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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas. Thank you for all your cards, gifts and good wishes. We are very happy to welcome Liberty to Nursery this term. We hope that she settles in well and enjoys her time here.

After School Club

The long awaited after school club is open from this week. The mini bus will arrive at 3.15pm to take the children to Bugthorpe Memorial Hall. Thank you to the families who are already supporting this. Having worked so hard to try to get a club we are hopeful that with the right support it will continue and flourish.

Parents who would like further information can ring Claire Potter on 01759 373717.

So far bookings have only been received from a few families for 2 days – Tuesdays and Fridays. There will be five children going to the club on Tuesdays and two children on Fridays. If the significant demand that was indicated on the questionnaires becomes a reality, then the club will open on other days too. Please support the club if you filled in a form to indicate demand. I have encouraged the managers to give it until half term before they consider whether to close. Unfortunately, I have been told that it will be case of ‘use it or lose it’. Obviously the staff have to be paid and there are rental and transport costs to pay. Once we lose the County support on the viability of the club, then it is highly likely that there will be no club in the future. This would be very sad as I know that lots of our younger families are hoping to use such a facility in time.

Norovirus

I am sure that you will have heard through local and national media that there is a rather nasty tummy bug circulating in most communities. It would seem sensible to remind all families that to prevent such a bug spreading, children should **not** attend school within 48 hours of vomiting or a bout of diarrhoea, even if they fell well enough. Also, we shall be reminding all children about the importance of proper hand washing with soap after visiting the toilet and urging them that this is a routine that should be maintained wherever they are. We realise that having sick children at home puts a strain on working parents especially, but for the good of the whole school community it would be wise to follow these guidelines.

Multiskills

‘Multiskills’ continue on the next four Mondays with the infant and reception children at lunchtime. Please could all the children bring trainers and out door sports kit for this? The last session will be Monday 4th February.

Junior P.E

Please could the juniors bring their out door P.E. kits on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We will be hoping to do some outdoor activities including simple 'orienteeing' on Wednesday afternoons. Would any parents like to come along and help? Please let me know. If the weather turns very Wintery, the alternative will be some indoor 'activate and aerobics'. Please pop a pair of shorts into the P.E. bag just in case. Thanks.

Art club

All members of staff are currently updating their first aid certificates. There will be some further training for staff during the early part of this term after school and so unfortunately Mrs Clark is unable to run the art club until after half term. The club will commence after half term and will run until Easter. Art club does not run at all during the Summer term. The dates are:

Monday 18th February,
Monday 15th February,
Monday 3rd March,
Monday 17th March.

Sports club

Sports club continues on Tuesdays and the French club will continue on Thursday after school as normal.

Parents' Evening

There will be a parents' evening for Foundation Stage, Infants and Juniors on Monday 10th March. There will be an additional date of Tuesday 11th March for the parents of the juniors (because it is a larger class). Please put these dates into your diary.

Sharing assemblies

The junior sharing assembly will be on the last day of this half term - Friday 8th February at 2.50pm. The infant sharing assembly will be on Friday 14th March at 2.50pm. All parents and governors are welcome to attend.

UNICEF Day For Change

We are hoping to hold a non-uniform day to raise money for Unicef. This will be held on Friday 1st February. The donation for choosing to wear non-uniform will be £1.

World Book Day

World Book Day will be Thursday 6th March. We will be inviting the children to dress as their favourite book character or bring their favourite book to share in school. I am hoping to get a book fair organised to accompany this event, more news later.

Curriculum

We know that you find it useful to know what the topics will be for your children each term in order to help them select library books and do research at home, so we hope that you find the following information useful.

Foundation Stage

All areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum will be covered under the main topic of Toys and Story Book Characters.

Infants

The main topic is Toys

Science: Materials and forces

History: Toys in the past

ICT: Animation.

R.E: Special people, citizenship, buildings and special relationships.

Geography: Toys from different parts of the world

Literacy: Traditional tales, poetry and stories with familiar settings.

Juniors

We will be following the new Primary Framework for Literacy and Numeracy. The text types we will be looking at in Literacy are poetry, stories, explanations, reports and media reporting.

In RE we will be studying 'Founders and Leaders' and in the second half term 'Exploring Worship'.

Science: Light and Sound, Earth and space

ICT: Control

Music: Recorders and composition

P.E: Outdoor games on Thursdays, Orienteering or activate

Geography: Mountain environment

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Halley

Dates and Events

Date	Event
Tuesday 8 January,	After school club, Every Tuesday & Friday, (After School)
Tuesday 8 January	Sports Club, Every Tuesday, (After School)
Thursday 10 January	French Club Every Thursday(After school)
Friday 1 February	Unicef Day, Non Uniform day £1 donation to dress down
Monday 4 February	Multiskills LAST session
Tuesday 5 February	7.30pm Governors Meeting
Friday 8 February	2.50pm Juniors sharing Assembly
Monday 18 February	Art Club (After School)
Monday 25 February	Art Club (After School)
Monday 3 March	Art Club (After school)
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day Optional dress up as book characters, or bring favourite book to school
Monday 10 March	Parents Evening: Foundation Stage, Infants and Juniors
Tuesday 11 March	Parents Evening (Juniors only)
Friday 14 March	2.50pm Infants sharing Assembly
Monday 17 March	Art Club (After school)

School Holidays

Spring Term

Close half term

Friday 8 February, 3.15 pm (Half term one week)

Return to school

Monday 18 February

Last Day of Term

Thursday 20 March (Easter)

Summer Term

School re-opens

Tuesday 8 April

Closed – May Day

Monday 5 May

Close for half term

Friday 23 May, 3.15 pm

Return to school

Tuesday 3 June

Last Day of Term

Tuesday 22 July