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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through another busy half-term, I'd like to thank you for your continued support and to share a few highlights from around the school. It's been a pleasure to see the enthusiasm and curiosity our children bring to their learning each day.

Some of our pupils have especially enjoyed taking part in Wild One outdoor learning adventures, embracing the chance to explore, problem-solve and learn in the fresh air. Alongside this, children in Years 2, 4, 5 and 6 have been involved in engaging recycling sessions, helping them understand the importance of looking after our environment and the small actions that can make a big difference.

It's been wonderful to see such excitement, teamwork and thoughtful discussion across the school.

Warm regards,

Mr. Matthews and the entire Ashleigh Staff

YOUNG VOICES

On Friday 6th February, around 60 of our children will be heading to the Co-op Arena to take part in a spectacular choral event alongside children from across the North West. This is always a truly memorable experience, and we're sure it will be one the children will treasure. We're very grateful to the parents who are making the journey to Manchester to cheer them on, and a special thank you goes to Mrs Hartley for organising this wonderful opportunity.



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LET'S GO SING

On Wednesday 18th March, our Year 3 children will be travelling to Blackburn Ice Arena to take part in the Let's Go Sing event, alongside other schools from across Lancashire.



This is always a fantastic evening, tickets are selling quickly. If you still need to purchase tickets, they are available online at: <https://iceaccount.co.uk/lets-go-sing>

Please select **Zone 2 - Yellow**, as this seating area faces the section where Ashleigh will be performing, giving you the best view of the children.

'WEAR IT WOOLLY'

This February, we're inviting children to 'Wear It Woolly' and help support older people in our local community.

The winter months can be especially hard for older people, particularly with the current cost of living challenges. A local charity, Age UK Blackburn with Darwen, supports older people (including those living with dementia) to stay independent, connected, and living in their own homes.

WEAR IT WOOLLY
in February

Help us raise money
to end loneliness
& keep older people
warm and well this winter



All monies raised will go to Age UK Blackburn with Darwen
Your local charity helping older people



To help raise funds, the charity is asking schools to hold a "Wear It Woolly" dress-down day on Friday 13th February. Children can come to school wearing anything woolly—the brighter and more colourful, the better. Please bring in a minimum £1 donation to support this important cause.

All money raised stays right here in Blackburn with Darwen.



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Outdoor learning - Year 2	Wednesday 28 th January	AM
Outdoor learning - Year 1	Wednesday 28 th January	PM
Outdoor learning - Reception Rabbits	Wednesday 4 th February	AM
Outdoor learning - Reception Bears	Wednesday 4 th February	PM
Year 5 Geography Field Trip	Thursday 5 th February	AM
Young Voices Concert	Friday 6 th February	
Wear it Woolly for Age Concern (non-uniform day)	Friday 13 th February	
School Closes for Half Term Break	Friday 13th February	3.30pm
School re-opens	Monday 23rd February	8.45am

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