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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have almost reached the end of another busy term and the children are ready for a well-deserved holiday. We break for Easter on Friday for two weeks and one day; returning on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. I hope you enjoy the time off with your children, whatever your plans.

### School Meals

Over the last 10 years Durham County Council has been able to subsidise the price of school meals and keep the cost low while continuing to provide a high quality meal. This was due to subsidies available; the national Free School Meal Pilot from 2009 to 2011; and a grant from health partners between 2011 to 2014.

Unfortunately this funding has come to an end and it is now necessary to increase the price to meet the full cost of a school meal. **From 22<sup>nd</sup> April school meals will be offered at £1.95 per day (£9.75 per week). (Please note there will be no change to the cost of a Nursery meal.)** The good news is that from September 2014, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 then school meals will be free to them.

We are also starting a new menu for the children in the summer term. Copies of the menu have been given to the children to complete. If you would like your child to change from packed lunches to school meals, please inform the office staff as soon as possible. Menus can be accessed on the school website.

### Non-Uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We are asking the children for a donation of 50p to raise money for St. Oswald's Hospice.



## Easter Egg Painting Competition



Can I remind parents that we will be holding our annual Easter egg painting competition on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The children can decorate an egg at home and bring their eggs to school. We will display all the eggs in the school corridors and you are welcome to have a look at them before you pick your children up at home time. Prizes will be awarded to the best eggs in each class.

## Attendance

Our attendance for the spring term so far is as follows:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance Since September	92.3%	94.4%	95.1%	95.5%	96.5%	97.5%	95.3%
% Attendance For Spring Half Term	93.7%	94.9%	95.3%	95.1%	96.1%	96.6%	93.9%

Our attendance for the spring term so far has risen to 95% and it is now 95.1% since September. Thank you for your support.

## Class Assemblies

The Year 2 assembly on Friday will be the final class assembly of the term. It will begin at 9.10am and all Year 2 parents are welcome to attend. Thank you to all parents who have supported their children's assemblies.

## Sport Relief



Thank you for your support for our Sports Relief fundraising efforts. The children had a great day wearing their sports gear, running, dancing and taking part in the penalty shootout. We raised over £250 for a very worthwhile cause. I would also like to thank our School Council for helping to organise the day.

## Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Year 3 and 4 trip to Vindolanda

School closes for Easter Holidays

School reopens for the summer term

Year 1 trip to Hall Hill Farm

School Photographer

Year 6 SATs week

Year 6 residential trip to Howtown

Year 5 residential trip to Robin Hood's Bay

Thank you for your continued support.

Andrew Knighton  
(Headteacher)