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## Newsletter 9 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a relaxing half term break. This is a lovely half term in school with the build up towards Christmas and there is always a lot happening so please keep checking diary dates!

### Class News

**FS1/FS2** – This week we have been learning about Halloween. We have read ‘Room on the Broom’ and acted out the story.

**Y1** – This week we have turned magical in Year 1. We have written about potions, created potions and used magical cauldrons to help us with our taking away sums.

**Y2** – This week we have been making books about the rainforest!

**Y3/4** – This week we have designed, made and launched our own rockets as part of our Passport of Experiences. It was great fun!

**Y5/6** – This week we have been writing a newspaper report on the battle of Lindisfarne. We have really enjoyed finding out what the vicious Vikings did to the monks and their monasteries!

### Halloween Disco

The Halloween was a great success, everyone looked amazing in their costumes. Thank you to all who came. A special thanks goes to all those helpers before the disco, during and after tidying. We raised an amazing £209.63.

### Poppy Appeal

We are selling items for the Poppy Appeal again this year. Last year the school was very successful and gave one of the highest donations in the local area.

Alongside the traditional poppy there are snap band rulers, reflectors, zip pulls and wristbands. Suggested donations are:

Zip Pull -50p, Reflector – 50p, Wristband - £1.00, Snap Bans - £1.50



They will be sold in the hall or in the playground (weather dependent) at the end of every school day this week for parents and children to access. If parents will not be collecting their child/children from school, then the children are welcome to bring money into school in a named envelope which can be given to their class teacher.

### Remembrance

Year 5 and 6 children are going to Ripon Cathedral on Friday this week to take part in the Service Children’s Annual Remembrance Service. We will mark Remembrance as a school next Monday at 11am.

### Aldi Stickers update

We have achieved our target of 300 stickers! Well done and thank you to everyone for collecting the stickers and bringing them into school. The completed poster will be sent in to Aldi – we will receive an exclusive sports kit and be entered into their prize draw for a chance to win an amazing £20,000!

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – whole school staff safeguarding training

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November there will be no clubs running after school including Dandelions childcare club due to whole staff safeguarding training.

## **Free Christmas Crafts Course- starting 12<sup>th</sup> Nov in school for parents of Nursery Children**

The Adult Learning and Skills Services team will be running a free 5 week course in school for parents of children in Nursery. The sessions will run on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am and you can work with your child/children to create Christmas Crafts to take home. Booking is essential so if you are interested please speak to the school office.

## **Children in Need - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Advance Notice**

We will be supporting Children in Need day in November so if you 'spot' any of the fundraising items on sale and want to buy in advance please feel free to do so. Children will get a chance to wear/use them on the day in school.

## **Whole School Trip – Rainbow Factory Leeds –Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

A letter with details about the trip has now been sent out. The cost of this trip has been subsidised by the fundraising activities over the last year and is £10 per child. I am sure this will be wonderful and memorable day for the children.

## **Online Safety Letter for November**

Please see the attached letter with the latest news and updates regarding keeping children safe online.

## **Emotion Coaching drop-ins with Mrs Dixon**

In school we use emotion coaching to support children to develop their emotional literacy and navigate problems independently. This approach is founded in research and has proven to be very effective at supporting children to regulate and recognise their own emotions and behaviours. Previously the whole staff team was lucky enough to receive training in emotion coaching from the North Yorkshire County Council Educational Psychology department which has been tailored specifically to support service children and the challenges they may face. We are delighted that we are able to continue to pass this training on to you. Mrs Dixon has run a successful programme for parents in the past and is happy to continue to provide 'drop in' support for anyone who feels that they might benefit from emotion coaching at home. The dates are listed below and all sessions will be held in the EYFS classrooms. All are welcome, if you have any questions or would like to arrange another meeting then please feel free to speak to Mrs Dixon at any point.

## **Emotion coaching drop-ins are scheduled on the following dates:**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

## **School Dinner Special Events:**

### **Bonfire Meal – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Please note the change of menu - we will be celebrating Bonfire night with a special meal of sausage and chips with beans and sweetcorn followed by a treacle bite biscuit (jacket potato option will still be available).

### **Roast Dinner Day – menu change**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November is Roast Dinner Day and the menu for this day will be Roast Chicken with stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots followed by stick toffee pudding and custard.

### **Christmas Lunch – order in advance – letter to follow**

Advance notice that we will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no jacket potato option on that day; this meal will need to be ordered in advance. More details closer to the date!

## The Children's Sleep Charity – Funded Sleep Workshops

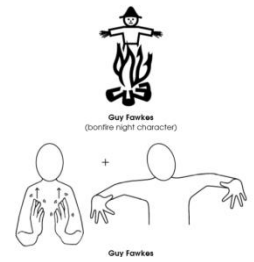
The Children's Sleep Charity will be delivering Sleep Success Workshops throughout North Yorkshire in the coming months. The training is delivered by experienced sleep practitioners and will give parents a basic overview of sleep and include help in understanding sleep cycles, common sleep issues, and strategies to manage these, and help in establishing appropriate routines. For further information please see the attached letter.

## Makaton in school

We have a growing number of children in school who are using Makaton to support their communication. During assemblies, we are continuing on developing some basic signs.

This week's sign is *Guy Fawkes*

Here is a link to the sign of the week. <https://wetalkmakaton.org/>



## Cycling To and From School – Be Safe Be Seen!

If your children are cycling to and from school please ensure that they wear a helmet understand at least basic road safety. The road is narrow and busy so all users need to be aware of each other.

## Parent Volunteers

We always welcome parental support and help in school. If you feel that you may be able to help in school in any way such as: hearing readers, making resources, taking a small group for sewing or craft activities, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## School Dinners update for November

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of **November** is £55 (for meals). Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date and we advise that credit is put onto the account at the start of each month.

## Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

## Parent Away

Please do let your child's class teacher know if a parent is away from home so that we can offer additional support. Parent Away Club is run by Mrs Cunane on Thursday lunchtime and is available to children if they wish to attend.

## 30 Hours Funding for Nursery

Please be aware of the deadlines for parents to apply for 30 hours funding if your child is currently in Nursery or will be starting Nursery.

For the Spring Term 2020 you must apply and have received your eligibility code before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

For the Summer Term 2020 you must apply and have received your eligibility code before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

## Applying for a School Place for September 2020 – Moving from Nursery to Reception

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 they are due to start school in 2020-21. The primary school application round is now open and the deadline to apply is 15 January 2020.

Please go to [www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and complete the online application.

## Diary Dates

November	
4/11/19	School open
5/11/19	Special promotion school dinner – sausage, chips and beans – needs ordering in advance
5/11/19	NSPCC talks to KS1 then KS2 followed by a workshop for Year 5/6 children
8/11/19	Year 5 and 6 children to Ripon Cathedral for Service children service
13/11/19	Dandelions <b>after school club</b> will be closed due to staff training
13/11/19	Roast Dinner Day -Menu change – Roast Chicken and stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots followed by stick toffee pudding and custard.
14/11/19	Emotion coaching drop-in 3.15pm
15/11/19	Non-uniform day for Children in need - £1 donation
w/e 29/11/19	Clubs finish
December	
5/12/19	EYFS Nativity (TBC)
10/12/19	KS1 Nativity (TBC)
12/12/19	Whole school trip to The Rainbow Factory in Leeds
16/12/19	School Christingle
18/12/19	Last swim for Y2, 5 and 6                      Christmas School Dinner – order in advance
19/12/19	Christmas Parties
20/12/19	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2020	
6/1/20	Training Day
7/1/20	School open for the spring term
8/1/20	Swimming for children in Years 1, 3 and 4
23/1/20	Emotion coaching drop-in 3.15pm

## AWARDS

### Celebration Assembly

On Friday afternoon, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

### Celebration Cup

This week the cup goes to someone who always demonstrates great enthusiasm in everything we do. They have a wonderful sense of humour and love to make their friends smile. Keep up your super sunny outlook! Well done to Mia Johnston.



### Ribbons



**FS1** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has done some fantastic work in Maths, making potions and using capacity. Well done, Noah!

**FS2** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been using her signs, to communicate. Well done, Shristi!

**Year 1** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us all with their attitude to learning and their excellent effort with their presentation. Well done, Freddie.

**Year 2** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who is trying so hard to join up their handwriting. Well done, Mason.

**Year 3** – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has shown excellent resilience and independence in their writing. Well done, Lexi.

**Year 4** – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has a super learning attitude and has had a great first half term in Year 4. Well done, Jasmin.

**Year 5** – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has shown determination and resilience when learning long division! Well done, Drishya.

**Year 6** – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying really hard on the editing process in writing. She is determined to make her writing the best it can be! Well done, Mary.

**Values in Action**

This week our Values Award goes to Gabriel for his shining example of compassion, resilience and respect. Gabriel was nominated by Marley, who recognised that Gabriel was a good friend. Well done, Gabriel.



**Attendance**

Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.

Week Commencing 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
96%	93%	98%	98%	99%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon  
Head Teacher