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Language of the Half Term

This half term the children will be exploring the culture of Nepal and learning some words in Nepali. Nepali is spoken by more than 17 million people, mostly in Nepal and neighbouring parts of India. Smaller speech communities exist in Bhutan, Brunei and Myanmar. The children will be completing work in school and will be immersed in the history of Nepal. Here are some words which you may want to try at home with your children:

English	Translation
Hello	नमस्कार Namaskāra
Thank you	धन्यवाद Dhan'yavāda
How are you?	कस्तो छ ? Kastō cha?
Excuse me	मलाई माफ गर्नुहोस् Malā'i māpha garnuhōs
Nice to meet you	तिमीलाई भेटेर खुशी लाग्यो Timilā'i bhēṭēra khuśī lāgyō

Reminder about lateness

With it being a brand new year, it is a chance to get into some good habits by ensuring that all children are here on time. Just a reminder that the gates close at 8:55am and any children coming in after this need to come through the office, which does cause high levels of disruption for staff and the child receives a late mark. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Welcome Back

A huge welcome back to all families. It is not the start that we wanted but thankfully the boiler situation was sorted quickly so that all children could be back in school on Wednesday. I want to say a huge thank you for all the engagement in the home learning and support that was shown to the school during this time. I know that we are all thankful that the children are here and can carry on with their learning as planned.

This term will be another busy one with lots going on so please keep reading the newsletter so that you can keep up to date with the latest news from school. Notably, this term you will be receiving your child's midterm report which will be sent out on Friday 14th February, just before we break up for half term. This will show where your child is up to in terms of age related expectations as well as a summary of their effort in school.

Please also note, that in a few weeks Year 6 will be going on their residential to Robinwood, which was rescheduled from before Christmas. As I have already completed a meeting with parents, I feel that we are prepared to go ahead with the trip.

If you need any clarification around the trip please contact me.



Carbon Monoxide Workshops.

Next week, our Year Five and Six children will be taking part in some carbon monoxide workshops from a company called Bonanza Creative. They will be learning about the dangers, understanding what it is and how we can keep ourselves safe. We are aware that safety information can be quite alarming for children and the company have therefore made a great effort to produce information in a child friendly way to help reduce any worries. We will assure the children that it is highly unlikely CO is present in their homes, any questions please email me.



Attendance

As there has been so much disruption this week and some year groups were not in, I am not going to publish the top three classes this week, as I feel that this would not be fair.

But instead, I would like to thank all those that have got their children into school in these difficult weather conditions. Everyone has pulled together this week to ensure our children can be safe here at school.



Dodgeball Tournament

Yesterday, Miss Laurie took a group of Year Six children to Laurus for a dodgeball tournament. The children played really well and were honest when hit with a dodgeball and had to be out. We have started 2025 in winning ways as the children manage to secure 1st place. We are so proud of the children and their playing ability. They also showed that they are excellent sportspeople by supporting each other and showing some great teamwork. A special mention to Jacob who won the spirit of the games award and demonstrated great determination all the way



Kind regards,

Pete Cope

and the Etchells staff

