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Dear Parents / Carers,

I very much hope that you all had the opportunity to recharge during the half term.

#### Odd Socks Day

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, at work or at home, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November (which is during Anti-Bullying Week as is the case each year) to help raise awareness of bullying.

#### Remembrance Service

Next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November is the KS2 Remembrance Service at St Nicholas' Church. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for this event. In school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, we will also, as always, be participating in a moment's silence across the school in recognition of Remembrance.

#### Reading Breakfast

This term we will see a return of the 'Reading Breakfasts' across the school. Many of you will remember that we held these a few years ago and they proved to be very popular. Information will be sent out in due course so do keep an eye out.

#### World Polio Day Art Competition

Congratulations to all twenty-four award winners in the competition who were presented with their prizes by representatives of the Great Ayton and Guisborough Rotary Club in assembly today! There were some magnificent entries which really did showcase the outstanding artistic talents we have from Nursery all the way through to Year Six. Many thanks to the Rotary Club and we look forward to continuing to build our working relationship.

#### Discos

Information about the upcoming discos will soon be available to read and you will notice some key changes which have been made. Firstly, they are straight after school. Secondly, we are using ParentPay rather than collecting money as children walk in. This also helps us manage the register of attendees. Finally, because they are straight after school, we are inviting children to attend school on their disco day in non-uniform. This means they will not need to get changed which should mean no clothing gets lost!

#### Children In Need

This annual national fundraising event is next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We are therefore inviting the children and staff to attend school in non-uniform for a donation of one pound which will be sent to the charity.

#### Lost Property!

A couple of weeks ago, somebody came to the office to enquire if any glasses had been handed in. At that point, there had not been. However, we do now have a pair of glasses at the office so if you think they may be yours, do pop along and have a look!

### Running Club

Just a reminder that for children to participate in running club, a change of shoes is required. If they are already in PE kit as it is their 'PE day', the shoes being worn will be fine and no change is necessary. Next week kicks off with Year Three. A pretty good turnout this week, possibly because of the team point incentives being offered for each lap completed!!! I have to say, we have some rather impressive runners in the school!

LUNCH ROTA	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Week beginning	30.09.24 04.11.24 02.12.24	07.10.24 11.11.24 09.12.24	14.10.24 18.11.24 16.12.24	23.09.24 21.10.24 25.11.24
MON	Y6	Y3	Y4	Y5
TUES	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
WEDS	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y3
THURS	Y5	Y6	Y3	Y4

### And Finally....

Since being back from half term, it is obviously a bit less light as we finish the day. For those who walk, do make that extra effort to ensure you make yourselves highly visible, especially as the weeks pass by and it gets yet darker.

Have a good weekend.

Yours Sincerely

*C. Gibson*

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