



**26th May 2023**

Dear Parents / Carers

It has certainly been a great half term at Red Rose and the last 6 weeks have flown! There have been lots of visits, visitors and sporting events alongside some fantastic family assemblies. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have completed their SATs and we are incredibly proud of their effort and maturity during the process. Everyone tried their best and gave 100% - well done! It was also great to see so many of you at the sponsored toddle, (both young and more mature), raising money for a great cause. As always, it was great to have some sunshine too! Thank you for all your support - it is much appreciated. I hope you all have a great half term and enjoy the forecasted good weather

### **Safety - A167 - pedestrian crossing**

Several parents, both past and present, have raised concerns around the pedestrian crossing on the A167 and traffic not stopping. This is of great concern and we are already aware of 2 near misses where people have been about to cross and a vehicle has jumped the red light.

We have spoken to the children about the importance of checking that the traffic has stopped before crossing but wanted to make all of our community aware and to take care. I have met with Cllr Scurfield about the issue and she is equally concerned and is going to support us in looking at a solution. Kevan Jones (MP North Durham) is also going to visit school in July and is aware of concerns. To strengthen our case, can I ask that all incidents where a vehicle does not stop are logged with myself. I just need the date and time - no registration numbers.

### **Safety - Snacks**

Can I remind parents that children are only allowed to bring in a healthy snack for breaktime. This can be fruit, vegetables, cheese or rice cakes. Packed lunches should also aim to be healthy and not contain nuts or eggs due to allergies.

### **Safety - Weather**

As we enjoy the sunny weather, I can also remind everyone of the importance of bringing in a water bottle, cap and applying sun cream.

### **Safety - Jewellery**

Jewellery should not be worn for school. Children can however wear a watch if they wish.

*Please note:* We do not allow the children to wear earrings for school to avoid any accidents. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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## **Sensory Garden**

Thank you so much to parents and grandparents who helped to dig the sensory garden this morning. We are going to meet again after half term if anyone else is able to come along. Date to be confirmed after the half term break.

## **Half term**

School closes for the half term holiday today. School reopens Monday 5th June

Have a super half term

Kind regards

Mrs A Brinton

**HEADTEACHER**