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### Dates for your diary

#### February

1<sup>st</sup> Year 6 young voices

7<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm KS2 to Watch Barrow AFC

7<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Netball match

17<sup>th</sup> Work of the Half Term 9 am at  
Furness Academy

#### Half term 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February

27<sup>th</sup> Group 2 after school clubs  
start for 4 weeks

27<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Parenting course

#### March

3<sup>rd</sup> Key steps 1,2 & 3 gym comp.

15<sup>th</sup> KS2 swimming gala

24<sup>th</sup> KS2 regional swimming gala

27<sup>th</sup> last swimming Y1,2 & Y3

30<sup>th</sup> Last swimming Y4 & Y5

29<sup>th</sup> Work of the Half Term 9am at  
Furness Academy

30<sup>th</sup> Reception Visit to Lifeboat station

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**END OF TERM**

**School closes at 12pm.**

**School re-opens Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### April



**School Uniform:** We pride ourselves on being smart at all times in our school including when we are outside of school on trips and sporting events. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform everyday and that they wear appropriate black school shoes/boots. Trainers are only allowed to be worn on PE days. On PE days please ensure your child wears the school tracksuit or their PE kit. Please do not send them in any other sports wear thank you. If you would like to purchase school tracksuits/ leggings we can arrange a payment plan for you at the school office.

#### KS2 Football visit to watch Barrow AFC:

We are taking years 3-6 to watch Barrow AFC play Everton FC in the Lancashire senior cup at 1pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Children will need a packed lunch on that day (FSM children will be provided with one). **Please can children be collected from Asda car park at 3pm behind the Barrow AFC stadium.** Please can you log on to parent pay and consent.

#### Our community Police Officer introducing Stranger Danger:

I am delighted that we now have a community beat officer from the Barrow Neighborhood policing team. Our officer is PC Martin Hayes who is working closely with school so the children will become familiar with him in the community. The first activity he carried out was a stranger danger experiment. PC Hayes came into school in plain clothes alongside another officer to test out our pupil's response to seeing strangers around school. The results of this experiment were terrifying and every child they spoke to gave out personal information about themselves. The information children gave included their name, best friends, hobbies, addresses,

gamer tags.... This is worrying hence the fact we followed up with a keep your child safe week across school. PC Hayes said that once someone has a gamer tag you are inviting them into your personal space as they can find you and contact you from anywhere in the world. We hope you will support this initiative and continue to have regular discussions with your child regarding their safety on and off line.

**Cold weather:** Please can I remind all parents that if the playground is icy in the mornings to be extra careful. Please do not let your children onto the play equipment or MUGA in icy conditions. Please also ensure your child comes to school with a hat, gloves and a warm coat all named.

**Additional Bank Holiday :** Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> has been granted as an additional bank holiday to mark the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed on this day and Year 6 SATs will start on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Drop in/ parenting support with our Family Support Worker:

If you are finding things hard, please call into the school office no matter what your issue and we can arrange an appointment with Ruth Thompson our Family Support worker. She has connections with lots of services and agencies who can help you. Our parenting course restarts with her for 4 weeks on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

On behalf of myself and the staff at Parkside can I thank you for your continued support.



Mrs. Caroline Walker

### 315 Purple Letters of Love

#### Valentine's internet challenge 2023

All letters to be posted by February 13<sup>th</sup> please.

We are asking all families to write a letter of love to each child for them to open.

Envelopes will be sent home Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Things you might want to include in your letter:

Why they are important to you and your family, what they are good at, what they do to make you smile, Things you love about them, share a story/moment that meant a lot, tell them a fun memory you have of them, Tell them about your hopes for their future.

☑ Place your letter in the purple envelope and write your child's name and class on the front. Letters must be posted in the post box in the entrance hall by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February!

Please ensure your child does not miss out!