



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to this half term, we hope you have all had a lovely relaxing half term.

Today we have had a visit from local author Linda Chapman, who has been explaining the process of writing and how she develops her characters.

There are lots of things happening in school this half term. Year 3 and 4 go on their residential to How Hill in Norfolk next week. Keep your fingers crossed for some warm weather for us!

Later in the term we will be celebrating World Book Day, our theme this year is 'sports'. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the day. Children can come dressed in their PE kits as it is also Skipping Day.

Year 6 have their Bikeability sessions next week. Remember your bikes and helmets!

Year 1 and Year 5 will have their annual talk from the Fire Service next week, learning about fire safety at home and keeping safe.

Mrs J Scallon

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Friday 23rd February	Whole School	Author Visit—Linda Chapman
Mon 26th—Wed 28th	Yr 3 and 4	How Hill Residential
Mon 26th, Tue 27th, Thur 1st Mar	Year 6	Bikeability
Mon 26th February	Yr 1 and Yr 5	Fire Safety Talk
Mon 5th March	EYFS and Y6	Height and weight
Mon 5th March 3:30pm	Year 1/2	Beaumanor Hall Meeting—Class 3
Tuesday 6th March	Whole School	Skipping Day/ World Book Day
Wed 7th March	EYFS	Play with you child afternoon 2:15pm
W/b Mon 12th Feb	Whole School	Science and Engineering Week
Wed 14th March	Y6	Galleries of Justice visit
Monday 19th March	Whole School	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 20th March	Whole School	Parents' Evening
Friday 23rd March	Whole School	11am Egg Rolling
Friday 23rd March	Whole School	3:15pm Finish for Easter
Monday 9th April	Whole School	School opens for the Summer term
Tues 10th—Wed 11th April	Yr 1 and 2	Beaumanor Hall Residential
Tuesday 17th April	Whole School	Literacy Open Morning

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### Science Show

Before half term we had a Science Show in school. Brooke in Year 3 has written about it: I enjoyed the science assembly because it reminded me of school. I love school. I remember the experiments and they were the toilet roll one, the leaf blower made the toilet roll come off and we had to catch them.

The balloon experiment—Ada had to blow up a balloon and let it go to see the gravity.

Rocket experiment—someone had to make a rocket go flying up by jumping on it and it flew up in the air.

Leaf blower experiment—the man blew people with the leaf blower to show how aeroplanes work.

Ping Pong ball experiment—we blew through a straw and we made the ball fly.

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### Rugby Wednesday

As our school is co-operating with rising stars (a sports company) every Wednesday, a member of their team comes to visit us to teach us S.A.Q. (skills agility quickness) by using many little different training obstacles. They include all of these skills in a game of tag rugby making it fun but also using many of our high intensity games.

Everyone from reception to year 6 participated, and rising stars are good at

making it suitable for all years making it harder as the year's progress. Everyone loved having them coming in and we are looking forward to getting bigger games of tag rugby. This will continue until the Easter holidays. We will be keeping fit and learning the rules of tag rugby.

**By Jack , Benjamin and Amelie Sports Representatives of Wymeswold School.**

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### Zoolab

EYFS and KS1 had a visit from Zoolab before half term. Some of Year 2 have shared their favourite parts of the visit:

Finn: I liked the rat because it could climb.

Fearne: I like the snake because I held it and it was smooth.

Arthur: The scorpion can sting with it's tail.

Olivia: I liked the corn snake.

Charlotte: When the man put the gecko on the floor, he was wriggling around.

Effie: The snail was my favourite, because it was too big!

Lucia: I liked seeing and touching the animals.

Flossie: I liked the rat, because it had a long tail.

Buster: I liked the snail because you can use it's slime on your face!

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**Linda Chapman Author Visit**

Linda Chapman kindly volunteered to come into Wymeswold School. She told us about her past books and tips we need to know to write a great book. We used our imagination to make an evil character from Sophie and the Shadow Woods. She also told us the perfect way to plan our stories

Linda's lovely daughter Amany was selling books while Linda was signing postcards for free.

Everyone enjoyed it so much!

By Harriet

Thank you, Linda, for coming in and speaking to Key Stage Two this morning. Linda is coming back in a few weeks to speak to EYFS and KS1.

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**Fencing**

In PE, Class 5 have done fencing for five lessons and we all had great fun. On the first lesson, we learned all the basics

Attacks:

- Basic Attack
- Lunge Attack
- Advanced lunge Attack

Important words:

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- On guard
- Foil
- Parry

On the second fencing day we recapped everything we had done on the first lesson and then we practised it.

On the third day, we started to put the kit on and we went head to head with other people. On the fourth session we had a four v four tournament.

On the last day, we mixed our groups up and had a big tournament.

We think that all the other classes should try this in PE!

By Elissa

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**Chinese New Year**

EYFS and KS1 celebrated Chienese New Year earlier in the month. They found out about customs and traditions and ate some tasty food.



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