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Newsletter 17 Monday 13th January 2020

Dear Parents,

We have nicely got into the swing of the new term and the children have settled back into the school routines very well!

There are two special school dinners this half term – Thursday 16th January and to celebrate Chinese New Year on Friday 24th January, we are having a special Chinese meal with chopsticks for the children to use if they would like! Further details are in the newsletter – there is no need to pre-order.

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have enjoyed launching our ‘Grand Designs’ topic by learning all about houses and homes.

Y1 – The children have had an exciting start to our new topic ‘Grand Designs’. We’ve launched our topic den building in the classroom.

Y2 – This week we have been writing setting descriptions based on the book, ‘The Wonder’

Y3/4 – This week we have launched our Grand Designs topic by designing and building our own pyramids made from sugar cubes!

Y5/6 – This week we started our new book. We can’t wait to see how ‘Mouse’, the main character, gets on!

Music for Life

We have had a wonderful day with the musicians Ruth Rosales and Ben Hudson who are both bassoonists. This morning began with a whole school concert followed by two workshops for each Key Stage 2 class. This afternoon, the children put together what they had learned and the day ended with a school performance led by the children.



PTA Fundraising – Uniform and Book sale - books needed!!

The PTA are going to hold a second hand uniform and pre-loved book sale on **Friday 24th January**. If your child / children have any pre-loved books that they no longer read and are in very good condition, please send them in to school by Thursday 23rd January.

There will also be a cake bake sale after school on Friday 7th February – please send donations into school on the morning of the sale.

Clubs for Spring Term

Club letters need to be returned to the School Office by **tomorrow**. A confirmation letter will be sent out on Thursday this week and clubs will begin week commencing 20th January.

Clubs finish week ending the 27th March.

Yo-yo Club

If your child has a yo-yo and would like to learn new tricks with it, then we are happy for them to bring their yo-yo into school on Friday lunchtimes where Kieran from Year 6 will lead a new yo-yo club!

Parking over the yellow lines – children’s footpath

Please can I politely remind parents not to park over the yellow lines as this is a marked footpath for the children – thank you.

100% Attendance in Autumn Term

Well done to the following pupils who achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn Term. This means children who have attended every day for the full term, since 3rd September.

<u>Reception</u> Jayson Johnston	<u>Year 3/4</u> Kaitlyn Andrews Jessie Glenister Alyssa Kaye Kelsey Parker
<u>Year 1</u> Violet Qica Tess Savage	Abdoukarim Sankareh Millie-Mae Wagstaffe
<u>Year 2</u> Jason Ayes Eliora Buliruarua Ayden Glenister Lyla Hawkrige Ryan Jackson Mia Johnston Olivia Norton	<u>Year 5/6</u> Israel Buliruarua Mary-Kate Donnelly Kieran Francique Maizi Howes Mercy Ingram Hayden Learmonth Lili Morgan Awa Sankareh James Tavo Save Turagabeci



Special School Dinners – no pre-order necessary

Thursday 16th January:

Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Chips
Carrot and cucumber sticks

Jacket potato option with cheese / baked beans / tuna

Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

Friday 24th January – Chinese New Year Banquet – Year of the Rat

Sweet and Sour Chicken
Rice
Noodles
Broccoli and Sweetcorn
Prawn Crackers



Jacket potato option with cheese / baked beans / tuna
Mango and ice-cream

Be Safe Be Seen

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

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 we have chosen the sign for *to run*

Here is a link to the Makaton site. <https://wetalkmakaton.org/>

Library Days

Please ensure your child has their library book in school for their library day.

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3/4	Tuesday
Year 5/6	Thursday

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

Swimming – Year 1, 3 and 4 Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon.



The voluntary cost of getting to and from swimming will remain at **£3.50 each week**. Payments are to be made on your Parent Pay account.

PE days

Please can you ensure your child has their PE kit in school on the following days:

EYFS – Monday & Friday

Year 1 – Wednesday (swimming) and Thursday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3/4 – Wednesday (swimming) and Friday

Year 5/6 – Tuesday and Friday

PE Kit for colder weather

We try to do PE outside as often as possible. Please send in a black or navy track-suit for your child to keep them warm when they go outside.

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.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure

It is rare, however there have been occasions where it has been necessary to close the school because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs:

- Mrs Kestell will put a notice on the school Facebook page
- County Hall will be informed.
- I will inform radio stations Century Radio and Stray FM.

Hopefully, this will not happen but I feel it's better to be prepared!

Please assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page.

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 January

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of January is £52.25 (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.

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.

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 Summer Term 2020 you must apply and have received your eligibility code before 31st March 2020.

Please note, it is recommended that you apply for your code at least a month before the deadline and before any holiday periods to allow time for queries to be dealt with and places to be allocated.

Diary Dates

January 2020	
13/1/20	Music for Life Day – whole school concert and KS2 workshops
15/1/20	Year 5/6 children – mini medics training
23/1/20	Emotion coaching drop-in 3.15pm
24/1/20	Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year Banquet
24/1/20	PTA second hand uniform and book sale 3.15pm
February	
7/2/20	Cake Bake sale 3.15pm
14/2/20	Break-up for half term
24/2/20	School open
March	
2/3/20	Create Education Day for KS2 – computer aided design and 3D printing
5/3/20	World Book Day
w/c 9/3/20	Science Week
13/3/19	KS2 Virtual Reality
27/3/20	Sponsored Walk
April	
3/4/20	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
20/4/20	Training Day
21/4/20	School open for summer term
May	
8/5/20	May Day – school closed for the day
w/c 11/5/20	SAT week
20/5/20	Class photos
22/5/20	Break-up for half term

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 has had a fantastic attitude to learning. They have been resilient and determined to complete all learning tasks. This person has impressed us all with their positive learning attitude and 'give it a go' approach. Congratulations and well done to Ada Berry.



Ribbons



FS1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is working hard on modelling good friendship with other children. Well done, Junior!

FS2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard on his writing, including writing in sentences independently. Well done, Jayson!

Year 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone, who has had a fantastic attitude to their learning and a smile on their face. Well done, Valerie!

Year 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked hard answering questions about pictograms in maths. Well done, Safal!

Year 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who really impressed me with their Science exploration this week. Well done, Bella!

Year 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has started the spring term with a super learning attitude. Well done, Michael!

Year 5 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has used some excellent vocabulary in their writing. Well done, Josh!

Year 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has written some detailed answers in our guided reading sessions. Well done, Keera!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Madison for her shining example of respect. Madison was nominated by Eliora. Eliora said Madison was always kind, funny and a good friend. Well done, Madison.



Attendance

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

Week Commencing 7th January 2020

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
99%	96%	100%	98%	98%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher