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Dear Parents and Carers,

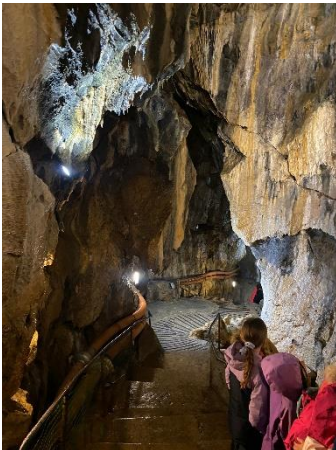
We have been thrilled to welcome you all back to school after the half term break.

Our personal development curriculum this term focusses more on the "Be Kind" pillar of our "Work hard. Be Kind" motto. We are going to be exploring what being part of society, a community, a school and a class involves and our rights and responsibilities within that.

Castleton

During the final week of last half term, Year 4 had their residential to Castleton. This was a great opportunity for children to experience many different activities including: hiking in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside, candle making, cave exploring and, of course, staying away from home!

The children were impeccably behaved and staff at the centre and teachers from other schools commented on the exemplary behaviour shown by our children. Thanks to all the team involved in making this a really special experience for the children.



Year 6 Pound Project

Also at the end of last half term, Year 6 held their second Pound Project cake sale which was a raging success. The total raised, which is going to be put towards and end of year experience for the Year 6 leavers, was an incredible £179.42! This takes the total raised for this project to approximately £285.00 which equates to just under £5.00 per child.

World Book Day

You will have received a letter about arrangements for World Book Day on Friday. The children are being invited to dress up as their favourite book character and we look forward to the wonderful creations they (and you!) come up with.

Strike Action Update

I sent a letter via email on Friday explaining that, to our knowledge, we will be fully open to all children on 01 March 2023 which is the proposed date of strike action by the NEU. We will, of course, keep you informed if anything changes.

Water bottles

We have noticed an increase in the number of children who are coming to school without water bottles. Whilst we understand that there may be occasions where water bottles are forgotten, and we do have cups available for these situations, there are many children who are repeatedly coming to school without one. Please could you support us by providing your child with a reusable water bottle. It's important that children are kept hydrated throughout the day and a reusable water bottle is more sustainable for the environment.

Medication

Should your child require any medication, parents and carers MUST bring the medication to the office themselves and fill in a form for administering the medication. Medication MUST NOT be sent in with a child for health and safety reasons. Please speak to the office regarding this matter.

Earrings

Just a little reminder that children who wear earrings should only be wearing stud earrings and that these must be covered (with plasters/tape) or removed for PE. It would be really helpful if you could support with this on PE days. It is also important that long hair is tied back for PE. If children could bring a hair bobble in with them on PE days, that would be great.

Music Lessons for the Summer Term

Please complete the form below if you would like to express your interest in signing your child up to Inspire music lessons for the Summer Term (April to July).

<https://forms.office.com/e/Kru3DPWJXW>

The cost of the lessons are £69.92 (per term) for a group lesson, plus £15.00 (per term) for instrument hire (excluding drumming). Children are expected to practice at home in order to progress so if they don't already have an instrument you would need to hire one. For children in receipt of Pupil Premium there is no charge. **Please note this isn't an offer of a place.**

Next week, we will be sending further information about upcoming parents' evenings and arrangements for Red Nose Day.

Have a great rest of the weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Kyle
Head of School