

### A Note from the Headteacher

School has suffered little disruption due to the weather. Thank you to all of you who have managed to deliver the children safely to school. The weather does make life harder for all of us.

The children will be taking part in Book Week next week. The focus for each class will be a range of literature. The classes will be visiting venues in the local area. The highlight of our week though will be Friday when we will be lucky enough to work with the Annapurna Indian Dance Company. They specialise in bringing alive well loved traditional stories from the ancient epics and mythology of India, using dance, storytelling, music, puppetry and beautiful costumes. Following a 45 minute performance all forms will have the opportunity to attend a short workshop. Each form has a programme of events which they can look forward to and, of course, look back on.

Don't forget Thursday 4 March is a Training day for the staff. We will be at the senior school and then at the Junior School. We hope to run Holiday Club on that day depending on demand. Please see overleaf.

### Cross Country



We are all looking forward to the Cross Country event which is taking place on Saturday 6th March. Children should meet at school at 9am and the first race begins at 9.30am. The races will be held on our playing field and also on The Stray. Please come and give lots of support to the children, it should be a fantastic event!

### Nursery's Visit to The Garden Centre



Earlier this week the Nursery enjoyed a visit to a Garden Centre. Inside the centre we saw all sorts of things - some very colourful flowers in hanging baskets, lots and lots of seed packets with wonderful vegetables and flowers on the front and best of all for us we saw lots of different potatoes all waiting to be planted. We were particularly interested in these as we are taking part in a potato growing competition this year and so we wanted to pick up lots of tips to help us grow the biggest batch of potatoes we can (more news of this later). We came back to nursery with some daffodil and crocus bulbs which we will look after and watch them turn into beautiful flowers!

### Book and Comic Sale

We are collecting money for Charlotte's Charity, to raise money for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases. On Friday 5th March we are holding a book and comic sale as part of book week in Form 3's classroom. Please bring books and comics in good condition. You will need £1 for a book and a comic will be 50p.

Thank you

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## Clubs

Our Clubs Programme continues to be enjoyed by many children, providing delicious cooking smells, striking art work, the sounds of tuneful singing and recorder playing, and keyboard clicking! Skills of dance and juggling are progressing well too.

Now that the evenings are lighter and – hopefully – warmer, we can offer after-school sports clubs, and have re-arranged the programme accordingly.

The sports clubs are detailed below (all other clubs remain at the times for last half term). If you would like your child to attend, please let Mrs Roper know. If you need to cancel a place for After Care please also remember to let Miss Meechan know. These clubs will begin on Monday, 8th March (not next week) – when better weather may have arrived!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL		Running Club Y2,3,4	Juggling Y2,3,4 (as before)	Juggling Y5,6 (as before)	Running Club Y5,6
LUNCH TIME	Rugby 1,2,3,4 (as before)	Netball Y1,2,3	Football Y1,2	Rugby Y5,6 (as before)	
AFTER SCHOOL	Football Y3,4		Football Y5,6	Netball Y4,5,6	

### Smoothie Maker

We are starting to make fruit smoothies available to KS2 as part of a new venture – The School Council Tuck Shop. We have taken delivery (free of charge) of a refrigerated unit that is situated in the serving hatch in the dining hall. The smoothies can be purchased for 30p (at cost) each and are served in a paper or plastic cup. We have put our tasting team to work and have decided to begin with two flavours - strawberry and banana and mango and passion fruit. We will be introducing other flavours later. The smoothies use pure natural fruit and one portion represents one of the required “5 A Day”.

The Tuck Shop will also sell, at cost, healthy snacks such as fruit winders, flapjacks etc and will be open on for KS2 on Fridays. As a rough guide it is anticipated that about 50p will buy a smoothie and a snack.

### Vouchers

We are now collecting Sainsbury Vouchers – please do bring them into school. Campaigns for Nestle Cereal Box Tops and Flora margarine are also still going so please keep bringing them in too.

### Grandparents' Day

There is a letter enclosed with this newsletter to all grandparents, please pass this information on!

### Cross Country Cakes

Calling all cake bakers - we are going to have a cake stall to raise funds for the PTA at the Cross Country event on Saturday 6 March - please could you bring in some buns or biscuits on Friday or Saturday. Many thanks.

### INSET Day—Holiday Club

If there is sufficient interest Holiday club will be available on Inset Day from 8am-6pm. Charges will be £30 for the whole day, £17.50 for 8am-1pm or 1pm – 6pm or £3.50 per hour. If you require a place please contact Miss Meechan or the office by the morning of Tuesday 2 March. We will confirm the situation to all parents who have applied for a place by the end of Tuesday 2 March.

### Pen Friends

Forms 4, 5 and 6 were excited to receive letters and photos from our partner school in France. Don't forget Forms 4, 5 and 6 to write your replies and dig out some photos for your French lesson next week!

### Menus

These will be posted on the website and displayed on the hall and outside Nursery in future. If you need your own personal copy and can not access the website please call into the office. The menu for next week is Week 2.

### Diary Dates

Week commencing 1 March—Book Week  
 Wednesday 3 March—Grandparents Morning (details to follow)  
 Thursday 4 March—INSET day, school closed  
 Saturday 6 March—Cross Country Event  
 Monday 22 March—IEP meetings during this week, letters to follow for whom it concerns  
 Thursday 25 March—Parents Evening  
 Friday 26 March—Term ends, school closes 12 Noon