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**Dates for your diary**

**February**

1<sup>st</sup> Work of the month  
11<sup>th</sup> Year 1 visit Lowther Castle  
12<sup>th</sup> Year 3 visit White Scar Caves  
13<sup>th</sup> Young voices Manchester for Y2  
14<sup>th</sup> Year 1 U-Dance festival Ulverston Victoria school.  
15<sup>th</sup> End of half term

**18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Half term**

**March**

1<sup>st</sup> Work of the month  
7<sup>th</sup> World book pyjama day  
18<sup>th</sup> last after school clubs  
28<sup>th</sup> Last swimming  
29<sup>th</sup> Work of the month

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**END OF TERM**

**School close at 1.30pm.**

**April**

**school re-opens Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**April**

18<sup>th</sup> decorated egg competition  
19<sup>th</sup> School closed Good Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> School closed Easter Monday.

**Parkside GGI Academy Newsletter**  
'Nurturing, Developing, Inspiring'

**Special Skills:**

This month we are trying to understand others



We have had a great first month of 2019 and thought about what we can do to improve ourselves this year.

**Half term review:** We have posted, on to tapestry (it is also in the front of your child's learning journal), a review of last half term. It includes your child's attendance, punctuality, internet challenges completed, number of times they have read at home etc. Please check this and set a target for yourself this half term to see if you can improve on last half terms.

**School closed for elections:** This is advanced warning that school will be closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May due to county council elections taking place.

**Cold weather:** Please can I remind all parents that if the playground is icy in the mornings to not allow your children onto the play areas and equipment, as it can be slippery. If, in extreme cases, the school did need to close you would receive a text message as soon as the decision is made. The decision to close school is always made as a final option. If it does snow please feel free to send your child to school in tracksuit bottoms

and wellies. We will always take the opportunity to get out in the snow. We will send a text out but make a decision at 8am when we arrive at school so it may arrive too late for breakfast club children.

**New GGI staff Baby:** We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Casper Jax. You may have already seen him in the playground. Congratulations to Mrs McCowen, Owen and William.

**ParentPay:** All communication is done through ParentPay. This includes trips, after school clubs, school meal bookings, swimming money, baking and snack money etc. Please ensure you check this regularly and that we have an up to date email address. We can set up more than one account for separated parents all you need to do is call into the office.

We hope you have a lovely half term break.

If you have any comments, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Mrs. Caroline Walker  
Headteacher

**Valentine's 'You Are Amazing' internet challenge 2019**  
**To be completed between 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February**

This year, instead of a letter of love, we are asking that you spend some time with your child deciding what makes your child unique and special.

'What makes you like...you?'

We have given each child a recipe sheet for them to complete. We would like you to list all the things that make them the person they are e.g. what they look like, what they are good at, what makes them special to you, what they are like as a member of your family and anything else you want to add as an important ingredient to their unique recipe for making them.