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Dear parents

Please see overleaf for an important letter from the head teachers of local primary schools. I can confirm that the school will close at 2 pm on the last day of term.

Lunch time club



I have arranged a tennis club for Key Stage 2 children to take place on Monday afternoons next half term, 12.20pm-1pm. There is no charge; pupils just need to remember to have their PE kit in school on Mondays. It will be run by George Cresswell, who carried out some very popular tennis lessons for us last summer as part of the Eden Valley School Sports Partnership.

For parents of children in Years 5 and 6

As you start preparing for the Hawse End residential, could I remind you that children should not bring any food items with them that contain peanuts and / or brazil nuts, as there are two children on the visit who may have life threatening allergic reactions if they come into contact with these items.

Crosby Ravensworth School 100 Club

There were 40 numbers in the February draw:

First Prize:	£10	Helen Gill	Number 6
Second Prize:	£6	Ted Relph	Number 15
Third Prize:	£4	Ted Relph	Number 20

If you would like to purchase a number, forms are available from Crosby and Maulds Meaburn bus shelters, the front desk at school or can be downloaded from the school website. It is only £6 for the remaining 6 draws and the next draw is on Thursday 10th March.

For parents of children in Class 1

After half term, the topic is Superheroes, so for one week only, children can bring their superhero toys to school!

Term dates – change

Following a consultation with all schools during the summer 2015 it has been agreed to move to a school term and holiday date pattern with the Easter break 'fixed' around the first two weeks in April for a three year period. This will mean that in some years, the Easter weekend will fall outside of the two week break. Where this happens, schools will be closed on the public holidays – Good Friday and Easter Monday, similar to the annual closure for the early May bank holiday Monday.

As the dates have now been set by the Local Authority, they have been placed on the school website and there is a paper copy of 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 dates in the plastic wallet.

Nursery news

As well as the upcoming coffee morning and dominoes, the committee would like to give you advance warning of a Bag2School collection taking place on **Thursday 17 March**. There are two bags coming

home in each plastic wallet, and there is a comprehensive list of what can be included on the reverse. If you have lots to send in, any large plastic bag can be used – it doesn't necessarily have to show the Bag2School logo. Please send in your bags nearer the time, as we don't have room to store them at present; thank you.

Dates for your diary

Mon 22 Feb – return to school after half term

Wed 24 to Fri 26 Feb – Y5 and Y6 residential at Hawse End, Keswick

Fri 26 Feb – swimming for children in Reception and Years 1-4 only

Thur 3 Mar – World Book Day

Sat 5 Mar – Spring coffee morning at CRVH (for nursery funds)

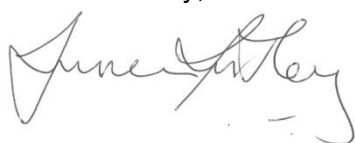
Wed 16 Mar – parents appointments (more information to follow)

Thur 17 Mar – Bag2School collection

Thur 24 Mar – break up for Easter holidays (2 pm finish)

Sat 26 Mar – chip out dominoes 9 pm (for nursery funds)

Yours sincerely;



Mr D Priestley

Eden Rural Alliance (ERA) Expected Standards and Reporting to Parents Summer 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the primary schools in the ERA working closely together to improve the education and lives of children in the Eden Valley we feel it is important to explain the following:

The education system in England is going through rapid and fundamental change. Not only is the way in which schools are funded and run changing (you may or may not have heard terms such as Academies, Free Schools, Multi Academy Trusts, Teaching Schools) and the curriculum reviewed and changed, but the expectations for what children at certain stages should know and be able to do have increased significantly.

This year will see the introduction of significant changes in:

- the way children are *tested and assessed* at the end of Year 2 and Year 6
- what children are expected to *know and to be able to do* and the standards they are expected to achieve
- the way this is *measured and reported* to you as parents

National Curriculum levels will no longer be used (e.g. Level 1, 2A, 2B, 2C or 3 at the end of Year 2 and Level 3, 4 or 5 at the end of Year 6). These are to be replaced with standardised scores based on the results and marks from all the children taking the tests each year across the country.

- Each year the government will set the expected standard which will be a score of 100 with some pupils ranked below and some above. We will have to report this score to parents.

The tests this year will include elements in the new National Curriculum which will only have been

taught since September 2014 when it was introduced.

- the current Year 6 will have been following this curriculum for only two years, not four.
- the new curriculum for Maths and parts of English contain many elements that were previously taught in older year groups or in secondary school.
- the impact of this has been a similar increase in expectations in each of the other year groups

We will report your child's progress this summer and tell you whether your child is at, above or below the expected standard for their age. As a result of the changes some pupils who would previously have reached the expected standards may now be judged as working towards them.

Many aspects of these changes have still not yet been finalised by the government. Your school will keep you up to date as and when decisions are made.

Yours faithfully

The Headteachers of the primary schools in the Eden Rural Alliance (ERA)

(Appleby, Asby, Bolton, Brough, Crosby Ravensworth, Kirkby Stephen, Long Marton, Milburn, Morland, Orton, Temple Sowerby, Warcop Schools)