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Happy New Year

I hope you've all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break. It has been a lovely start to the term. It is even better as we've had no illness yet so attendance had been brilliant! Long may it last especially as we experienced so much illness before Christmas.

As usual we have lots planned for the coming term! If you have any questions at any point please do not hesitate to come and talk to one of us. Remember if you have any concerns about your child please come and talk to your child's teacher normally the sooner concerns are addressed the easier they are to resolve.



Westmorland Christmas Singing
Before Christmas our children sang beautifully at Tebay Services. Testament to this was that they raised a phenomenal £415.24 for their singing. We were blown away by the generosity of the people visiting the services. Thank you also to those of you came along to support the children.



We have planted the bulbs for the Mother's Day Farmers Market. We have some bulbs and compost left over but we have run out of pots. If anyone has any spare 2-2.5litre plant pots we would gladly give them a new home, please send them into school ASAP.



After School Club

Next Monday is our first Fencing and Archery After School Club led by Jason. This is free this half term for all KS2 children. Our After school club brochure can be found here;

<https://www.ortoncofeprimary.co.uk/after-school-club/>

Stay and Play

Our first Stay and Play of 2023 is next Tuesday 9.30am—11.30am. Everyone with children from 0-3 is welcome, no charge and refreshments provided. Please feel free to spread the word to anyone who you might know.

Stars

Our next Stars is Friday 27th January at 9.15am. Visitors are very welcome to join us in school for our Stars Celebration! We hope you can join us.

We haven't had anyone join us on Zoom for the last couple of Stars assemblies so we aren't planning to continue with this. If you would like a zoom link please let us know and we can set one up.

Primary School Admissions

The last date for applications for Reception places in Sept 2023 is Sunday 15th January. If you have a child due to start Reception in September please make sure you get your application in on time.

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/applyforaninfantorprimaryschoolplaceforsept2017/startingschoolinseptember2019.asp>



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collections at the end of each of our Nativity performances. We raised a fantastic £151.87 for Cancer Research.

Young Voices

Final payments for Young Voices are now overdue. If you have outstanding payments please could you make these ASAP.

Lunches

Lunches this half term are £66 for the half term. Lunches can be paid daily, weekly, monthly or termly but should be made in advance on Parent Pay

Diary Dates



All diary dates are subject to last minute change. More details will follow near the time.

Blue denotes new dates

09/1/23	ASC – Archery and Fencing for KS2
10/1/23	9.30-11.30am 1 st Stay and Play of 2023
	UK Parliament Visit to school for Class 4
11/1/23	Year 6 Dental check
15/1/23	Primary School Admissions Closing Date
16/1/23	Water Workshop for Classes 3 & 4
16/1/23	7pm FOOS Meeting—Zoom
17/1/23	Cumbria XC Championships, Casterton
24/1/23	Mosque Visit & Curling Classes 3 & 4
27/1/23	9.15am Stars
28/1/23	4pm Rotary Swimmathon,
1/2/23	Young Voices
9/2/23	3.45pm Cyber Crime Talk by Cumbria Police
16/2/23	12.30-3pm Year 5/6 Dodgeball Comp KSGS
17/2/23	2.50pm Stars
	Break up for Half Term
27/2/23	Half Term Starts
28/2/23	Class 4 trip to London – Parliament
2/3/23	World Book Day
16/3/23	Eden Netball final – KSGS
21/3/23	Bags2 Schools Collection – FOOS
31/3/23	1.30pm End of Term Service
	End of Term
17/4/23	Start of Summer Term
26-28/4/23	Class 3 Residential – Hawes End
2/5/23	Wheelchair Basketball
8/5/23	Coronation Bank Holiday
W/c 22/5/23	Class 4 Residential York
14/6/23	KSGS Yr 6 Transition Day
6/7/23	Moving Up Day