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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good half term holiday and enjoyed the break. Over the next few weeks, we have lots of activities and events happening to enhance the children's learning and curriculum opportunities.

This week, one of our Year 2 classes visited Athelhampton House and our Year 1 children built amazing shelters in the school grounds as part of their topic learning. In a couple of weeks, all children will be joining in exciting music workshops with DrumCrazy. Later in the half term, the children will be involved in interesting science workshops to develop the children's understanding of science.

Just before the half term break we welcomed Miss Kitson to our staff team as a new member of our dedicated teaching assistant team.

Parent Teacher Consultations

A reminder that Parent Teacher Consultations are being held this week on Monday 2nd March and Thursday 5th March between 3.20 pm - 6.30 pm. Please sign up if you have not had a chance, the lists are available in your child's base. Thank you.

Friends of Rushcombe

This half term, the Friends are hosting a Spring Shopping Event on Monday 16th March between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm. A wide range of stalls will be available, including an unwanted gifts stall and we would appreciate any donations. All are welcome to attend and further information is being sent out separately.

Book Tokens

Next week the children will be bringing home a £1 book token as part of World Book Day. We hope your child enjoys choosing a book.



Sierra Leone Book Appeal

Towards the end of the autumn term the Dorset Library Service completed an audit of our books and those that were no longer suitable for school were donated to the Sierra Leone Book Appeal. Staff have worked with the Library Service to purchase new books for our Library. We have recently received a request to let parents know that if they have any unwanted books which they wish to donate to the appeal they should take them direct to Corfe Mullen Library before the end of next week. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Children's Health and Attendance

A reminder that all schools are required by law to keep attendance registers and to distinguish between authorised and unauthorised absences. Authorised absences include illness and medical treatment. For all absences the school requires notification by letter or phone call and we ask that you contact the school office on the first day of absence. If your child is unwell and suffers from sickness or diarrhoea please give them 48 hours in which to recover as recommended by the Dorset County Medical Officers. Absences that are not explained by a suitable note or phone call are noted as unauthorised absence. The Education Social Worker monitors class registers on a regular basis and will follow up cases of unauthorised absence or low attendance.

Headlice

There have been a few cases of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair regularly for any signs of adult lice or their eggs. If you do find signs of headlice, you should treat your child's hair with the appropriate treatment and check the rest of your family for any infestations. Everyone's cooperation will reduce the frequency of cases in our school.

Year 1 Celebration Assemblies

A reminder, that all parents with children in Year 1 are invited to attend their child's celebration assembly in March. Mr McCormick's class assembly will be on Wednesday 25th March and Miss Gerra's class assembly will be on Thursday 26th March. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall and entry will be through the main office at 2.30 pm. Regrettably, due to limited space, these assemblies are for parents only.

Finally, the school is currently collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. We would appreciate receiving any vouchers you have to help us develop the school's resources.

Further details of other events and activities will follow during the term.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher