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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you and your children have had a good half term break.

The new playtime arrangements appear to be working well and you will be delighted to know the long awaited playground markings are scheduled to be printed in in this term. We are currently repairing the surrounding boundary posts and the steps leading up to the field. Fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us to enable this to happen on schedule!

We hear that Miss Richmond is settling into her new job in Glasgow and are delighted to continue to have Mrs. Morag Pendry this term, who is supporting our RRCT time and release time for Mrs. Ross in the upper school. We continue to support a number of teaching students this term and I am sure you will make them feel very welcome here at Mid Calder. In our nurse's room we welcome Caroline Wright to our Early Years Team on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs. Diane Young is based here during the week and is an Early Years Support Manager.

This term we are introducing a new wellbeing programme across the school called "Emotion Works" Your children may have already chatted to you about this. We will be having an information evening for parents in early the Summer Term. However, we will be able to give you some more information at our parents' evening meetings on March 27<sup>th</sup> 3.30 to 6.00pm and March 28<sup>th</sup> 6.00 to 8.00pm.

Earlier this term we were pleased to have the NSPCC to share assemblies and workshop sessions across the school. They will be coming back into school to run a parents internet safety workshop on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 am here in the hall at Mid Calder. We are hoping you will be able to spare the time to attend this useful session.

We have had a local resident requesting for parents picking up and dropping off at the school to refrain from parking on the grass verges and obstructing the entrance to the school car park. We appreciate this is a congested area and ask politely for your co operation in this matter.

The school will be marking World Book Day again this term on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. This year we are linking ideas to the "Developing the Young Workforce" initiative. We are asking the children if they would like to dress up as a book character they would like to be when they choose a career in the future. We look forward to seeing their ideas and costumes!

Thank you again for your continued support,

Hazel Thurlow