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Upcoming Events

February 3

Year 5/6 Cross Country at Langley Park Primary School

February 5

Gibside Meeting for Y4 parents 3:30pm

February 6

Safer Internet Day

February 6

No after school clubs this Tuesday night

February 7

Y5 Eucharistic Service, 9.15am

February 7

Y4 Gymnastics Carousel at The Louisa Centre (am)

February 8

Valentine's Disco (after school)- **tickets on sale until Tuesday!!! Don't miss out!**

February 8

Break Up for Half Term

February 21

Y1 Class Trip to Souter Lighthouse

February 21

Y6 Mass, 9.15am

February 22/23

Y4 Overnight Residential to Gibside

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Number Day

Today is Number Day! We're delighted to see all of the children and staff's number outfits and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the Mega Maths Day. By taking part in [Number Day](#), we are supporting NSPCC and all money raised (amount TBC) from today will help

many more children and young people to be kept safe and have a happier childhood.



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week (5-11 February 2018) it is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year highlights the importance of 'Being Ourselves'. The aim of this week (sponsored by Place2Be) is to come together and celebrate the unique qualities and strengths in ourselves and others. Some children and young people can find it difficult to think of positive things about themselves. Low self-esteem can affect 8 in 10 young people. When we have a positive view of ourselves, it can help us to cope with life's challenges and make better connections with others. Next week in school, we will reinforce this week's Statement to Live By (overleaf) by highlighting our own unique qualities and feeling proud of them.

Electronic Methods of Communication

Last week we mentioned about reducing plastic and protecting our planet to do our bit for the environment. Keeping with that theme, please note that we shall be trying to email as many letters to parents as possible (unless they have a reply slip attached) to reduce the amount of paper that is used in school. As well as saving costs, it is also a more environmentally friendly method. Our school website is bouncing with information so please use it as much as possible to access any information/ letters (see 'Letters to Parents' section) that have been sent home or emailed recently.

Best Wishes,

Catherine Harper

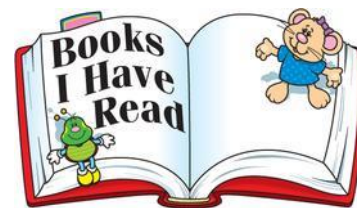
Head teacher

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Gold Book Winners (Thursday 1st February)

Miss Harper- **Jack Revell**
Miss Caulfield- **Martha Simcox**
Mr Rooney - **Rebecca Devlin**
Miss Loughlin - **Dylan Harland**
Miss Williamson - **James Reay**
Mrs Rowley - **Jacy Brunskill**
Mrs Readman - **Hollie Kelly**
Mrs Wealleans - **Nevaeh Loan**
Mrs Donaghy- **Joshua Wildish**
Miss O'Sullivan - **Mya Milewski**
Mrs O'Neill - **Faye Burnett**
Mrs Finley- **George McMurray**

Mrs Finley- **Alfie Lauder**
Mrs Stone- **Oliver Reed**
Mrs Lauder- **Ruby Riley**
Mr McQueen- **Effie Scott**
Mrs Hanley- **Zaina Chowdhury**
Mrs Malpass - **Charlie Elkington**
Mrs McNally - **Olivia Driver**
Mrs Brown - **Summer Ogle-Grange**
Mrs Tallentire- **Elizabeth Oliver**
Mr Kent- **William Bradley**
Mrs Bissell- **Isaac Liddell**



Returning Library Books

Please can you ensure that your child returns their library book to school every week. Even if they haven't finished reading it, the book will need to be re-issued each week. We have a total of **54 books overdue**. Please talk to your child and ensure that your child's library book is in their bag. Thank you.

Y5 Upcoming Jorvik Trip

Parents should have received a letter emailed to them about the upcoming Y5 Jorvik Trip (**Thursday 8th March**). The letter has also been added to ParentPay as well as the school website for anyone who has not received it.

Y2 Collective Worship

As recently messaged to all Y2 parents, we have to change the date and time of the Y2 Collective Worship. It shall now be held on **Friday 2nd March at 9:30am**. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Statements to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is...



'I notice that we are the same and that we are different.'

This week, we have focused on similarities and differences between us and our classmates, as well as thinking about the differences between us and children in the wider world. Talk to your child about their own strengths and qualities which make them unique.

Have we got all of your contact details?

If your mobile or home address has changed lately, can you please inform Mrs Readman or Mrs Finley immediately. Thank you.

Chicken Pox, Measles & Shingles

It is extremely important that you inform us **straight away** if you suspect or know that your child has shingles, chicken pox or measles, or has been in contact with someone who has any of these symptoms. Thank you!



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