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Newsletter 22 Tuesday 25th February 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all enjoyed last week off school and the extra day yesterday – thank you for your understanding. It is never an easy decision to make to close the school, however the teaching staff are geographically spread out and can be affected by inclement weather in different ways. This half term is very busy with plenty to look forward to such as World Book Day, Create Education, a school sponsored walk and of course, Easter.

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have enjoyed a Teddy Bear's picnic for our 'bug in the jug' treat.

Y1 – This week the children have been learning about place value to 50, and how to hide a lion! We also pretended to be at a mosque.

Y2 – This week we have been writing newspaper reports about The Great Fire of London.

Y3/4 – This week we have enjoyed filming and editing our own short videos and iMovie in computing.

Y5/6 – This week we have enjoyed creating one of the 7 Wonders of the world using clay! They look amazing.

Welcome

We warmly welcome Gabriel Hirst who is due to start school this week in Reception.

Dance Festival – Key Stage 2

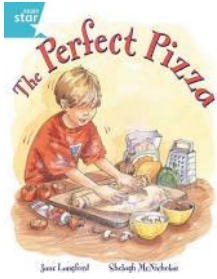
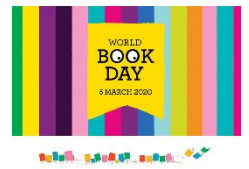
On Thursday 13th of February, the KS2 children took part in a cluster Dance Festival at the Galtres Centre in Easingwold. The children spent last half term learning and perfecting their dance routines to 'The Greatest Show' and 'Circus'. All children gave it their all and put on their best performance yet in front of the other schools taking part! Well done to all dancers!

Virtual Reality

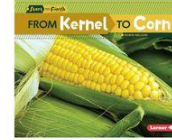
Children in Key Stage 2 are looking forward to their second visit from Prime VR this year where they will be able to experience a virtual reality workshop on Friday 13th March. The children loved this experience in the Autumn term as it is a really exciting and different way of delivering aspects of our topic curriculum. Year 3/4 will be taking part in an Ancient Egyptian reality where they will explore some of the grand designs and architecture created during this Ancient civilisation era. Year 5/6 will be taking part in an 'Explore the Wonders' reality where they will be exploring the 7 Wonders of our World. We know the children will be really excited to tell you all about it!

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Advance notice regarding World Book Day which is on **Thursday 5th March**. We would like every child in the school to dress up as a favourite character from a book on World Book Day. Also, on World Book Day we are having a special school lunch to mark the day based on some great books! The menu will be:



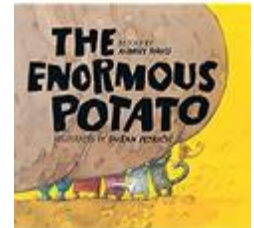
**Cheese & Tomato Pizza with chips
Peas & Sweetcorn**



Jacket Potato option will be available as well!



Gingerbread Biscuit & Orange segments



British Science Week

From 6th-15th March 2020, schools will be celebrating British Science Week. Our celebrations will be kick started by visitors from Sublime Science, who will be coming in to school on Monday 9th March to deliver exciting Science workshops for Reception through to Year 6. We know the children will love this and we are sure they will be very excited to tell you all about their workshops!

As an extra Science week celebration, each class would like to invite parents in to join them in some Science based activities and investigations. These may link to the Science week theme of 'Our diverse planet' or could link to the children's Science learning in class. It would be fantastic if parents could join their children on the following dates:

FS1/2: Wednesday 11th March at 2.15pm
Year 1: Friday 20th March at 2:15pm
Year 2: Tuesday 17th March 2:15pm
Year 3/4: Thursday 12th March at 2:15pm
Year 5/6: Thursday 19th March at 2:15pm

Assembly for Lent

Reverend Alison came to discuss Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) and Ash Wednesday as the start of lent which leads up to Easter. Reverend Alison talked about how in the Christian religion people often give up something for lent and will sometimes donate the money saved to a charity. Reverend Alison discussed the charity Water Aid and how families in some countries have to travel a long distance to collect water and Water Aid is trying to provide everyone with safe clean water.

Special School Dinners – no pre-order necessary

Future special events include:

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day special lunch – see above

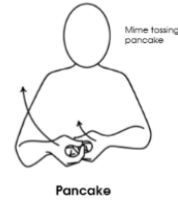
Thursday 19th March – Big Brunch Day - Details to follow!

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 **Pancake**

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

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 February

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of February is £41.25 (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.

Emotion Coaching drop-ins with Mrs Dixon – next date Thursday 19th March

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 19th March, Thursday 14th May and
Thursday 9th July

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

February	
24/2/20	School open
28/02/20	Yr1 and 2 Ripon to Visit the Fire Station and Ripon Cathedral
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
18/03/20	Yr 5 and 6 Fountains Abbey Trip – Grand Designs
18/3/20	High 5 Netball Tournament 3pm-5pm
23/02/20	YR 3 and 4 Boroughbridge Geography Trip
24/03/20	Yr 1 and 2 Fountains Abbey Trip – Den Building
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	
7/5/20	VE 75 Celebrations in school
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

The cup this week goes to someone who always tries their best. They show great enthusiasm for every topic we cover in school. They have a fantastic memory for facts and they enjoy sharing extra information they have learnt at home. We are very proud of you, keep up the hard work. Congratulations and well done to Maddison Cane.



Ribbons



FS1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has worked really hard on remembering sequences in maths. Well done, Jake!

FS2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard on blending 4 sounds. Well done, Ernie!

Year 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has shown great determination and resilience with their handwriting. Well done, Jorgie!

Year 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is working really hard on their reading and comprehension. Well done to Gabriel!

Year 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who worked well in their group when editing their videos on iMovie. Well done, Alexia!

Year 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has completed some excellent research in literacy to help them complete a non-chronological report. Well done, Kaitlyn!

Year 5 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for showing determination with challenging maths! Well done, Savenaca!

Year 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is trying really hard to improve their reading. She is impressing us all with her progress and has read every night this week! Well done, Lili!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Josh Tavo for his shining example of compassion, responsibility and respect. Josh was nominated by Pearl. Pearl said Josh tries his hardest, always listens and does not give in. Well done, Josh!



Attendance

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

Week Commencing 10th February 2020

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

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher