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Dear Parents and Families,

Last week felt very busy with all sorts of creative enrichment experiences going on for our children – our Choir performed at Manchester Arena with Young Voices, our lucky Year 5 children got to work with a resident artist for 4 days. They created stunning permanent work for their cloakroom area based on ethnic patterns from around the world. Please see attached mural showing their outstanding work.

All of our children in Key Stage 2 visited the theatre in Stoke to watch Treasure Island which received rave reviews especially from Year 3 who had another layer of adventure when a second coach had to be sent to collect them after the wing mirror fell off the first one! Thanks to Miss Mullins and Miss Pilgrim for providing snacks for the children whilst they waited!

All in all a wonderful range of opportunities. Thanks to parents for their support and appreciation.

Some of our budding artists in Years 2 and 4 have been creating some stunning art work with Mrs Ashbee based on the theme 'Our Town'. 25 schools from the Northwich Education Partnership will display their art work in and around shops and businesses in Northwich from 12th February until 12th March. Our canvases which depict the Blue Bridge on one and the Salt Works on the other, will be displayed on stands in Nigel's Hair salon on Market Street. An Art Trail Quiz will be sent out just before we break up for half term so families can visit all the exhibitions if they wish. Some of our children are going to help launch the trail with me on Friday 9th February with the Mayor of Northwich!

World Book Day

We plan to celebrate World Book Day again on Thursday 1st March and would like to give families advance notice of our plans to ask the children (and as usual the staff!) to dress as a favourite book character and bring the book to school to share that day.

Mrs Kreissl will also be providing a special Harry Potter themed school dinner.

Our Year 6 children take part in their residential visit to the Conway Centre on Anglesey the week after next. Kit lists have been issued, Form C's have been scrutinised, staffing arrangements are finalised, activities have been planned and the centre staff are looking forward to our fourth return trip. Thanks in advance to Mrs Cade who is leading this fabulous opportunity.

End of Day Dismissal Routines - Reminder

In EY, Year 1 and Year 2 our children are seen out to a known adult, that the child has identified and the member of staff recognises. Staff have a collective duty of care to only let a child go if they have made eye contact or had a wave from the parent, grandparent, child-minder, other parent (that we have been informed of prior to the end of day), or another adult that the staff member recognises.

To enable staff to make this procedure more robust please can I request that parents make a concerted effort to identify themselves to the staff member, so it is easier for staff to dismiss in line with our safeguarding procedures? Some parents stand very far back on the playground which makes it difficult for staff to see which adult is collecting which child.

In Years 3 and 4 parents wait by the pens and the children are dismissed in the same way.

In Years 5 and 6 parents wait outside the classrooms and children are dismissed in the same way unless we have permission from parents in writing, for their child to walk home.

Both gates are staffed every morning and every evening as part of our commitment to safeguarding all families. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support in keeping all our children safe.

Water Bottles

Could we please ask all parents to only send water bottles into school, no fruit drinks, as we are a healthy school and only water is allowed in class, due to potential spillages.

Chinese New Year – please see attached flyer for an event that Weaver Hall Museum are running.

PTA Film Night

This is due to take place this Thursday 1st February, please refer to letter sent for full details, and the message sent earlier today, confirming places.

Forest Schools

A reminder for Year 5 parents that Year 5 have their Forest School taster session this Friday, please ensure the children have outdoor clothing and wellies or walking boots if possible, along with a snack as there will be no morning snack provision from the school kitchen.

Readers of the week

<u>EYJD</u> Louisa S Olivia C	<u>1LM</u> Rita H Lucy-Lou A	<u>2EB</u> Emma S Francesca W	<u>3AP</u> Zephyr T Mason M	<u>4FD</u> Matthew R Mia B	<u>5MH</u> Freddie C Tom H	<u>6CL</u> Joseph R Emma E
<u>EYMR</u> Harry H Kai R	<u>1NC</u> Gracie H Patrycja R	<u>2SG</u> Harrison B Sebastiao C	<u>3LM</u> Nancy C Jayden C	<u>4NR</u> Kenzie A Olivia D	<u>5SH</u> George G Gemma C	<u>6MW</u> Harry W Kaitlin W

Finally it is the turn of Year 2 for their Celebration Assembly this Friday at 2.45pm in the main hall. Mrs Graham, Mrs Birtwistle and Mrs Erne look forward to welcoming you then.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Kind regards



Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher

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AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL RECORDS

Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____
Please amend details for my child as follows (e.g. phone number, address, contact details):
