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There will be no 'Together Time' on Monday 13th February due to staff training in school.

This week, a number of children didn't do PE outside. Everyone needs a full PE kit in school. R - Y5 have PE on a Tuesday and Friday, Y 4 and 5 have an extra session on a Thursday. It is very muddy outside and we will send PE kit home to be washed if it is needed; please return it quickly. It is really helpful if your child has a plastic bag to take muddy kit home in. All the children want to do PE and we do our best to provide extra items if needed, but too many children are coming to school without a PE kit and we don't have enough.



Everyone needs old trainers for outside / clean trainers or sand shoes for inside, blue PE shorts, blue PE T shirt, blue/black joggers and a school PE hoodie, all of this is available from <http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/> Shortly we will have no option but to ask the children who don't have their PE kit to do it in their uniform. It is very muddy!



We are still having problems with missing uniform. Please try to name **EVERY PIECE** of clothing your child is taking off in school (including shoes). If you can mark it in the neck of hoodies and sweat shirts it is quick to identify. There are many methods available and the iron on products are much better than they used to be. Some of the younger children have no idea what they were wearing or what their shoes look like! As the weather is cold please ensure your child has a coat every day.

Enough ranting for now !!

As part of our Creative curriculum Y 1- Y5 will be visiting Shipley Art Gallery next Wednesday, February 1st. They will leave promptly at 9.00 am. Please do not be late or your child will be left behind with the Reception and Early Years children. Everyone will need smart school uniform and a coat. We will return in time for the end of the school day. A packed lunch will be provided for those pupils who have a school lunch.

EY's and R will be visiting the Lego dinosaur exhibition at Woodhorn Colliery in the second half of this term.



On February 15th, Y3 and 4 will be attending an interschool multisport festival at Willowburn. They will need full PE kit. Blue shorts, blue PE T-shirt, blue PE hoodie with Ellingham on the back and clean trainers. Blue/black joggers can be worn over the top of their shorts for travelling. Please do not provide multi-coloured mismatching items. We would like our teams to look smart, be easily identifiable and be a credit to our school.

We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Please ask friends and family to collect them for us. We usually have enough to replenish some of our PE equipment and every voucher helps.

Thank you to everyone who attended the curriculum drop in session and also to the Year 4 assistants who helped share their knowledge and skills. Please check our web site for curriculum information and Y1- 5 pupils have all been given a hand out about Maths methods.

The School website has the winter menus. If anyone wants further details please speak to Kathy. We have a child with a severe peanut allergy. **Please do not send peanuts** as part of a packed lunch, or snack after swimming. Please remember that a packed lunch from home must not contain fizzy sugary drinks, sweets or fried food.

Please have a PE kit in school. Always bring a coat. Don't forget swimming on Thursdays.

Please stay away from school for 48 hours if you have been sick or have diarrhoea.



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After half term we will be selling 'Noses' for Red Nose Day. (£1.00) This year it takes place on Friday 24th March. Wear something red (and your Nose!) and donate to this worthy cause. We will be combining this with 'Tea and Treats' for Mother's Day, so please put this in your diaries and more details will follow.



'Fit Kids' after school sports club is proving popular on a Thursday after school, with coach Grant Watson. 'Together Time' has started again on a Monday and the lunchtime recorder club and 'Maths through Art' is now up and running in school time. The children can attend on a rota basis and this will be sorted within school



John Davidson's 4 week block of Rugby on a Tuesday after school has started, the last session will be Tuesday February 14th.

At the PTA meeting on Monday 23rd January, we welcomed Julie Durham, who is Jake's mum in Early Years, as our new P.T.A. chair. Huge thanks to Clare Horner who has done a sterling job, covering more than one position for some time, a hard act to follow. Rachel Douglas volunteered to become the new Treasurer and will take over in the near future. Thank you to all who support our PTA and for their amazing fund raising last year.

Date for your diary:

Thursday 6th April - Easter Service, venue to be confirmed closer to the time.

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