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## **February Newsletter 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Short message from the Head**

As usual we have had a very busy first half term of the year. This continues at a pace - moving forward next half term is increasingly busy with various clubs, trips and residentials taking place – please see details and dates below.

### **Staffing changes**

We are having a couple of staffing changes at Easter. I am sad (for us) to say that Mrs Baron in Y3, and Mr Duxbury in Y5 will be moving on to pastures new – Mrs Baron to work for Raspberry Pi Computing Foundation as Community Coordinator for the North West of England, and Mr Duxbury to take up a full-time role race organising for Lakeland Trails (the organisation he already works with part time).

These will be monumental changes for Ghyllside as both Helen and Dan are long serving well respected members of our Ghyllside team who will be missed by us all. We obviously all wish them well in their new jobs.

We are in the final stages of putting staffing plans in place which will ensure continuity for both classes through the Summer term. We will let parents know what these are after half term.

### **Expedition club**

We will again be running Expedition Club for our Y6 pupils in the Summer term (more information for Y6 parents to follow after half term). We try to keep a stock of equipment in school that we can lend to children so they all have the chance to access this opportunity. If you have unused / rarely used, good quality waterproof jackets and trousers, walking boots, thick socks, hats, gloves, thermal base layers or rucksacks that you are not using and would fit Y6 children, we would happily add them to our stock. Many thanks.

### **Running Club**

Miss Munday, Mrs Taylor, Mr Sillito and Mr Davies will be starting a running club for children in Ys 1-6 every Tuesday morning before school after half term. Further information about this will be coming home next week.

### **Children Heart Surgery Fund Charity Day, World Book Day and Comic Relief**

This is just a heads up that we are holding three non-uniform days in the near future – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – We are holding a 'come dressed in red' day to raise money to Children Heart Surgery Day in support of a charity that has excellently supported one of our infant children this year. On the day children will be able to come to school dressed in red and bring a voluntary contribution to be collected for the charity.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – This is World Book day Children are welcome to come dressed as a character from their favourite book, or wear pyjamas.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Children can wear mufti or red for a donation to Comic Relief

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### World Book Day Competition

Once again, we are organising a reading competition to be held around World Book Day. This time, it is an **Extreme Reading Competition**.

Ever read anywhere a bit different?

Ever fancied reading in a totally original place?

All you need to do is read in an 'extreme' place or way and get someone to take a photo, and then put...

YOUR NAME AND CLASS ON THE BACK AND PUT IT IN YOUR YEAR GROUP FOLDER IN THE BOX BY THE LIBRARY.

All entries need to be in by **FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**.

There will be a prize for winners of the following categories: each year group from EYFS to Y6.

### PTA Half Term Jewellery designing competition

Our PTA are running a competition over half term to design a piece of jewellery. The winner of this competition will have their piece of jewellery made for them in silver. This competition is a fund raiser for our new Playdale playground – details to follow next week.

### Traffic around school

As a large primary school we are obviously very busy, especially at drop off and pick up times. Please can I remind parents to drive slowly when dropping off and picking up children on both sides of school, and respect / use the traffic restrictions / markings on the Greengate Lane side of school appropriately to help us keep all of our children safe. Many thanks for your co-operation.

### Policy on the Administration of Medicine

We have to follow very strict guidelines from our Health and Safety Advisor on the administering of all medication. Therefore, we ask that where possible medication timings are organised for outside of school time or where possible a parent/carer can drop into school to administer them.

We have been advised that prescribed medicine which needs to be taken "three times a day" should be done so outside of school hours. When it is necessary for children to have medication during the school day parents/carers will need to deliver the medication to the School Office in its original packaging. There will be a form to be completed before Office staff can administer this. **Medication must not be sent into school with a child or in a child's bag.** The medication must be collected from the School Office at the end of the day.

As always, if you have any questions about any of this information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards



Huw Davies

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## Dates for the diary

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February:	PTA uniform/cake sale, 3pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February:	School finishes for half term, 3.20pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February:	Staff inset day, children not in school
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February:	Children return to school after half term
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February:	Y6 SAT's and York parents evening, 6pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February:	Y4 Bikeability
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February:	Childrens Heart Surgery mufti day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March:	Y4 Primary Schools Concert, am, details to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March:	World Book Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March:	PTA Book sale, after school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mary Wakefield Music Festival
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March:	Reception visit to Fire Station, am, details to follow
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March:	Y5 Hawse End residential
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March:	Y6 York residential
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March:	PTA Spring disco
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March:	Comic Relief mufti day
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March:	Y5 KKS Moving up evening, 5.30-6.30pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April:	Term ends, 2pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April:	Summer term begins
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May:	May Day bank holiday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May:	Y6 SAT's
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May:	Y3 Waterpark trip
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May:	Y2 Waterpark trip
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May:	Y4 Brathay residential
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May:	School finishes for half term, 3.20pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June:	School starts
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June:	Dominic Kelly, storyteller visit
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y3 Residential
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y5 QKS experience day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	Class photographs, Nur-Y6
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y6 Leavers Ceilidh
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y6 Leavers assembly, 9-10am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Term ends, 2pm

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