

## Happy Friday!

Hello everyone. We are just two weeks away from the half-term break and have a lot to squeeze in. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the **Parents Evenings** on **Thursday 9th** and **Wednesday 15th February**. You should have received a booking alert from the school office by text and email. If you have not arranged to make an appointment yet, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, if you have already received a date for a separate meeting with your child's teacher after half-term, you do not need to book a slot in the next two weeks. Next week we will also be marking **Internet Safety Day** as well as **Mental Health Awareness** week. Keep an eye out for the posts on Facebook. Have a lovely weekend.



Mr Routledge

## Robinwood

Earlier this week, **Miss Dobson, Mr Gray, Miss Black, Mrs Stoddart** and I took a group of 24 Year Six children across to the **Robinwood Activity Centre in Alston**. The children were able to take part in a huge range of activities including **archery, canoeing, climbing, zip lining** and many more. One of the big advantages of using Robinwood is the fact that children are able to take part in around **20 different activities** over the course of their stay. The staff at Robinwood were full of praise for our children. They noted our **impeccable manners, supportive attitude** and **resilience** when trying new, challenging things. I couldn't have been prouder of them and they were a credit to the school. I'd also like to say a **massive thank you to the staff** who made it happen. Going on a residential from a staff point of view is exceptionally tiring as you are effectively on duty for the moment the coach leaves right up until we arrive back at school. It also requires staff to be away from their own families for two nights. **Miss Dobson** deserves a special mention for her **hard work, attention to detail** and amazing **organisational skills** to ensure everyone enjoyed their trip in a fun but safe way. Thank you!

## Fruit

Could we please ask parents that if you are to send **grapes** in as part of a packed lunch, please **cut them in half lengthways** to ensure that they don't present a choking hazard.

## Black and White Day

On **Friday 17th February**, as it is the last day of the half term, we will have a **non-uniform day**. To celebrate **Newcastle United** reaching the **League Cup Final**, children and staff are invited to come to school wearing something **black and white**. This could be a Newcastle shirt or just something plain black or white if they'd prefer. We ask for a voluntary donation of £1 to go towards the school fund if you feel able to contribute. Children will also be spending time writing **Good Luck** cards and letters to the staff and players at Newcastle which we will send over before half-term.



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## Parking

It has been brought to our attention that it has become increasingly challenging to find a parking space at drop off and pick up times. Could we ask that, if at all possible, you consider walking to school rather than driving if you live close by.

## New Gate

You may have noticed that our **new gate** at the front of school has been installed. The gate has a **button** which can be pressed to speak to a **member of staff in the office**. The gate is **opened remotely** via a small **motor on the hinge**. Please **do not push the gate** as it may damage the motor. It is quite slow to open so we appreciate your patience when allowing it to open. A **new fence** will also be installed in the coming weeks to create a path which is separate from the playground. If you are buzzed in during play time, please come straight to the office rather than speaking to children on the yard.

## Times Table Rockstars

This week, Year 3 took on Year 5 and Year 4 took on Year 6. I must say that Year 4 had a massive advantage because 24 members of Year 6 spent three days over at Robinwood. However, Year 6 performed miracles and defeated Year 4 with an average score over nearly 500 coins per child in the class! Year 5 also came out on top in their battle with Year 3 with over 200 coins per pupil. This week, Year 3 take on Year 4 and Year 5 battle it out with Year 6. Keep up the great work!



## Beach

This week children in **Year 5** have visited three different beaches to work on some performance poetry. The children studied the poem '*Old Ma Shipwreck*' and worked in groups to act out the poem. The children were able to choose which beach they wanted to perform at and chose **Blyth, Seaton Sluice** and **Whitley Bay**.