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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to you all, we hope you have had a lovely October half term break.

Looking ahead to this half term, we have lots for the children to look forward to.

Federation Day

We are very excited to announce our first Federation Day of this academic year, as a reward for filling the infamous Marble jar! This is where half of the children from one school go to visit the other school and vice versa. They travel by coach and have a fun day of meeting and making new friends whilst learning. This is such a valuable day as the children get to meet a wider circle of children where Federation friends are made for the entire time they are with us (this especially helps with transition for our Y4 children going to Middle School). We have added the date to the updated diary dates sent out earlier in this week.. (Please do replace any previous lists with this new list; it's highlighted green to help). The Reception, Y1 and Year 2 children from Longhorsley will travel to Whalton and the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children from Whalton will travel to Longhorsley this time.

Y4 Residential

Following the hugely successful residential to Robinwood with Cambo First School last year, they have again booked for both schools to join them next May for the three day and two night stay at Robinwood for fun, adventure and challenge. All we ask is that you let us know whether you would like your child to attend the residential. We will subsidise the cost as best we can and in the past it has been £200. This, however, is pupil number dependent so we

will be able to give final costings after your responses. The payments are split over the months, starting from next year to help. Please see this [website link](#) to find out a little more about Robinwood.

There will also be a parents' meeting before the residential too. If you could complete this [Google form](#), by Friday, that would be greatly appreciated.

Alnwick Playhouse

We are delighted to have secured tickets for all children from both schools to go to Alnwick Playhouse to see Snow White on Friday 15th December. Longhorsley children went last year and had a fantastic time. We are supporting a local theatre, keeping transport costs down and feel that all children should have an experience of the theatre with us - especially going with your school friends. A Google form will follow with the overall costs for ticket and bus.

For our nursery children who do not usually attend on a Friday please can you complete this [google form](#), by Friday to allow us to book the accurate ticket amounts.

Remembrance

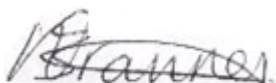
This Friday is our Remembrance Service at the Village Green. It would be so lovely if you could join us. The Service will begin at 10.45 with a minute's silence at 11am.

You may have noticed that Christmas hasn't been mentioned but we will do a separate letter nearer the time, however, please do look at the diary dates so you can book time off work if needed to see your children's performances. This truly is one of the best half term's in school and we look forward to sharing the joy of Christmas - but just not yet!

Here's to a half term full of fun and learning.

Any queries or concerns, please do just get in touch via the admin email at either school- I will always make the time to see you.

Kind regards



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