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Dear parents and carers

It has been a busy week in school as we celebrate **British Science Week**. We have welcomed visitors who have been working with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, giving them the opportunity to take part in some exciting science activities.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be in school for one week and will be open after school each day. Please bring cash along if you wish to purchase any books, as we do not have a card reader available.

9 Earth's Climate Change Exhibition

Over the past few weeks, we have had the opportunity to host a climate change exhibition in school. The exhibition features nine 3D models of the planet and 11 information boards, which provide additional details about the issues facing our world. This exhibition has allowed children to reflect on the challenges our planet is facing and consider what actions can be taken to address them.

During their geography lessons, children have been visiting the exhibition and creating work inspired by what they have learned.

Mike from Hexham Council has kindly offered his time on Wednesday 18th March to speak with parents about the exhibition and the important messages it shares. Mike will also be able to provide guidance and advice for parents who are interested in reducing their energy bills, including information about solar panels, air source heat pumps, home batteries and electric cars.

It would be great if you could attend. As this is the same day as Parents' Evening, parents are welcome to pop into the exhibition while waiting for their appointment slot.

OPAL Play

We continue to embrace our OPAL play journey and are making great progress in developing and sustaining play opportunities for the children. We are also carrying out regular pupil surveys to gather their ideas and feedback.

To support our provision, we would be grateful for donations of any of the following items:

- Gym balls
- Weighted blankets
- Carpets or rugs
- Wheelbarrows
- Old suitcases

Thank you for your support.

Lent

As we move through Lent, the children will be taking part in a range of Lenten crafts and reflective activities in school. We will also be inviting parents and carers into school to take part in some of our Lent activities. Further details will follow.

Attendance

Good attendance makes a real difference to a child's experience and success at school. When pupils are in school every day, they build positive routines, develop friendships and take part fully in learning and school life. Missing even a small amount of time can make it harder for children to keep up and feel confident in their learning. We ask all families to support their child by making attendance and punctuality a priority so that every pupil has the best possible opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

Overall, School Attendance 94.7%

Year N	93.1%
Year R	98.9%
Year Y1	93.7%
Year Y2	89.7%
Year Y3	97.3%
Year Y4	96.1%
Year Y5	94.2%
Year Y6	94.5%

Key Dates Coming Up

- **From Thursday 12th March** – Book Fair open after school
- **Wednesday 18th March** – Parents' Evening
- **Friday 20th March** – Non-uniform day (chocolate donations for the Easter raffle)
- **Monday 23rd March** – Easter Disco (Early Years and KS1)
- **Tuesday 24th March** – Easter Disco (KS2) 3:20–4:15pm
- **Wednesday 25th March** – Parents' Evening
- **Week beginning 30th March** – Easter Raffle draw
- **Monday 30th March** – Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition entries brought into school
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition winners announced

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Yeoman

