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Dear Parents / Carers,

Well that was an interesting couple of days! It must have been a full two years since we were clearing snow off footpaths early in the morning but I think that our brief taste of winter was enjoyed, by the children at least!

Just a reminder, should we receive another helping of snow, please could you send your child with a change of footwear? Without this, we cannot allow them outside as the last thing we want is for them to be in cold, wet shoes and socks for the remainder of the day.

Diary Dates

At this time of the year, there seem to be rather a lot of events being organised so, in an attempt to assist your planning, here are some key dates you may wish to add to your calendar. Any further information required will be sent out in due course:

Friday 28th November: PD Day: school closed to pupils

Monday 1st December: PD Day: school closed to pupils

Monday 8th December: Choir attending 'Guisborough Sings' festival at St Nicholas' Church from 2.30pm

Tuesday 9th December: KS2 attending Christmas Service, St Nicholas' Church (1.30pm)

Tuesday 9th December: Discos after school

Wednesday 10th December: Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11th December: Reception Nativity (2.15pm)

Tuesday 16th December: Y2 Party

Tuesday 16th December: 'Christmas Singalong', KS1 playground, 5.00pm

Wednesday 17th December: Y3, Y4 and Y1 parties

Thursday 18th December: Y5 and Y6 parties

Friday 19th December: end of term 3.10pm and reports distributed.

Spring term commences Monday 5th January.

Maternity

Today will be Mrs Gee's last day prior to commencing her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and, as always, will share any updates with you..!

Road Safety

Many thanks to Mick, Chris and Matty from Cleveland Fire Brigade who came to speak with the children about road safety, something of particular relevance at this time of year with the darker afternoons and poorer weather. The sessions they delivered were exactly what the children needed and I am sure that the advice shared will be applied by everybody.

Christmas Lunch

Just to reiterate the information sent out earlier this week, the Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 10th December. If your child is on packed lunch and would like a school meal for this day please let the office know by Thursday 27th November OR If your child is on school meal and would like a packed lunch on this day, please also let the office know by Thursday 27th November. Changes cannot be made after this date.

Parent / Carer Questionnaire

All responses to this have been collated and all comments read. I will share an 'abridged version' of the data and will look to upload the full 43 page document on the website. Thanks to those who took the time to complete this. Two of the main comments which recurred involved clubs and discos. Firstly, from January 2026, all teaching staff and many of our support staff will be offering clubs (either at lunchtime or after school depending on their commitments). We will share information with you about these. The other involved school discos which we will be looking to hold termly.

Parking...

It's been a while..... Firstly, huge thanks to you all for respecting the so-called 'lay-by' area which is a no stopping zone. It massively improves visibility for those wishing to cross the road at that point and subsequently improves the level of safety. Could I please ask, though, that when parking the entire footpath is not blocked. We have received reports of people with pushchairs effectively being forced onto the road due to the entire pavement being fully obstructed. Thanks as always.

Spare Uniform

During the wet weather, it is not uncommon for children to slip over and get a bit wet! When this happens, we obviously want to make them as comfortable as possible and this usually involves providing them with a change of clothes. However, our supply of spare uniform is depleting and, as such, we would be most grateful for boys' and girls' school shirts ages 5-6/ 6-7 /8-9 /9/10 /10-11 and 11/12 (and a few sizes bigger if possible). As well as this, we would be grateful for boys' trousers ages 7-8/ 8-9/ 9-10/ 10-11/ 11-12 and a few sizes bigger if possible.

Thanks in advance!

And Finally....

Rather hoping it warms up a touch although I sense the caveat to that will be rain.
Ah well. Can't have it all I guess.

Have a good one!

Yours Sincerely
C. Gibson
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