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**This week**

We have had a wonderful week in school where the children have been deep in their Geography learning. Right from Foundation to Year 6, the children have been building upon the skills and knowledge that they have been taught in previous years.

The return of the inter-Trust competitions last week has been great to see. Events such as these give an opportunity for children to see themselves as part of the 'Elsecar Team', and they really do us proud. It's wonderful to see the sport of healthy competition and teamwork among the children.

**Absence Reporting**

Please remember to report your child's absence whenever they won't be in school by calling the office telephone number.

**Coats**

Please can you check that your child's coats have their names on. We have had quite a few coats left outside in the playground with no names on.

**Keeping Healthy**

As we know, a number of children in school have had the sickness bug this week. We would like to remind you that if your child is unwell with diarrhoea or sickness that they should only return to school 48 hours after the last time they unwell. Here are some simple hygiene steps to remember when washing hands.

**Hand-washing technique with soap and water**

- Wet hands with water
- Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces
- Rub hands palm to palm
- Rub back of each hand with palm of other hand with fingers interlaced
- Rub palm to palm with fingers interlaced
- Rub with back of fingers in opposite palms with fingers interlocked
- Rub each thumb clasped in opposite hand using a rotational movement
- Rub tips of fingers in opposite palm in a circular motion
- Rub each wrist with opposite hand
- Rinse hands with water
- Use elbow to turn off tap
- Dry thoroughly with a single-use towel
- Hand washing should take 15-30 seconds

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**Inter-Schools Competitions Y1 – Y6**

If you have not returned your permission slip for your child to take part and would like one, please contact the school office. Permission letters were handed out at the beginning of the school year in September.

**Dates for the diary**

**Every Monday this half term**  
Girls' Football after school club

**Every Thursday this half term**  
Dodgeball after school club

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
National Measurement Programme (EYFS & Year 6 only)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
Year 6 Residential to Kingswood

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
Half Term (school closed)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
All children back to school

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
World Book Day

**Attendance Matters**

Well done to this week's winners:  
**Year 3**

Whole School Attendance  
This week: 89%  
This year: 93.9%  
Attendance target: 96.5%

Every student. Every day.

**Spotlight on Year 2**

It's been another busy week in Year 2! In literacy we have written newspaper recounts about the time a giant tortoise was spotted in Elsecar Park. In maths we have been exploring symmetry in 2D shapes and trying to draw symmetrical shapes accurately using a ruler. In Geography we have been using atlases to label the states in Australia. We then enjoyed short videos of the indigenous animals of Australia. In PE we were improving our rolling, throwing and catching skills. The children worked really hard on being good partners with accurate throws. The children have also been producing fantastic pieces of homework. All their lovely Australian flags have been added to our classroom display.

