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Newsletter 11 Monday 18th November 2019

Dear Parents,

The term is moving at quite a pace and there are many events coming up so please check the newsletter and diary dates carefully for key dates and times.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need last Friday. We managed to raise £105.00 for this worthwhile charity.



Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have been learning about Diwali. We really enjoyed tasting Indian food and making Rangoli patterns.

Y1 – This week we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been writing about The Deep Dark Wood!

Y2 – This week we have using coins and notes to make different amounts.

Y3/4 – This week we have been learning about why we have skeletons in Science.

Y5/6 – This week we have been writing a chapter for our new book 'Viking Boy'. We can't wait to see what happens to Gunnar and his family!

Year 2 Literacy News

Year 2 had some very exciting news this morning as we received a reply from Andy Shepherd the author of The Boy Who Grew Dragons! We loved reading her book so much that we wrote to her to let her know, and we could not believe we received a reply so quickly. She has also very kindly sent us a video. We will put the video on our school Facebook page so hopefully you can see it at home too!



Sporting Fixtures:

Quick Sticks Hockey– Wednesday

On Wednesday this week, we have two teams competing at the Quick Sticks Hockey tournament at Boroughbridge High School, a Year 3/4 team and a Year 5/6 team – good luck!

Year 3/4 Dodgeball

On Tuesday 3rd December, Year 3/4 are competing in a Dodgeball competition at Great Ouseburn Village Hall – good luck!

Whole School Trip – Rainbow Factory Leeds –Thursday 12th December

A letter with details about the trip was sent out some time ago. The cost of this trip has been subsidised by the fundraising activities over the last year and is £10 per child. **Permission slips and payment are due by Friday 29th November.** I am sure this will be wonderful and memorable day for the children.

School Dinner Special Events:

Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December. There will be no jacket potato option on that day; this meal will need to be ordered in advance. A letter was sent home last week which must be returned **for all children by Friday 29th November.**



Clubs

Just a reminder that all after school clubs run by school staff, Sporting Start and Mr Whawell, finish week ending the 29th November. This does not affect Dandelions.

SAT Information Session – Year 6 Parents – Wednesday 4th December

Miss Newton will be running a SAT information session for Year 6 Parents on Wednesday 4th December from 2.30pm. The session will last about half an hour. This is an opportunity for parents to find out how their children will be tested in the end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments and how they can best support their children at this time. Parents will have the opportunity to look at previous papers and Miss Newton will provide lots of super ideas for how you can help your child with their reading and maths skills as well as their well-being! Please come along!

Christmas Fundraising Events

Further details about the forthcoming fundraising events that are happening before the end of term will be detailed in next week's newsletter.

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 *To Wait*

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



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 23rd January, Thursday 19th March, Thursday 14th May and Thursday 9th July

Earrings during PE, Sport and Swimming sessions

Please can we remind parents, if children have their ears pierced they must take out their earrings for P.E. lessons. Children are advised to take their earrings out before coming to school on the days when they have P.E. lessons or swimming lessons. We also advise that children get their ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow for them to heal over the 6 week break.

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 31st December 2019.

For the Summer Term 2020 you must apply and have received your eligibility code before 31st 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 15th January 2020.**

Please go to www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions and complete the online application.

Diary Dates

November	
w/e 29/11/19	Clubs finish
December	
4/12/19	Year 6 parents SAT information session 2.30pm
5/12/19	EYFS Nativity 10am
10/12/19	KS1 Nativity 10am and 2.30pm
12/12/19	Whole school trip to The Rainbow Factory in Leeds
16/12/19	School Christingle
17/12/19	KS2 Christmas Songs 2.30pm Christmas Prize Draw 3.00pm in the school hall – all parents welcome
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 is a pleasure to have in our class. This person always demonstrates enthusiasm and determination in all that they do. They are kind and always willing to help others. Well done and keep up your hard work! Congratulations Elsie Dunn.



Ribbons



FS1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard on singing and dancing. Well done Layla!

FS2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has blown us away with his incredible independent writing. Well done, Seb!

Year 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to learning and completed some fantastic writing. Well done William!

Year 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working really hard on recognising the coins. Well done, Harry!

Year 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been a role model this week. They have a great learning attitude, are kind to others and always willing to help. Well done, Phebie!

Year 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who had a fantastic attitude towards learning and has worked really hard on their writing. Well done, Alyssa!

Year 5 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying hard in maths lessons. They have shown determination on our topic statistics! Well done, Viliame!

Year 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has written a fantastic story about our class book, Viking Boy. This person worked so hard, and independently to produce a super piece of writing. Well done, Lili!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Ronnie for her shining example of commitment, compassion, co-operation, responsibility, resilience and respect. Ronnie was nominated by Elsie and Shreya. Shreya said she was helpful, kind and funny. Elsie said she was kind, funny, always tried her hardest and was always there for her if she was sad.



Well done, Ronnie.

Attendance

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

Week Commencing 11th November 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
92%	99%	97%	98%	95%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon
Head Teacher