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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a short but very busy term and your children have continued to achieve wonderful things, both inside and outside the classroom.

As usual, you amazed us with the quality of your outfits on World Book Day. Some of the photos can be seen on our website. We raised almost £90 from our book fair in school, so thank you for your support with that. Please encourage your children to read for pleasure over the Easter Break; all children should have a book from our school library.

We have seen a bit of slippage in the standard of dress in school. We do expect children to be in smart uniform for school. This means grey school trousers or a grey skirt/pinafore, with a white or grey polo shirt and a school jumper or cardigan. Please also ensure that children have black shoes, or change into black pumps for school. No trainers please. Please also ensure that children have suitable PE kit in school after the holidays for both indoor and outdoor PE sessions.

We have had two lovely pieces of baby news this term: Ms. Weedy had her second child at the beginning of the term, a little boy named Felix and Mrs. Ford is expecting her first child in the summer holidays. She is aiming to stay with us as long as possible until the end of the school year when she will start her maternity leave. We will of course keep you informed about staffing.

Our Pupil Parliament have been very busy in the community this term, getting involved with 'cleaning for the Queen', local parking and speeding awareness with community leaders and putting forward their suggestions on school meals to our cook. They will continue to work hard on behalf of their colleagues for the final term until we vote in new members of the Pupil Parliament in the summer.

We have had some very successful assemblies from classes this term. Next term we can look forward to Amethyst Class assembly on **Wednesday 25th May** at 2:15 and assemblies from Garnet and Jet classes in the final half term of the year – dates for those to be confirmed.

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We have got some exciting trips planned next term for all children. Please keep your payments coming into the office; a little each week goes a long way to meeting the final payment. As usual, if there are any problems or issues with this, come and talk to me.

A big 'thank you' for your generosity on Sport Relief day. You managed to raise more than £722.86 for the good cause. Despite the cold, the children made us proud with their perseverance as they ran their laps. There were lots of individual success stories, but the team that completed the most laps was the Diamond Team.

We were so proud of our school choir who came second in 'A Song for Halifax' at North Halifax Grammar school, earlier this half term. They impressed the judges with their beautiful, tuneful and confident singing. We hope to hear more from our school choir next term!

Clubs will start on the first day back (Tuesday, 5th April) and the list of clubs is attached.

Please find below some key dates for next half term – more will be sent out as the diary fills up.

April 12th – Amethyst Class visit to the Industrial Museum

April 12th – Pearl Class visit to Thornton Hall Country Farm01

April 22nd – Konflux Theatre group working with Peridot Class

May 9th – May 12th – SATs week for Jet Class

May 18th – Opal, Citrine and Garnet Classes trip to Blackpool

May 23rd – Peridot and Jet classes boys (selected group only) to Halifax Library

It is going to be a long but very exciting and busy term next half term, so have a lovely, restful and peaceful Easter.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Ford,
Principal.