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Dear Parents

A final catch up before the Easter holidays!

PTA Easter Egg Competition:

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this event and to all of the children for their imaginative entries - they were true masterpieces!! Really well done to our winners.

Our winners are:

1st Prize - Isla Class 4

2nd Prize - Charlie Reception

3rd Prize - Rose Class 2

Robinwood:

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend Mr Morris' presentation for parents. We are thrilled to be able to offer a residential again this year for our Y4 pupils and are very grateful for Cambo school for taking the lead to organise this for us. The children will get to meet their Federation friends from Whalton as well as make new friends from Cambo First School. This is a fantastic opportunity to support transition to Middle School as familiar faces from the residential will be seen again as they move schools. Most importantly, it is a fun three days with a real emphasis on team building, as well as personally challenging themselves in so many outdoor activities - supported and championed by the amazing staff there, as well as Mrs Weldon from Whalton, Mrs Birnie from Whalton/Longhorsley and Mr Morris from Longhorsley. I will pop up and visit too at some point.

School is supporting the cost of the visit by £50 per child through a ring fenced sports premium budget too, which has helped keep the cost inline with previous years. If you have any outstanding payments for your child's residential, please could you ensure that they have been paid by Thursday, at the latest, before we break up for the holidays. Many thanks.

Marble Treat

Not to pre-empt an overfilled marble jar by Friday, but we will be celebrating in true marble treat style on Friday afternoon, where all classes will be choosing their own Golden time treat - well done again for all classes working as teams in their own class to add marbles to their class jar, and then as a school school family - just brilliant and well worth celebrating their successes!

Swimming and Sports Hall

Reception will be going swimming next half term with Year 3 and Year 4 children in the sports hall. For Reception parents, children just need to bring their swimming shorts/costumes, a towel and goggles if you wish (children can wear swimming hats, but it is optional). We are really proud of the fact that we include our Reception children to go swimming, to give them water confidence and an essential life skill, however, if you have any concerns at all, please let us know by contacting the school office.

All children (including nursery - who will have PE on these days too) will still need to come into school wearing their PE kits on Wednesdays and Thursday next term.

Pupil Progress Update Meetings for Parents

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the Pupil Progress Meetings and hope that you found these really useful. There were lots of positive comments made to staff about your children's learning which is fantastic. We really do strive to give them the very best education and for your children to be the very best that they can be. Please remember that you can arrange to speak with your child's class teacher at any point in the year if you have any concerns or queries.

Easter Experience and our Easter Service

Our children will be joining Reverend Elaine in Church tomorrow morning for a session full of reflection and fun to explore the Easter Story. Thank you so much Reverend Elaine! She will also be joining us again on Friday morning for our School Easter Service. We look forward to seeing all of you there, starting at 9.15am.

Skiping School

We are delighted to invite the skipping school Skip4fit back into Longhorsley every Thursday afternoon next half term. Liz will be getting the children to flex their skipping ropes to achieve the most amazing steps and tricks whilst keeping fit in their PE sessions. All non-skippers will become experts!

Finally, we hope that you have a wonderful Easter when it comes and that the weather keeps on giving! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 28th April.

Kind regards,

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