Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready to learn. We start our half term with a SATs style assessment week. We will also end the term, week commencing 1st April, with a final opportunity to practice for the SATs as they will be conducted during the actual assessments in May (week commencing 13th ). If you or the children have any concerns or questions regarding the assessments, the children can see me at any break or lunchtime and I am happy to meet with you, or speak to you on the telephone, at mutually convenient times.

This half-term’s topic is “UK OK!” I have included a topic overview with this newsletter. In DT we will be looking at resistant materials. If any parents, carers, relatives or friends would like to come in to help the class whilst we are making our mechanical toys using cams, they will be very welcome. Expertise in woodwork is not essential, the more hands and eyes we have to help with sawing, hammering, gluing, etc. the better! Our DT lessons are on Thursday mornings 10.55-11.45. Our first couple of lessons will be design rather than practical based. Please let me know if anyone is able to assist via the children’s planner or telephone the office, thank you. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to Mrs Brown and Mrs Halfpenny for their invaluable help with cross stitching last half-term. The children and I greatly appreciated their time with us.

I would like to remind you that the Owls will have their year six leavers’ photograph taken on Monday 25th February. We look forward to completing a special house challenge with the rest of the school for Science week on Tuesday 12th March. The school council are planning Comic Relief fundraising for Friday 15th March. The next instalment for the visit to France is due by Friday 29th March.

Although our “Young Enterprise” topic has finished the children can still continue with their “businesses” and “companies”. If they wish to sell after school on Fridays, they need to book in with me, ensuring that their company accounts and sale evaluations are up to date. Available sale dates will be as follows:- 22nd February, 1st March, 8th March, 22nd March and 29th March. Should there be any changes to these dates I will send a parentmail.

I look forward to seeing you all at the parents’ evenings on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th February. Your appointment times will be sent home on Wednesday 20th February with the children, so please remind them to give them to you!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Karen Sutherland (Owls Class teacher)