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Dear parents,

May I wish you all a very happy February half-term holiday! If you are looking for something to entertain the family over the holiday, Calderdale's 'Do Something' leaflet has plenty of ideas. The leaflet can be downloaded at the following website:

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/leisure-and-culture/do-something>

One activity which always proves popular is the **Soccer Schools club** which takes place at Todmorden Sports Centre.

Details below:

Soccer Schools Club - February

FA Qualified and Academy standard coaches.

Ages 4 - 7 & 8+

Special two day price £30 (£20 PTL)

One day price £16.75 (£11.75 PTL)

9.30am - 3.30pm

Monday 19 February (Age 4-7)

Tuesday 20 February (Age 4-7)

Thursday 22 February (Age 8+)

Friday 23 February (Age 8+)

Another highlight I've found is the **campfire cooking** at Ogden Water:

Campfire Cooking

Come to Ogden Water to learn how to light a fire, create something to cook in the classroom then cook your food over the fire before having lunch in the woods. Wrap up warm and enjoy being outdoors in the winter.

No unaccompanied children. Ages 7+. £5 per person (adults and children). Includes ingredients.

Thursday 22 February @ 11am

Booking essential. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

countryside@calderdale.gov.uk

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/>

Todmorden Food Drop-in

The following information has been passed to me by Elsa Fairbanks on behalf of Todmorden Food Drop-in.

Unlike some Food Banks, for example the one at the Ebenezer Centre in Halifax, people using this service do not need an official referral and can simply turn up at St. Mary's Church on a Saturday between 9:30am and 12 noon. Here people will be given three day emergency supply of food and toiletries and can have a snack in the café.

Everyone is made welcome; some basic information is collected which is kept completely confidential and the atmosphere is very relaxed. Adults must accompany any children who come along.

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.

Cross Country Finals

The key stage 2 cross country finals had to be postponed this week. The rescheduled date will be **Wednesday 28th February**.

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! ☺

World Book Day 1st March

We will be celebrating World Book Day as usual. Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character. A first and second prize will be awarded for the most imaginative outfit from each class.

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.

Attendance

The best attending classes this week were:

In KS1: 2L with 99.2%

In KS2: 3F with 100%.

Clothing donation request

We are currently very low on spare underwear and socks in school (all age ranges) for the children to change into if they have occasional accidents. Also, plain white T-shirts and black shorts (P.E. kit). Please bring in any donations and leave at the office. Many thanks.

Important dates next half-term:

Date	Activity
Mon 26 th Feb	School Reopens
Mon 26 th Feb	KS1 Zoo Lab (morning)
Wed 28 th Feb	Y6 Residential: parents' meeting 3:30pm-4pm
Thurs 1 st Mar	World Book Day
Wed 7 th - Fri 9 th March	Year 6 Residential - Anderton Centre
Thurs 15 th March	KS2 swimming gala
Fri 16 th March	4/5C trip to Manchester Museum
Wed 21 st March	5/6G Jodrell Bank Trip
Wed 28 th March	3F trip to Tropical World
Thurs 29 th March	School closes for Easter
Easter Holidays	
Mon 16 th April	School Reopens

Class Assemblies

Please note: class assemblies take place on a Wednesday from 9:10am to 9:40am.

Date	Class
Wed 28 th Feb	1/2S
Wed 14 th March	2L
Wed 21 st March	3F
Wed 28 th March	4/5C

Payments into the Bank

Please remember we cannot accept payment for trips through direct transfer to the bank. Trips must be paid by cheque or cash to the office - Thanks.

Twitter - please sign up!

You can find us @Castlehill100
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