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Dear Parents

A quick catch up before the Easter holidays!

Robinwood:

We are thrilled to be able to offer a residential again this year for our Y4 and Y5 pupils and are very grateful for Cambo school for taking the lead to organise this for us. The children will get to meet their Federation friends from Longhorsley as well as make new friends from Cambo First School. This is a fantastic opportunity to support transition to Middle School as familiar faces from the residential will be seen again as they move schools. Most importantly, it is a fun three days with a real emphasis on team building, as well as personally challenging themselves in so many outdoor activities - supported and championed by the amazing staff there, as well Mrs Birnie and Miss Ramm from Whalton and Mr Morris and Mr Laidler from Longhorsley.

School is supporting the cost of the visit by £50 per child through a ring fenced sports premium budget too, which has helped keep the cost inline with previous years. If you have any outstanding payments for your child's residential, please could you ensure that they have been paid by Thursday, at the latest, before we break up for the holidays. Many thanks. The advertised Parents' Meeting is in the first week back after Easter to go through what the children will need and experience - we look forward to seeing you there.

Bikeability

The trainer was very impressed with our children's attitude and conduct during their bikeability training. The children have all been presented with their well deserved bikeability certificates. We hope this helps to keep them safe when cycling themselves as the warmer weather and lighter nights come.

Marble Treat

The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Professor Brainstorm to celebrate filling the marble jar - a huge achievement! For anyone who doesn't know about our marble reward system, please do ask your child. Filling the jar is a wonderful celebration of teamwork, rewarded this time with a fantastically fun morning of Science - well done everyone!



Swimming

Reception and Year 2 will be going swimming again next half term.

All children will still need to come into school wearing their PE kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays this next term.

Pupil Progress Update Meetings for Parents

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the Pupil Progress Meetings and hope that you found these really useful. There were lots of positive comments made to staff about your children's learning which is fantastic. We really do strive to give them the very best education and for your children to be the very best that they can be. Please remember that you can arrange to speak with your child's class teacher at any point in the year if you have any concerns or queries.

Easter Experience and our Easter Service

Our children joined Reverend Elaine and Pam in Church for a session full of reflection and fun last week to explore the Easter Story. As Priest in Charge of Mitford and Hebron and the Upper Wansbeck Group of Churches, Reverend Elaine has led some fantastically fun, meaningful and memorable Family Services for us and will join us again on Thursday for our Easter Service. Thank you so much Reverend Elaine! We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Multi skills Festival

We continue to enjoy the wide range of festivals offered to us through our service level agreement with Active Northumberland. Our Year 2 children have had a fun filled morning at Ponteland High School making their way around a number of multi-skills stations testing out and developing their ABC's (Agility, Balance and Co-ordination). It's great to hear that this also gives sports leaders from the High School experience of

working with younger children, while gaining priceless leadership skills. This could be your children in future years!

Skipping School

We are delighted to invite the skipping school Skip4fit back into Whalton every Thursday afternoon next half term. Linda and Liz will be getting the children to flex their skipping ropes to achieve the most amazing steps and tricks whilst keeping fit in their PE sessions. All non-skippers will become experts!

Summer term After School Clubs

Many thanks to Mrs Storey for continuing her Deaf Awareness Choir at lunchtimes for our children. We will however, be offering a Skipping Club next half term for Years 3,4,5 and 6 after school for 4 weeks, every Thursday. Please look out for the google form from Mrs Gillies if you are interested.

Finally, we hope that you have a wonderful Easter and that the weather is kind. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 15th April.

Kind regards



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