

What excitement - snow to top the week off!

I hope everyone is ready for the half term holiday and we are allowed some warmer drier weather to get outside.

School Activities after half term:

- **Martial Arts** is open to children as a club on Thursday 3- 4. Paula sent the message out earlier this week
- **Y2 Grab a Grown up** - this has been happening for Y2 this half term for the children only and we are hoping to be able to invite a parent / adult in again to join them on a Thursday morning 9.00am for the hour. If we can we will let you know on Monday 28th but may need to ask if the weather is bad (and it has to take place indoors) that you have done a LFT to be able to join us in the hall. We are trying to resume parental involvement where we can.
- **World Book Day** - Thursday 3rd March. Children can come dressed up in something they aspire to be, or a hobby they want to take up when they leave school and be very clever and find a book that links with it. We will work with the children prior to Thursday on aspirations for their future.
- Y6 will start their after school booster session on a Monday

Shoe Box Appeal:

We were informed this week that the shoe boxes the children made were sent to communities and children in challenging circumstances in Nigeria. Thank you to everyone who contributed to shining some kindness and sending joy to children in this part of Africa.

Below is information we have been asked to share with you:

"February Half Term – information to share with families

Our Fun and Food programme is providing activities with healthy snacks and meals for children and young people this half term.

All activities are offered through Voluntary and Community Sector partners and schools who will be operating in a Covid secure way. There is a range of activities planned across County Durham.

Find out what's on in your area at www.durham.gov.uk/FunAndFood

Get moving! - here is a link to activities to get active as a family over half term

Get Involved in Active 30 this half term! Tune in to daily physical activity sessions brought to you by Your North East. Broadcasting Monday to Friday 7:30am and 7:00pm, opportunities to keep moving with friends and family at home. Share the trailer with parents and families. Keep your pupils involved in physical movement this half term beak!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZcLa8Fk-Bs>

In addition; County Durham Sport have created a day by day holiday support page:

We want our children to have the best start in life and physical activity plays a key part in physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

We have a range of resources that you can share with young people and families, to encourage them to take part in physical activity during the holidays.

To help you we have created a list of activities for different ages and abilities that you can try each day. Click on the link below to access the resources and share with your pupils and families for the half term break"

<https://countydurhamsport.com/get-active-in-the-holidays-february-holiday/>.

Household Support Grant

These will be sent to school to distribute in March. We have been told to make it clear that they are not holiday payments so are not dependent on distribution prior to a holiday. You had to be eligible for FSM prior to 20th January to receive a voucher and as soon as I know I have them I will let you know. Please remember if you are struggling financially or need help with food or provisions let us know and we will see if there is some way we can help or put you in touch with somewhere that can.

Have a safe and enjoyable time with the children. It has been a very busy and eventful half term so they will be tired. The teachers have spent some time reminding them about keeping safe at home (Stranger danger, personal safety, on line safety, safety near roads etc). Thank you for all your support and please remember if you have any concerns or worries we are here to listen and help.

M Mackenzie and all the staff