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Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe we are at the end of another half term and how much we have managed to fit in over the last few weeks.

In school this week, we talked about success and how this makes us feel. The pupils shared some of the things they have achieved which have given them a feeling of success and they included examples linked to things they have done in school and other activities such as sport and music. We also talked about how our school values support us in our achievements.

We already have lots planned for next half term. In this newsletter, we have outlined our plans for World Book Day on 6th March and we also have a visit from Professor Brainstorm and a Hoopstarz event.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and a restful half term.

Kind regards,

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The last 2 weeks in school

Preschool and Class 1

We've had a fantastic time this half term in Early Years and the children have been working so hard! We've been learning about our three school values—resilient, ambitious, and nurturing—and not only are they beginning to understand what these words mean, but they are also spotting when they are showing these qualities themselves. To celebrate their amazing efforts, we had a special treat—chocolate cupcakes in Woodland School! The children loved it, and it was a great way to acknowledge their hard work. We have also been learning about online safety by creating our own class rules, and we had so much fun coding our Code-a-Pillars to navigate an obstacle course! It has been lovely to see the progress the children have made. They're becoming more independent, looking out for their friends, and taking responsibility for their learning. We couldn't be prouder of them!

Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have concluded our 'Cottonwool Colin' book unit, the children had fun working in small groups, designing/drawing a machine to create a special safe shirt for the tiny mouse Colin. They then wrote instructions for how Mrs Mouse must operate the machine, a range of amazing time

conjunctions and verbs were used, well done everyone! We continue to work hard on our neatest handwriting too, remembering tall letters tall and big capital letters.

On Friday, we will be concluding our History topic 'Mighty Monarchs' with a Royal day in class, I can't wait to see the children all dressed up! They all seem so excited and I know they are going to enjoy the fun activities that I have planned in the afternoon including some Design & Technology. The children continue to impress us and are making super progress, keep up the hard work after the half term Class 2 and enjoy a well-deserved break!

Class 3

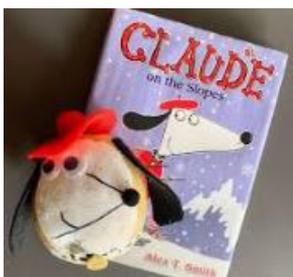
Class 3 have had a brilliant first spring half term! I am so pleased with the progress they have made in all areas of the curriculum. In Maths, we have moved onto fractions and looked at the different parts of a fraction such as the numerator and the denominator. We have also looked at how to make a whole! We will continue our work on fractions after the half term holidays. This week we finished our Anglo-Saxons vs Vikings unit of work and the children all produced wonderful 'show me what you know' pages full of information that they have learnt over the half term. I really enjoyed looking over them. The swimming instructors have also been very impressed with everyone's efforts this half term. The children are making fabulous progress with their swimming. After half term we will begin to look at North America in Geography, Food Technology in DT and States of Matter in Science! Lots of exciting things to come! Happy half term :)

Class 4

We have been so impressed with Class 4 this half term. The effort has been outstanding and we are delighted with the progress we have seen in all areas of the curriculum but particularly in writing. This week, we started our work on area and perimeter. Firstly, we looked at simple shapes and then moved on to finding the area of compound shapes. We completed our unit of work on 'Earth and Space'. Last week, we looked at the planets in The Solar System before working in groups to conduct research to produce some amazing planet factfiles. We set an optional homework task to create a 'Solar System' model / poster and the results did not disappoint. We were blown away by the effort and creativity! In Art, we completed our 'Vincent Van Gogh' unit of work. We applied the skills we have been building over the last few lessons to create our own Van Gogh inspired masterpieces, first on paper and then on canvas. Have a lovely half term Class 4!

World Book Day

We will be celebrating 'World Book Day' in school on Thursday 6th March. Pupils can dress up as their favourite book character or attend school in home clothes if they prefer. We will also be holding a competition in school to find the best 'book-themed potato'. The winning design in each class will receive a book token. All entries should be sent into school no later than the morning of 6th March.



Classes will be taking part in a range of other reading activities across the day such as sharing stories with other classes and decorating their classroom windows.

Teacher Training Day

Our final Teacher Training Day of this academic year will be on **Monday 3rd March**. School will be closed to all pupils on that day.

School Lunches

Week commencing 3rd March – Week 2

Week commencing 10th March – Week 3

The new dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:

Monday 3 rd March	Teacher Training Day – School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 4 th March	School re-opens to all pupils Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 5 th March	PE with Mr Thompson Netball / Basketball Club (Year 1, 2 and 3) (1 of 6)
Thursday 6 th March	Professor Brainstorm Science visit World Book Day
Friday 7 th March	Music with Mr Radford

Monday 10 th March	SATS Preparation Club (Year 6) (6 of 10)
Tuesday 11 th March	Swimming for Years 3 & 4 Forest School Club Year 5 & 6 (1 of 4)
Wednesday 12 th March	PE with Mr Thompson Netball / Basketball Club (Year 1, 2 and 3) (2 of 6)
Thursday 13 th March	Football Club Reception, Year 1 & 2 (1 of 5)
Friday 14 th March	Music with Mr Radford Class 4 resilience workshop

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
w/c 17 th March	Parent's Evenings
Thursday 20 th March	Hoopstarz event in school
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Monday 7 th April	Easter Service 9.30am at St Mary's Church
Friday 11 th April	School closes for Easter
Monday 28 th April	School re-opens to all pupils