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Dear Parents,

We are nearing the end of the first half-term of 2018 and the children have been working really hard. We change our displays in the upstairs hall each half-term and I am looking forward to viewing their latest work once it goes up on the walls.

Just a few quick reminders:

\* Please can parents ensure all children come to school with a warm, waterproof coat each day.

\* At the end of the school day, please remind children to take care when leaving the school site and walking near the road; we have had a few phone calls from concerned motorists regarding the safety of pedestrians near our site at going home time.

## Parent View

Parent View is a secure government website used by Ofsted to gather parents' views on their child's school. It is also a useful tool for me as your child's head teacher to gauge your responses to questions on topic such as academic standards, behaviour and homework provision.

Please consider logging your views on the website.

The link for Parent View is below:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## Calderdale Emotional Health and Well-being Survey for Parents

There is still time to respond to the following survey:

Calderdale Council are consulting with parents, carers and family members to inform the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Local Transformation Plan.

If you are a parent/carer or family member then please complete the anonymous survey using the link below. On average the survey **takes less than 5 minutes**. Survey Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CMBC-EHWP>

## Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February was Safer Internet Day. If you would like to continue the discussion with your child at home, the following link has some very useful advice: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>

## Dance Sessions

Mr Boylan, our dance teacher, has been working with some of the classes this half term on a Monday. Next half-term, the following classes will be taking part and will therefore need their indoor P.E. kit every Monday:

Nursery, 2L, 3F, 3/4H and 4/5C

**Please note:** We recommend that children leave their P.E. kits in school during the week so we can be flexible with P.E. days.

## Walk to School Challenge!

Congratulations to 4/5C who were the class who walked to school the most during January! Badges for walking to school at least once per week in January have now been awarded by the House Captains.

## Cross Country Finals

The Todmorden heats from key stage 2 cross country were originally scheduled to take place in November. This date was postponed to last week and unfortunately this also had to be cancelled.

Calderdale have advised all Todmorden schools that as a result of being unable to run our heats, we will be entitled to nominate 3 children as 'wild card' entrants. We have decided to send one child from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and have based our selection on the children's performance in our own qualifying heats back in October and also their performance in P.E. lessons. The children who will be representing Castle Hill next week are:

Year 4 - Phoebe Brady

Year 5 - Ethan Douthwaite

Year 6 - Fergus Marchant

We wish them good luck! ☺

## Adverse weather

### conditions: arrangements

If school is to be closed, a message will be posted on Calderdale's website

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/education/closures/status.jsp?establishment=SCH&offset=40>

School will also send a text.

## Valentine's Discos

The discos are in Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Reception & KS1 3:45 - 5:00

KS2 : 5:15-6:30

The cost is £2.50. Please send your money into the office. Thanks

## Important dates this term

Date	Activity
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cross country finals, Saville Park, 1pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for Half Term
Half term holiday	
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Reopens
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	KS1 Zoo Lab (morning)
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	World Book Day (more details will follow)
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Residential - Anderton Centre
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 swimming gala
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> March	4/5C trip to Manchester Museum
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> March	5/6G Jodrell Bank Trip
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter
Easter Holidays	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> April	School Reopens

## Class Assemblies

We will soon be beginning our programme of class assemblies again for the spring term. Please note: class assemblies take place on a Wednesday from 9:10am to 9:40am.

Date	Class
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1C
Half term holiday	
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1/2S
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> March	2L
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> March	3F
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> March	4/5C

## Attendance

The best attending classes this week were:

In KS1: 1/2S with 99.6%

In KS2: 4/5C with 99.3%.

fantastic! ☺

## PFA update

**A plea for new members to join our successful and hard-working PFA:**

We are always looking for new members and would be very happy to hear from anyone who can give some of their time to this worthy cause. Please contact the office if you think you can help.

## Twitter - please sign up!

You can find us @Castlehill100

Mrs. Janet Leggett, Headteacher