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Dear parents and carers,

I have collated some information / reminders below which I hope you find useful.

National Online Safety

'Wake Up Wednesday' guides for parents and schools are available on our website [click here](#)

Attendance

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent/carer to make sure their child receives that education.

Attendance at school is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances. We ask that parents please read the attached letter.

Reminder - World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

It's that time of year again when we celebrate World Book Day.

This year we are reviving the potato character challenge. This year we have added a twist. The children will be able to create their favourite book characters from any vegetable they like. (Wonky veg included)

These will need to be in school for Wednesday the 4th March and will be judged on Thursday 5th March by our wonderful school council.

There will also be a book swap. Children can bring in a book that they no longer read and then can exchange it in their class for another book.

Hipsburn will again be going on another adventure, to the circus this time. A whole school story will be written during the day and there will be a competition to design a front cover for the story.

HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY!!!

Children and Phone Safety (NSPCC Guidance)

The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls, and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

Assembly focus:

This week our assemblies focussed on the Jewish festival of Purim. We looked at the story of Queen Esther and Mordechai and highlighted the themes of courage, faith and standing up for what is right.





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Advice from Little Troopers Charity (support for military children)

Over the past few days there has been significant and social media coverage about the escalating situation in the Middle East. Just a gentle reminder that news reports involving military action or international tensions can affect children, especially service children, more than we realise.. Small ears often pick up more than we expect and it can be confusing for children to understand the difference between what their own parent does when they are deployed or away for work. Please don't be afraid to open up age appropriate conversation and encourage children to ask questions if they're feeling uncertain. Sometimes a simple reassurance from a trusted adult can make all the difference.

Reminders:

Thursday 5th March World Book Day

Thursday 5th March - Alnwick class beach day

Friday 6th March - Etal class beach day

PTA Annual General Meeting, Mon 9th March 9.00am - log cabin - all welcome

Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th March - Parent Meetings

Tuesday 10th March - Year 6 team to National Lego League Finals

Thursday 12th March - Ford Class Beach Day

Signposting

Trident Soccer - Please see the attached flyer with information from Ryan for the Easter holiday club.

Kind regards,
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