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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is whizzing by very quickly and it has been lovely to have slightly lighter mornings and nights. The children have been working incredibly hard over the term and it has been a pleasure to be part of their learning. This term we have had theme days, four legged visitors and launched The Year of Reading Campaign too.

Year 1 Visitors

As part of Year 1's Science work this term they welcomed in some special visitors to the classroom. Having experiences to bring learning to life is really important to help knowledge stick. Mabel and Eddie



were incredibly well behaved and the children were both respectful and curious. They asked thoughtful questions and listened well.

The children in preschool also came over to meet Mabel and Eddie. They particularly loved seeing Eddie munching on his hay and playing with his stacking cups.



School Drop off parking

While the school drop off period in the morning is always going to be a busy time, please can we ask that if using a car you park considerately and safely. We have seen an increasing number of parents and carers parking on the zig zag lines outside school and very close to the crossing. The zig zags are in place to ensure there is clear visibility for adults, children and other motorists on the road. The trickiest mornings tend to be when it is raining and while it is more convenient and definitely drier to park closer, the rain already makes visibility more difficult for motorists. Your co operation and understanding in keeping everyone safe is appreciated.

Mobile Phones

You may have seen in the news recently that the Government are issuing further guidance around mobile phone usage in schools. We do not permit mobile phones to be used by children in school and ask that they are turned off before entering the school gates. The older children who walk to and from school and are permitted to have a phone for this purpose by parents do this very well. We would like to remind parents and carers that this applies to younger children too even though they may still be being accompanied to school.

Year 4 Residential

What a fabulous time our Year 4 children had on their residential to Norfolk Lakes! They were able to take part in a range of activities from climbing to caving to axe throwing. Not only did they have access to all of these but also the experience of staying away from home, sharing rooms with friends and developing communication and social skills in a different way. The staff at Norfolk Lakes complimented us on how well behaved and polite the children were and they made us very proud that they were displaying all of their HEART values. As ever we are also very grateful to the staff that accompanied the children. Trips like this are not possible without staff volunteering to give up their time



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for a period of sleepless nights, round the clock care and responsibility and we are very grateful for this. The trade off for them is getting to know the children even better, seeing them have an absolute blast and go from strength to strength as their confidence blossoms. We hope everyone has got through the washing and is not yet tiring of the stories of paddle boarding!

Basketball

Once again our Year 5 and 6 children were invited to go to AMVC to take part in a Basketball competition. Having attended a coaching day and then had some curriculum lessons on Basketball, they had not played together as a team until the day. The children represented themselves brilliantly and their resilience and Teamwork shone through as they did not lose a single match and came away as Gold medal winners. Well done all involved.

Uniform and The Heart Hub

A reminder for those of you who may need additional uniform, that we continue to support the Peterborough Used uniform initiative. We also have uniform available in our Heart Hub – please speak to us if you are in need of anything. This time of year can be particularly difficult for many and we keep the Heart Hub well stocked so please drop us an email or pop into the office if you need support with groceries or uniform.



Parents Evenings

Next week we have our second parents evenings of the year. Please do make contact with the school if you have been unable to make an appointment. We value working together as partners and would encourage you to attend. We will be using the hall entrance again please. We look forward to seeing you then,

Kind regards

Mrs Hales



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Dates for the Diary

10 th and 12 th February	Parents Evenings
13 th February	End of Term
23 rd February	Start of Term 4
27 th March	End of Term
13 th April	Start of Term 5
Week beg 20 th April	Open Classrooms
11 th May to 14 th May	Year 6 SATs
22 nd May	End of Term
1 st June	Professional Day 4
2 nd June	Start of Term 6
2 nd June	Year 4 MT check window opens
8 th June	Year 1 Phonics check window opens
16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service at Thorney Abbey (Year 6 parents invited)
17 th July	End of Term 6
20 th July	Professional Day 5