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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As the school week draws to a close, we wanted to share some updates and highlights as we transition into the second half of the Autumn term:

**Physical Education Schedule for after the half term break:**

- **Reception/Year 1:** PE on Wednesday & Friday
- **Year 2:** PE on Tuesday & Friday
- **Year 3:** PE on Monday & Friday
- **Year 4:** PE on Monday & Thursday
- **Year 5:** PE on Monday & Tuesday
- **Year 6:** PE on Monday & Friday

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these specified days.

**Year 2 and Year 3 Intensive Swimming:** After the half-term break, we're diving into intensive swimming lessons for Year 2 and Year 3. Remember these dates:

- **Year 2:** Swimming begins in the week starting 30th October.
- **Year 3:** Swimming starts in the week beginning 13th November.

Please make sure your child is prepared with swimwear and accessories for these sessions.

**Extra-Curricular Club 23/24:**

There are plenty of opportunities for your child to explore new interests, so take a look

As we approach the half-term break, we wanted to share some exciting news about our Extra-Curricular Clubs (ECC) that will be running from the half term break until the Christmas holiday. There are plenty of opportunities for your child to explore their interests and talents. Here's what we have in store:

**Gymnastics with Kimberly for Year 2:** Every Tuesday, from 8 am to 8:45 am, Year 2 students will have the opportunity to enjoy gymnastics with Kimberly. This is a fantastic chance for your child to improve their flexibility and coordination.

**Football for Year 5 and 6:** Every Monday, we have Tracy and Andrew (parent helpers) leading football sessions for Year 5 and 6. Additionally, Year 3 and 4 students will have their football club on Tuesdays. It's a great way for your child to stay active and hone their football skills.

**Carlisle Dance Academy for Year 3 and 4:** Carlisle Dance Academy will be visiting us every Monday from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm to teach Year 3 and 4 students the art of dance. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore the world of dance.

**Pickle Ball for Year 1 and 2:** On Tuesdays, from 3.20 pm to 4.20 pm, Year 1 and 2 students will have the chance to enjoy Pickle Ball. It's a fun and engaging sport that your child is sure to love.

**Art Club with Miss Tarbit and Mrs Ward:** Every Thursday, from 3.20 pm to 4.20 pm, Miss Tarbit and Mrs. Ward will be leading the Art Club. This is a great way for your child to unleash their creativity and artistic talents.

**Cookery Club with Miss Mooney for Year 6:** Year 6 students will have the opportunity to join the Cookery Club with Miss Mooney every Thursday, from 3.20 pm to 4.20 pm. They'll get to learn valuable culinary skills and create delicious dishes.

**Look out for Letters:** We will be sending out specific letters for each of these Extra-Curricular Clubs next week. These letters will contain important details, including schedules and any required materials or equipment.

We hope your child takes advantage of these fantastic opportunities to learn, have fun, and make new friends. If you have any questions or concerns about the clubs, please don't hesitate to reach out.

#### **News:**

- Kimberly will also lead weekly PE lessons for Key Stage 2 during the second half of the Autumn term.
- We had a special visit from NISCU (Northern Inter-Schools Christian Union) this week, who led a delightful Puppet Assembly for Years 1, 2, and 3. It was a joyful event with active involvement and lots of smiles and laughter.
- Reception students had a fantastic outdoor learning experience during their visit to Stockwood. They enjoyed woodland adventures and outdoor learning, and they'll be visiting Stockwood three times a term.

#### **Important Reminders:**

- For safety reasons, please remember that children should not wear necklaces or rings to school. Studs are allowed but should not be worn on PE days.
- Parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school is dangerous and poses a risk to our pupils and families. Please avoid parking there.

**Key Stage 2 Cross Country Competition:** Join us on Wednesday, 18th October at the Sheepmount to support our Key Stage 2 students in the cross-country competition. Spectators are welcome!

**Parents' Evening Success:** We're thrilled to report that Parents' Evening was a success, with positive feedback and a great sharing of learning between teachers and parents. We appreciate your time and involvement.

**Spooky Disco - Organised by the Parent Teacher Association:** Attached to this email is a poster for the Spooky Disco organised by our Parent Teacher Association. Be sure to take a look and begin planning your spooky costume that can be worn to school!

**Facebook Permission Survey:** If you haven't already, please complete the Facebook permission survey by clicking <https://forms.office.com/e/3LiSJhcwZA> Your input is valued.

**Half-Term Break:** A quick reminder that school finishes for the half-term break on Friday 23rd October, at the normal finishing time. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 30th October, after a well-deserved break.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Have a fantastic weekend and an enjoyable time with friends and family.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

Mr Stewart  
Headteacher