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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: End of First Half of the Autumn Term and Upcoming Events

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to reflect upon the first half of the Autumn term and share some exciting events and activities planned for the second half of the term.

The first half of the Autumn term has been nothing short of remarkable. Our school has been a hive of activity, with students engaging in a broad and balanced curriculum, thanks to the dedication of our exceptional teaching staff. The children have seamlessly settled into their routines, and we are proud to witness their enthusiasm for learning and the progress they have made.

Our pupils have been actively participating in a wide range of activities, including sports, arts, humanities, English, mathematics, and other curriculum learning experiences. We are thrilled to see their successes and progress, both individually and as part of their classes. It has been a pleasure to celebrate their achievements, and we look forward to witnessing more milestones in the coming months.

As we shift our gaze to the second half of the Autumn term, there are several exciting events and activities awaiting our students. Here are a few highlights:

- **School Choir at Carlisle Cathedral:** Our school choir will have the incredible opportunity to perform at Carlisle Cathedral, sharing their melodious voices with the community. (TBC)
- **Cycling Proficiency for Year 5:** In the first week back, Year 5 students will complete their cycling proficiency, ensuring they are safe and confident cyclists. (WB 30/10/23)
- **Intensive Swimming for Year 2 and 3:** As part of their Physical Education curriculum, Year 2 and 3 students will engage in a two-week intensive swimming program to enhance their aquatic skills.
- **New Extra-Curricular Clubs:** We are excited to introduce new extracurricular clubs to cater to a wide range of interests and talents among our students - a ECC timetable will be sent later in the week. Watch out for letters coming home and messages promoting new ECCs.
- **Christmas Services at St John's Church:** Our traditional Christmas services at St John's Church in Cotehill are eagerly anticipated and are sure to fill everyone with festive spirit. (12 & 13.12.23)
- **Early Years Nativity:** Our youngest learners in the Early Years will take the stage for the heartwarming Nativity play, spreading joy and laughter. (12 & 13.12.23)

- **Spooky Disco:** We invite all students to don their spookiest costumes and join us for a memorable Spooky Disco filled with fun and laughter. (31.10.23)
- **Year 6 Adventures at Rose Castle:** Year 6 students will embark on their new adventures at Rose Castle, an experience that promises growth and camaraderie.
- **Gymnastics for Year 2:** Beginning every Monday before school, Year 2 students will explore the world of gymnastics. (30.10.23)
- **UK Parliament Outreach with Year 6:** Year 6 students will have the unique opportunity to engage with the UK Parliament Outreach program, fostering civic awareness and responsibility. (31.10.23)
- **EYFS Open Evening:** We look forward to welcoming parents of prospective new starters for September 2024 during our Early Years Foundation Stage Open Evening. (1.11.23)
- **Scholastic Book Fair:** The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school, providing an opportunity for students to explore and acquire exciting new books. (WB 6.11.23)
- **Year 5 Anti-Semitism Workshops:** We are privileged to host workshops with the Anne Frank Trust, promoting tolerance, diversity, and understanding among our Year 5 students. (14 & 15.11.23)

We are committed to providing your children with a vibrant and enriching educational experience, and we believe that the second half of the Autumn term will be just as memorable as the first. As always, your support is greatly appreciated, and we encourage you to participate in and enjoy these events alongside your children.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to continuing this journey of learning and growth together. If you have any questions or require further information about any of the upcoming events, please do not hesitate to contact our school.

Wishing you a wonderful half-term break, and we eagerly anticipate the many exciting experiences that await us in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Stewart
Headteacher