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## Newsletter 21 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are breaking up on Friday for half term – the weeks have flown by! I do hope you all have a restful week and we shall look forward to seeing the children on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### 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:

- A notice will be posted on the school Facebook page
- County Hall will be informed

Hopefully, this will not happen but I feel it's better to be prepared. I would advise all parents to join the school Facebook page.

**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 / Child / Teacher consultations – tomorrow

Parent / child / teacher consultations are due to take place today for Year 2 parents and tomorrow for the rest of the school.

### Cake Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake bake sale on Friday either through donating cakes or through buying them. £68.31 was raised through the sale which will go towards the performing arts area.

### Class News

**FS1/FS2** – This week we have enjoyed running our own shops and buying items from our friends.

**Y1** – The children have been practising our related addition and subtraction facts. We also loved our marble jar reward in our pyjamas.

**Y2** – This week we were amazed by our science investigation where we tested which material would hold the most weight.

**Y3/4** – This week we have been learning about Ancient Egyptian mummification in History.

**Y5/6** – This week we have been writing a newspaper report on a clip called 'Francis'. We wrote a diary entry and interviewed some witnesses! We still don't know what happened to her!

## Dance Festival – Key Stage 2 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

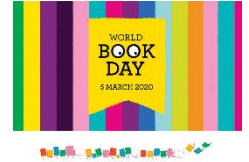
Key Stage 2 children have been rehearsing in preparation for an annual dance festival which is to be held at the Forest of Galtres Centre, Easingwold on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Good Luck!

## Choir – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

There will be no choir this week.

## World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Advance notice regarding World Book Day which is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. We would like every child in the school to dress up as a favourite character from a book on World Book Day.



## Special School Dinners – no pre-order necessary

### Future special events include:

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes for pudding!

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day special lunch

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Chocolate

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.

|           |           |
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| 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

| <b>February</b> |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 10/2/20         | Year 2 Parent / child / teacher consultations                        |
| 11/2/20         | Parent / child / teacher consultations                               |
| 11/2/20         | Safer Internet Day   |
| 13/2/20         | Key Stage 2 Dance Festival   |
| 13/2/20         | <b>No choir after school</b>   |
| 14/2/20         | Break-up for half term at 3.15pm                                     |
| 24/2/20         | School open  |
| <b>March</b>    |  |
| 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   |
| <b>April</b>    |  |
| 3/4/20          | Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm  |
| 20/4/20         | Training Day   |
| 21/4/20         | School open for summer term  |
| <b>May</b>      |  |
| 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

This week the cup goes to someone who has shown great enthusiasm towards her learning. They always try their best and aim to do their work to a high standard every lesson! Not only is this person a super learner, they are a kind, funny and caring member of the class. Continue to work hard, show determination and challenge yourself and you will succeed!  
Congratulations and well done to Mary-Kate Donnelly.



### Ribbons



**FS1** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a fantastic ‘can-do’ attitude and is keen to try everything out. Well done, Isaac!

**FS2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has thought carefully about the choices she has been making and has enjoyed a really successful week. Well done, Leonie!

**Year 1** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is developing their independence, resilience and determination – we are so proud of your achievements. Well done, Devin!

**Year 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been writing more independently. Keep up the focus and determination. Well done, Sophie!

**Year 3** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has written a great diary entry in Literacy. Well done, Jessica Gough!

**Year 4** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has put a super effort into topic and even carried on their learning, by making a mummification presentation at home! Well done, Jessie!

**Year 5** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for trying hard to improve their writing. We have been so impressed with the quality and quantity. Well done, Pearl!

**Year 6** – This week the ribbon goes to someone for showing enthusiasm with our literacy topic. She has asked insightful questions which have enhanced her writing! Well done, Willow!

### Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Jorgie for her shining example of resilience. Jorgie was nominated by Tess who said Jorgie never stops making people laugh. Well done, Jorgie!



### Attendance

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

Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3/4 | Year 5/6 |
|-----------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| 100%      | 96%    | 100%   | 98%      | 97%      |

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher