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Dear Parents/Carers

Term has started well with children quickly settled back into their routines.

Thank You!

A huge thank you for your support for PTA fundraising before Christmas. The PTA made a fantastic £1077 which they are investing back into school.

Outdoor Provision

The PTA fundraising is being put towards developing our outdoor provision for our younger children. We are upgrading some equipment in Nursery and developing an additional outdoor play environment in the enclosed yard area where Reception class is currently dropped off and collected.

The yard developments will further improve the opportunities for Nursery and Reception, as well as Year 1 and Year 2 children. The PTA have donated £3000 towards this, which is a fantastic investment down to your fundraising – thank you!

Self Awareness Day

Last Friday was one of our curriculum days with the focus on Self Awareness. The children undertook a range of different activities with their teachers throughout the day, thinking about themselves, their actions and others.

Library

The school library will resume its family sessions on Thursdays after school from Thursday 30 January. You will be able to select books and read with your children each Thursday thereafter.

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STEM Communities

Year 5 and Year 6 are undertaking STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) workshops with Woodhorn Museum. The focus has been computer coding to control a space rover on Mars as well as learning about how these are tested in Whitby before going to Mars! The "Mining and Mars" family sessions from 3.30pm – 4.30pm on Monday 27 January and Monday 3 February have been very popular. Mrs Beattie reports there are a few places left on 3 February but 27 January is now fully booked. Siblings are able to attend these sessions.

New Minibus

You will have noticed a new Mowbray Minibus since we returned to school.

The costs of the bus are fully covered by the County Council as it is supporting the home to school transport for children attending the Specialist Support Base. During the school day, the bus gives us more flexibility with providing school trips for all children without incurring increased travel costs.

Appleby Centre and Parking

We have had a number of complaints since our return regarding parking. The Appleby Centre near the entrance lane from Wansbeck Avenue have complained about Mowbray parents/carers driving at high speeds down the access road to park and drop off at the back of Mowbray. While there is not complaint about the parking, there are complaints about the driver's speed. We've been notified that registration details will be passed to the police if speeding persists. Please consider the safety of all users of that area as many children are dropped off in that zone.

We have also received a number of parking complaints from residents on Woodhorn Drive reporting blocked drives. Please be considerate when parking.

Parent Consultations

Please note that your child will come home tonight with a letter about Parent Consultations. This term we ask that if you want to book a 10 minute slot with your child's teacher, please complete the slip and return it to the class teacher. The teacher will send a slip home with a time of your appointment. You will automatically receive a telephone appointment unless you tick the "face to face" box. Please return your slip as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Yours sincerely

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