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Dear All,

As we come to the end of another busy term it provides a perfect opportunity to reflect on the best bits! We have had many visits, visitors and enrichment activities. Thank you to all those parents who support these and enable all children to participate in a broad range of experiences. Please visit our Twitter page to see many of the events captured on there. Even our final week of term is action packed. On Monday Year 6 visited Stibbington and experienced what it might have been like to be an evacuee, Tuesday was our maths challenge day and most classes took part in problem solving activities. Wednesday some classes used our brilliant outdoor areas to improve their learning with topic focused activities. Year 6 found an unexploded bomb! Friday was a time for celebrating the achievement of our children. We had our first Gold Award for one of our Year 5 pupils. An amazing accomplishment. Teachers will be writing their newsletters for Spring 2 and this will share information on learning, dates and events.

We have a new member of staff joining the Year 1 team, Mrs Russell, her role will be to support all aspects of teaching and learning in Year 1.

Thank you to those parents in Year 2 and Year 6 who attended the SAT information sessions. As you may be aware children take lots of tests in school and we will make the SAT experience a positive one for all of our children.

Writing and reading continue to be our focus - please help your child by completing homework that has been set, reading as often as possible, developing reading habits by hooking children into favourite stories, authors and genres. Traditional tales and stories written many years ago help children develop their vocabulary and understanding of how language use has changed over time. Alice in Wonderland, Treasure Island, The Railway children and The Wind in the Willows are all great classics.

We hope that you all have a good break and we look forward to warmer and lighter days next term.

Mrs Inga Bain (Principal)

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Careers Week.

5th—9th March is Careers Week. We are very excited as we have lots of visitors visiting our Academy during the week. On Monday 5th we will be hosting a 'What's my Line'

Assembly— volunteers will answer questions from our children who will try to guess their profession. The volunteers will only answer 'yes' or 'no'. After ten minutes the volunteers will leave the assembly and return in their uniform or will bring in the tools of the trade.

On 9th March we are hosting a Careers fair and inviting four other Greenwood Dale

Academies to join us. We will have 10 professions attending and they will be giving lots of information to our children about their profession. Our aim is to ensure our children begin to have some insight in to what careers are available to them once they leave school.

Dates for the Diary

We will be sharing dates in the diary on our website in 'calendar' and also on What's On?

Assembly Dates

Assemblies start at 9.00 a.m. as soon as all the children are seated. Parents of the class whose special assembly it is are invited to the assembly. Parents of children receiving awards are invited into the assembly.

Dates and Class Performance

Friday 23rd Feb Y1

Friday 2nd March Y5

Friday 9th March Y3 - This assembly will be at 2.30pm

Friday 23rd March Y4

Thursday 29th March End of Term Assembly Easter/Spring/Award

Some of our other events:

World Book Day March 1st - Book tokens for every child

Bikeability training for Year 5 week beginning February 26th—children will need a bike that is safe and roadworthy and bike helmets.

Career Week beginning March 5th

First Aid training for Year 4 and Year 5 March 6th

Kid Lit Festival Week Beginning March 5th

Lunchtime Clubs

Children have been participating in Change4Life, Dancing and Game Skills during our lunchtimes. The Sports Crew have been doing great work in organising games for others. Children also take part in PRAISE clubs which are run by our fabulous teaching support staff. Please talk to your children about what they do at lunchtime and encourage them to get involved.

Academy Council.

We have had a busy term thinking about how we can use our outdoor space more effectively for learning. Our Key Stage 2 counsellors have set each class a challenge to design a learning space outside in the playground. They have been quite strict with their classes explaining that any ideas must be sensible (no finance for a swimming pool!). Lots of interesting ideas have been shared including maths grids, reading sheds and adventure trails. Today we looked at all the designs and the best two from each class are now displayed on our Academy Council board for all to see.

