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Newsletter 18 Monday 20th January 2020



Dear Parents,

To celebrate Chinese New Year on Friday, 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 learning about the Three Little Pigs. We have even had a go at building our own houses outside.

Y1 – The children have enjoyed creating vehicles and adding lots of extras just like in the story Mrs Armitage on Wheels!

Y2 – This week we have enjoyed designing and constructing our own Grand Designs for our topic launch.

Y3/4 – This week we have enjoyed exploring Ancient Egyptian artefacts, asking questions about them and then researching the answers.

Y5/6 – This week we enjoyed a 'mini medics' course. We learnt valuable skills to help us in an emergency. Everyone learnt something and the children asked some brilliant questions.

Parent / Child / Teacher consultations – Tuesday 11th February

A letter is being sent home this week for parents to fill in regarding a preferred time slot for the consultation evening on the 11th February. Please send the slip back into school by Monday 27th January so the class teachers can organise timings for the evening. A confirmation slip will be sent out closer to the day.

Year 5/6 mini-medics

Year 5/6 children undertook a mini-medics training course last Wednesday as part of their Passport of Experiences. The children learned how to carry out CPR, how to put a casualty in the recovery position and how to make a sling. The trainer was very impressed with the children's attitude and maturity throughout the afternoon. Well done Year 5/6!



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 at 3.15pm**. 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.

Year 1 Stay and Play – Friday 24th January

Parents of children in Year 1 are invited to a Stay and Play session on Friday this week at 2.45pm.

Clubs for Spring Term

Clubs start this week for the children and 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.

Special School Dinners – no pre-order necessary

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



Future special events include:

Tuesday 25th February – Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes for pudding!

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day special lunch

Thursday 19th March – Big Brunch Day - Details to follow!

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’s sign is *dragon*

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 – this Thursday at 3.15pm

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

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.

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.

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	
23/1/20	Emotion coaching drop-in 3.15pm
24/1/20	Promotional School Dinner – Chinese New Year Banquet
24/1/20	Year 1 Stay and Play session for parents at 2.45pm
24/1/20	PTA second hand uniform and book sale 3.15pm
February	
7/2/20	Cake Bake sale 3.15pm
11/2/20	Parent / child / teacher consultations
11/2/20	Safer Internet Day
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	Clubs finish
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 is a ray of sunshine in our class. He is always determined to learn and tries his best with every task he is set. He is kind and encouraging to others and his friendly nature sets a wonderful example to our younger children. Keep smiling and working hard and you are sure to succeed! Well done, Ernie.



Ribbons



FS1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled into nursery really well. He follows our routines and loves joining in. Well done, Sulayman!

FS2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard on using his words to solve problems and negotiate. Well done, Jay!

Year 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked really hard with their handwriting and descriptive writing. Well done, Jorgie!

Year 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has put in a lot of effort to write independently. Well done, Jason!

Year 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has an excellent learning attitude. This week, this person has also worked really hard in Maths to calculate perimeters. Well done, Kelsey!

Year 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who generated some excellent questions and then researched the answers to find out about Ancient Egyptian Artefacts. Well done, Nicole!

Year 5 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for showing hard work and determination when learning about fractions! Well done, Israel!

Year 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who wrote an incredible description of a snow storm. The vocabulary and detail create a wonderful image for the reader! Well done, Mary!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Elsie for her shining example of respect. Elsie was nominated by Amelia. Amelia said Elsie was always there for her and others. Well done, Elsie.



Attendance

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

Week Commencing 13th January 2020

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

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher

Community News



**Friday, 31 January at Carlton Lodge
from 4.00pm – 8.00pm.**

Aussie BBQ and Climbing at Carlton Lodge Activity Centre
We want to do our bit to help the Aussie Fire Service and the Animal Welfare charities fighting the fires and their effects in Oz. Come have a go on our climbing wall and a snag (sausage) off the Barbie! All donations will be gifted to those fighting the fires to help clear up after the devastation.
'Heck' will give a prize to the best dressed Australian!!