

## Dear families,

This half term is a short one, we're already over half way through with only two weeks to go! That hasn't stopped us from having such fun though, your children are flourishing with their learning and with their play too!

As we head towards the warmer weather and we get to spend more time outdoors, please remember to send your children into school in appropriate clothing (in line with uniform expectations)

We ask that you please apply sun cream to your child's exposed skin (especially face) before they come into school. You can send in a little tube of suncream with your child and if it is a very hot day, then we will encourage the children to reapply the suncream to themselves. Staff cannot be responsible for reapplying the cream.

Please also send children with a sun hat. We don't encourage children to bring sun-glasses into school as quite often they end up lost or damaged; it is your child's responsibility to look after them if you choose to send them into school.



### **Staffing Update**

**Shortly after half term I will be heading off on Maternity Leave, I can't quite believe how quickly this time has come around! I've mentioned to you before that I'm confident that I'm leaving the school in very safe hands whilst I'm away with an abundance of exceptionally strong teachers and leaders in our school. Mrs Guest will lead the school as Acting Headteacher and will be supported by Mr Marshall as acting Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Reese our Office Manager is also a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team.**

**Miss Humphrey and Miss Adams will also be key points of contact for you as families, Miss Humphrey will play a key role in the school's safeguarding and family support team and Miss Adams will officially take over the role of SENCo. I know many of you are already familiar with working with them.**

### **The Month of the Military Child**

How proud we were to see our school community come together in purple on Friday to celebrate the 'Month of the Military Child'. The sea of purple symbolising support for military children who can sometimes face unique challenges was a powerful reminder of our virtues of respect, kindness, and coolness. We celebrated in so many ways and the oldest children in school enjoyed coming together with other children from across Catterick at community celebration of the military child. Thank you to Mrs Agnew for organising!

You might have also heard Miss Keane and some of our service children talking on the BFBS radio about our Month of the Military Child celebrations, you can find it here



<https://www.bfbs.com/radio/catchup/catterick-breakfast>

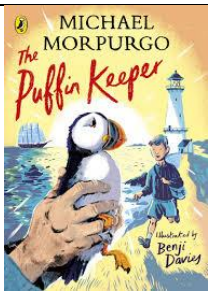
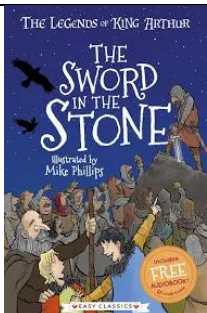
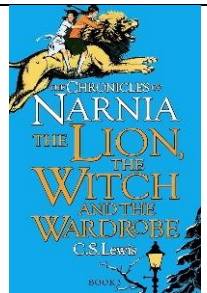
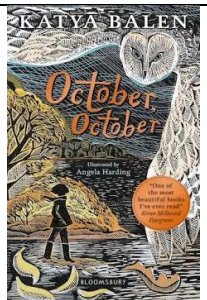
**Playtime Request** We're always on the hunt for donations of materials and equipment that could enhance our playtimes. At the moment we're especially short on 'small world' toys and would really appreciate any donations of:

- Toy cars and figures
- Toy animals (under the sea, farm animals, jungle animals etc)
- Toy insects and bugs
- Toy dinosaurs



### Reading in KS2

Some children have asked us about whether they are able to bring in their own copies of reading books that they are studying in their classes. The answer to this question is yes! After half term, families are more than welcome to source their own copy of the class reading text that the children can bring to school each day to use as part of their reading lessons. For the older children in the school, this is good practice for life at secondary school. Of course – there will always be a copy of the books in school that children can use should you not wish to purchase your child an independent copy. The books that each class are studying are below, you can click the image for a link to the exact copy of the book. **Please ensure your child's book has their name in.**

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
			

### SATS Week Begins

Today marks the start of SATs for our Year 6 pupils. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination, and resilience they have shown in preparing for these assessments. SATs are just one opportunity for children to demonstrate all they have learned throughout their primary years, and we encourage everyone to approach the week with confidence and a positive mindset. Thank you to our staff and families for their continued support in helping our children feel calm, prepared, and ready to do their best.



### Year 5 Residential to Low Mill

Children in Year 5 had an unforgettable experience on their residential trip last week. Over the course of three days, they took part in a variety of exciting outdoor activities, including canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling and team-building challenges. The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop independence, build new friendships, and grow in confidence outside the classroom. Staff were incredibly proud of how well the children supported each other and embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and resilience. Lots of memories made! **Next up is Year 6's one night city trip to York – we can't wait!**

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Miss. L. Robinson  
Headteacher

### Families Leaving Cambrai

If you know that you are likely to be leaving us this school year could you please let us know at the earliest opportunity? It really helps us to plan for the smoothest transition possible for your children, even if the date is months and months down the line. Thanks so much!