all have had a lovely break.

New Flooring

We are thrilled with the new flooring and are working hard to put everything back where it belongs. Thank you for your patience and support. To keep school looking good could we ask that anyone with muddy boots or shoes please remove them at the entrance door when coming into school.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday, 7th March. *Tokens attached to this letter.*

Children are welcome to bring their favourite book to school on the day. More information to follow.

PE and Book Bags

Please make sure your child has full PE kit in school and brings their book bag to school every day. Also, if your child has borrowed any kit from school – t-shirts, shorts, tights & underwear, please return them as we have completely ran out of spares!!

Emergence Dance

We are excited for our dance day on Thursday. Emergence Dance Company dancers will be in school from 10am to 12noon to deliver a workshop about the dance they are performing at the Brewery Arts Centre on Thursday evening. Children in Years 3 to 6 will participate in the workshop.

We will then travel to Kendal by bus with the Year 3 to 6 children, for the performance. Children will need to be brought back to school at 6.25pm as the bus will leave at 6.30pm. We will return between 9.35 and 9.40pm. Please make sure you are at school on time for the pickup.

It will be a wonderful experience for our children to see a live dance performance as we prepare for our U-Dance performance at the Sands Centre, Carlisle in March.

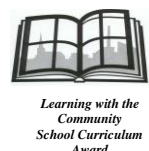
School Lunch Shop

Don't forget that you need to order your child's lunch every day!!

Internet Safety

There has been some concern in the media over an online 'challenge' or 'game' called Momo. It targets children and young people through YouTube content and online games and encourages them to add a

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contact to Whatsapp. If they do, the children are then targeted with dares and 'challenges', many of which promote self-harm. Police also advise that it is being used by hackers to harvest personal data. Another game that has come up with the children at school is the game Roblox. This is an extremely popular online game aimed at 8-18 year olds. Interacting with other avatars is a large part of the game. These 'chats' are not moderated and potentially leave the children vulnerable to inappropriate, upsetting or dangerous content. Players are also able to create their own content and games and so there may be content that is inappropriate for children.

We teach the children to not share personal data as part of our learning and also talk about the importance of using devices in public areas at home and telling a trusted adult if anything happens that makes you feel uncomfortable or frightened.

As parents and carers, we advise you to know what your children are accessing online, only allow them to use devices in shared rooms (not their bedroom) and encourage open discussion about what they see and do whilst online.

If you have any concerns or questions please come and ask, or have a look at Parent Zone (parentzone.org) or the NSPCC online.

Yours sincerely

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