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E Safety: Paul Hodgkinson, the advisor for ICT in the Local Authority visited the school to carry out an audit of our e-safety practices this week. He was impressed with the focus we have in our school on keeping children safe when using the internet, commenting favourably upon the half-termly e-safety assemblies presented by our pupils for parents and carers. Recently in Durham, there have been some serious issues surrounding the safety of children using social networking sites, in particular, posting personal information about themselves online. I cannot stress enough the importance of parents being fully aware of sites children are accessing and who they are in contact with. I would urge parents and carers to attend our next e-safety assembly on **Thursday 12th February at 1.00pm** where we will be showing a particularly hard-hitting video regarding internet safety. We would love to see as many of you there as possible: our children's safety is everyone's responsibility.

World Wetland Day: On Monday, Laura Tedstone from the Washington Wetlands Trust led a whole school assembly to mark World Wetland Day. She reminded everyone about the importance of the work we are doing through our SUDs project and the positive impact this will have on our immediate environment. We have some further exciting events planned throughout the year to continue to involve children and parents in developing these areas in school.

Developing writing skills: This week some of the staff have worked with advisors from the Local Authority as well as staff from other schools to moderate writing, identifying what we do well and how we can further improve. I also attended a Head Teacher's course taking samples of pupils books to compare standards of work across the county. I was extremely proud to take books from Y1 and Y5, sharing them with other Head's, who commented upon the excellent presentation, quality work and effective marking, all of which are resulting in our pupils making good progress.

Dropping off & Collecting Pupils: Can I please remind parents and carers not to wait in the inner porch after dropping off / collecting children. This is to ensure that our automatic doors function correctly and that the children are safe in school at all times. Also, we have several instances of children being called over to the end of the drive or across the grass at home-time: children must remain with the member of staff until they are collected from the main gate. It is extremely difficult for staff to see clearly who is waving and beckoning beyond this point: your children's safety is everyone's top priority and we ask you to be patient while children are leaving school. Thank you.

Lip Balm: Several children are bringing lip balm into school and sharing it around, which clearly is unhygienic and can spread infection. If your child needs lip balm, it should be given to Miss Sugden in a named bag and the child can put it on when required.

Pupil; of the Week are:

Year 1:- Rose Sanderson for trying really hard in RWI

Year 2: Daisy May Nixon for excellent work on telling the time

Year 3: Elliemae Wanless for using her targets to improve her writing

Year 4: Shekoni Dunn for excellent persuasive writing

Year 5: Conrad Hunt for working extremely hard in all areas all week

Year 6: Morhan Maughan for making excellent progress in all subjects over the last 2 weeks





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Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Year Y6 with 94.7 % attendance, well done!
Attendance has been much improved this week compared to last week. Hopefully the tummy bug has now passed!

Reception: 92.6%

Y1: 93%

Y2: 92.5%

Y3: 93.6 %

Y4: 92.6%

Y5: 93.5%

Y6: 94.7%

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Bethany Gibson for always having impeccable manners and behaviour and setting an excellent example to others: well done!

Dates for your Diary: (please also check the school website diary pages for key dates throughout the year)

Thursday 12 th February	1.00pm E Safety Assembly: parents invited, refreshments served afterwards.
Friday 13 th February	1.00-3.00pm: Ks1 & KS2 Valentines Disco (KS1 1-2pm KS 2 2-2.55pm)
Friday 13th February	2.55pm School Closes for Half Term
Year 6 SATs	Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May: <i>under no circumstances must children be absent from school during this week.</i>

Mrs Page
Headteacher

