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Dear Parents,

Thank you for a successful start to the year and we wish you an enjoyable half term break. Children will return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Clubs**

There will be no gymnastics club this Friday. An extra session will be held after half term instead. All clubs, including the new Year 6 Homework Club and Dance club will be taking place the first week after half term. Year 6 Homework Club will begin on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **Parking**

Please can I remind ALL parents that unless you have had prior permission from the school, you must not park in the school car park. Car park permits have now been distributed to those who require them. As such, please do not drop off or collect your child from the car park.

### **School Dinners – KS2**

Just a reminder, all school dinners must be paid for in **advance**. If you are more than 1 week in arrears your child will not be able to have school dinners. Please contact the school office or myself, Mr. Melling or Mrs. Guppy if you have any concerns regarding payment for lunches.

Thank you to those parents who are starting to use the online meal ordering service. We will be using this system fully after half term. As such, if you have any questions or queries about this please ask at the office as soon as possible.

### **School Dinners – KS1**

Please ensure you use the online meal ordering service after half term. The only children who do not need to use this system are those who have Meal option 1 and a regular pudding 5 days a week.

### **Lost Property**

There is a large box of lost property in reception. If your child has lost anything please come and have a look.

### **School trends**

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The next deadline for ordering your school uniform is tomorrow, 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please order by the end of the day.

### **Year 6 Parent's Afternoon/Evening REMINDER**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February Miss Tidball will be holding a parent's afternoon/evening for the children in her class. This is for parents/carers and the pupils themselves are encouraged to attend if this is possible. For appointments which are in the afternoon, children will leave their lesson and come to the meeting. This is to make sure they have a good understanding of where they are and what their targets for progress are.

**If you have not yet made an appointment, please contact the school office as soon as possible.**

### **Childminding Services**

Please find attached a flyer from a local Childminder.

### **Half Term Events in East Devon**

Wildlife gardening, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 10am to 2pm at Seaton Wetlands, £7.50 per bird box, £3 for other crafts, No booking required.

Help the Seaton Wetlands Rangers in the wildlife garden

Bird watching for Children, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm to 4pm, The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands, Suggested donation £2 per child, book online: [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk) (or contact the Countryside team 01395 517557, [countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk)) Join an expert guide as they introduce you to the art of bird watching

Bird and bug box making, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1pm to 3pm, Phear Park, Exmouth, £7.50 per bird box, donations for other crafts, book online: [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk) (or contact the Countryside team 01395 517557, [countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk)) Join the Countryside Education Rangers and make homes for the wildlife in your garden.

Wildlife gardening at Cranbrook, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 10am to 12noon, Younghayes Community Centre, Cranbrook, free, no booking required.

Help the Country Park Ranger in the Cranbrook Country Park Wildlife garden

What's that bird? Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 11am to 1pm, The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands, Free, no booking required.

Whatever your experience come along and improve your bird identification skills

### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February- Intra House Hockey (Key stage 2)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm onwards Year 6 Parents afternoon/evening (**children to attend**)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm- School finishes for Half Term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February- Spring Term 2 begins (clubs start back)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Swimming Gala year 3 and 4. (Invited team)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February Quick Sticks Festival 5/6. (Invited team)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February **No Choir afterschool**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Kestrels walk around Axminster linked to the curriculum

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10.00am Whole School Mass in the school hall. Everyone welcome

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 3.45pm Stockland Cross Country (Invited team)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March World Book Day Non-School Uniform

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Owls walk around Axminster linked to the curriculum

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March PTFa meeting in the school library

Best regards  
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