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**Key dates**

- Wednesday 5th—Friday 7th Cyclewise for Year 1 and 4
- Thursday 6th—World Book Day
- Friday 7th—Key Steps Gymnastics competition
- Monday 10th—Friday 14th—Science week
- Tuesday 11th—Year 5 STEM show
- Friday 14th—Professor Pumpernickel school visit
- Thursday 27th—Year 5/6—Stanway Cup (Girls football)
- Friday 28th—PTA Mother's Day coffee morning
- Monday 31st—Wednesday 2nd—Year 5 Residential at Keppleway

Class	Attendance
Nursery (Purple)	94%
Reception (Orange)	97%
Year 1 (Red)	94%
Year 2 (Yellow)	97%
Year 3 (Green)	97%
Year 4 (Pink)	95%
Year 5 (Blue)	96%
Year 6 (Turquoise)	95%
Whole school	95%

Please do contact us by phone if you are reporting any illnesses (01229 828348).

It has been great to have the children back in school this week, and we look forward to a busy half term ahead.

**Attendance**

As always we carefully monitor attendance and will always look to support our children and families going forward. Before half term we were audited by the education welfare officer for the county. As explained in previous newsletters and dojo messages, our attendance policy has now changed to be in line with the county policy. Therefore, poor attendance and holidays taken within term time will be referred to education welfare officer. This may then lead to further actions being taken, such as fines. This includes holidays that have been taken in this calendar year (since the new policy was revised) as explained at the start of the January.

**Accessing school**

Please can I ask that parents use the path when coming into school, especially at breakfast club drop off. We have several staff entering school at this time and I would like to minimise risk. I am happy for you to still use the one-way system after dropping off as I know the path is narrow. Please note that the yellow zig zag lines outside school should not be parked on at any time.

**World Book Day**

This will take place on Thursday 6th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. Please note there is no expectation to spend money on a costume. Pyjamas can still be an option and there is also the option offered by services such as Barrow Library to pick up costumes at a discounted price.

**Contact with staff**

I think that it is a wonderful thing that so many of our staff have their children at our school. It really shows what a strong school community that we have, and I know that many of you know our staff personally. Can I please ask that any questions regarding school life go through the appropriate school channels rather than contact staff personally. This puts my staff in an incredi-

bly difficult situation that is avoidable.

**School equipment**

Can I ask that children do not go on the MUGA or apparatus before or after school. We have recently had a couple of injuries because of children not being supervised at these times.

**Every little helps**

Please note that any food with a short life period, that cannot be used in school, will be left on the bench at the end of the day every Friday outside Year 2. Please help yourself.

**Work of the half term**

The work of the half term assembly will take place on Thursday 3rd April. As always, our Reception—Year 2 assembly will take place at 9 a.m. and our Year 3—Year 6 assembly will take place at 2:40 p.m.

**Magic breakfast**

To help ensure our children are now equipped for the day ahead, we offer the children a second breakfast snack after our register to make sure they have lots of energy for the day ahead.

**Parents evenings**

A huge thank you to those that could attend our parent's nights this week.

**Residential payments**

Please note that if you missed the first pay period for your child's first residential payment, our Parent Pay system removes this option. Please contact the school office for assistance with this. Cash can be brought into the school office.

**Packed lunches**

Please note that packed lunches for Reception and Key Stage 1 are not permitted currently unless we have a medical note. Thank you for your understanding with this.

**Half term**

Please note that this half term finishes on Friday 4th April at 1:30 p.m.

Many thanks,

