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Dear Parents,

We have lots of exciting things planned for the last two weeks of term!

## Wheelchair Basketball

Tomorrow Nat will be coming along to provide us with some wheelchair basketball. We all love this experience ~ it's so much fun and great to compete to score baskets! Everyone in school will be involved.

# Skelton<sub>7s</sub>

On Thursday our netball and football teams will travel to Plumpton School for the Skelton 7s competition. How exciting to be getting out and about again!

## Sponsored Silence for Ukraine

Our children have asked to talk about the war in Ukraine and have found talking together helpful. A recurring theme is that of feeling what can we do to help and we have decided together that it would be really good to raise funds to help refugees, particularly children. We know that Article 38 says ~ you have a right to protection in times of war. If you are under 15, you should never have to be in an army or take part in a battle. All children have the right to be safe from harm ~ Article 19. More information about our sponsored silence very soon.

#### School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. She will be able to take groups with younger siblings in the first session – from about 8.30am. We usually have the children taken separately and also with their siblings who attend school.

## Trip to Windermere

Next Wednesday we are off for a whole school trip to Windermere. When in Windermere we will visit the lake, climb Queen Adelaide's Hill, visit Millerground and the amazing new Rayrigg play area and then walk up Birthwaite Road to Sherriff's Walk woods where we can climb trees, paddle in the stream and even visit the island! We will take a picnic lunch. Anne will make lunch for all children who order it on School Lunchshop. Children will need warm waterproof clothes, including wellies if they want to paddle. They can bring trainers too in a named bag. Only children wearing wellies will be able to paddle so please make sure your child remembers them and ask if you need to borrow some ~ we will help if we can.

The cost of travel is particularly high at the moment, so we will need to ask for a contribution of £5 per child to help with these costs. Our brilliant PGSTFA will be helping with the cost of one of the coaches and your voluntary contribution will help us pay the cost of the other bus.

Please complete the slip over the page and return to school by next Monday.

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#### **Eden Rock Visit**

We travel to Eden Rock on the last day of term. The whole school will go and we will travel by bus, with younger children going first, followed by older children. We will all return to school for a late lunch. The cost of this visit is being met by our PE and School Sport premium grant.

### Covid and Other Illnesses

Like most schools in our area, we are currently being affected by Covid and a range of other illnesses including sickness and diarrhoea, scarlet fever, chicken pox, impetigo, tonsillitis, cold and strep throat. Some of these illnesses are symptoms of Covid and we do have positive cases across school at the moment so please keep an eye out for this. We continue to wash hands and ventilate the building but the sickness bug seems particularly contagious, so please remind your child to wash their hands when they get in from school. We all wash hands before we put on our coats to leave at the end of the day too. Hopefully the lovely sunshine will help us to build our stores of vitamin D and get rid of all the little bugs that are about!

### **School Libraries**

We are all enjoying our new libraries in the Big Room, New Room and Top Room. Please talk to your child about the school library books they bring home. Soon we will introduce library exchange times for parents to pop into the Garden Room library and change books with our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 children.

Yours sincerely,

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| Windermere Trip – 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2022                   |
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| I enclose £5 per child contribution for the trip to Windermere. |
| Signed  |
| Name of child/ children   |

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