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## Newsletter #4 – Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Bird Watching**

Last Friday, Class Three took part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. The pupils had a brilliant time spotting a range of different birds across our school grounds. If you want to take part over this weekend, please follow the link below for details.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>



### **World Book Day**

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. During the day the pupils will be taking part in a range of fun and engaging reading activities. Your child is more than welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character for the day. I will provide further details of our World Book Day plans nearer the time.

### **Industrial Action**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> January the National Education Union (NEU) announced that its members had voted to take strike action over under funding and pay. The NEU announced seven days of action starting with Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. **We will open as normal next Wednesday.** I will make further announcements about further strike days in the near future.

### **New Pupils**

We have been delighted to welcome four new pupils to our Old Hutton School family this term. Two new pupils have joined our nursery cohort and two pupils have joined Class Three. It has been great to watch the new pupils make friends with pupils from across all the classes already. I hope you all make the families welcome outside school at drop off and pick up time.

### **Parking**

Thank you to everyone for your continued efforts in parking considerately at the start and end of each day. I am meeting a member of the newly formed Westmorland Council in the next few weeks to discuss parking plans. Can I remind everyone to ensure that you are not parking within 10 metres of a junction. Doing this will ensure we are helping to keep all members of our school family safe.

### **Poppy Appeal**

In November we collected money to support the Poppy Appeal. I'm delighted to tell you that I have been informed that school raised an incredible £221 to support this amazing charity. Thank you all for your incredible generosity!

### **Ski Trip**

Six of our Year 6 pupils will be in Italy next week skiing as part of the Cumbria Primary Schools Ski Trip. I am sure the pupils will have an amazing time and we all can't wait to hear about it on their return to school.

Thanks for your continued support.

Nick

### **Key Dates**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Young Voices Concert at Manchester Arena	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
Break up for Half Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
First day back after Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Class 3 Residential	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book day	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March

### **School Applications**

#### **Nursery applications for 2023**

September 2023 entry Closing date for applications – 24 March 2023

January 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 22 September 2023

#### **School Year dates 2022-23**

##### **Spring Term 2023**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

##### **Summer Term 2023**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June