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Dear Parent/Carer,

This is just a quick letter before half term to remind you of forthcoming events and update you on the most recent news.

DISCO

As you are all aware, this takes place tomorrow straight after school and ends at 5pm. The children can come in non-uniform for the day and there is a cost per child of £1.00 for the disco and 50p for refreshments which will consist of a drink and a cake. Please make sure that the money is in a clearly marked envelope/purse and given to the class teacher – thank you. To avoid overcrowding in the entrance way at 5pm could you please wait outside your child’s classroom to collect them, as staff will be taking the children from the disco to fetch their belongings. Also, the non-uniform clothes will be their disco attire! Please make sure their clothes are not too thin and skimpy as it is very cold outside at playtimes at present. Thank you.

DATES

On our return to school after half term we will be having a **Fairtrade Week** which will involve teaching the children the principles of Fairtrade in a fun yet informative way. We are ending the week with a day’s education from an expert from the global centre called The Glade which is based in Ilminster. It would be fantastic if you could find Fairtrade produce when you are out shopping with your children over half term so that they are aware of the Fairtrade produce they can buy in this country.

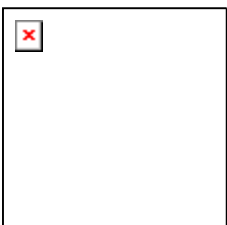
On March 4th it is **WORLD BOOK DAY**. Please can the children come dressed as a favourite character, either fiction or non fiction for the day. Thank you.

PLAYTIMES

Having observed many playtimes now, I believe that the older children do not have enough space for any active games and in this cold weather it is hard for them to be safely occupied. The lunchtime staff and I have therefore agreed that Topaz class can use the field at lunchtimes when the surface is suitable but only if they bring a spare pair of trousers, trainers and a top/sweatshirt. If the kit doesn’t come in they will not be able to play on the field. This will also free up space on the playground for the younger children to play more creatively.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY

I hope you all agree that we want all the children to be as fit and healthy as possible and one way to help them, as well as the environment, is to encourage them to walk to school. This of course applies to those who live in the village! I would like to see the “walking bus” in operation after half term starting on the first Wednesday (24th February). For any new parents, this involves the children meeting Mr. Higgins and Mrs. Longbourne at the Recreation Ground at 8.35am. every **Wednesday**. People who live outside the village can join in too as cars can be parked far more safely at the Rec than at school. Please try and join in as it is a really good way to start the school day.



This just leaves me to wish you a good half term and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 22nd February.

Yours sincerely

Miss Helen Townson
Headteacher

