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Newsletter 20 Monday 3rd February 2020

Dear Parents,

Cake Bake Sale – this Friday, the 7th February – donations please!

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

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have loved learning all about Chinese New Year. We even enjoyed a Chinese Banquet!

Y1 – The children have been continuing our learning about the Fire of London. We have explored this topic through the story of Vlad the flea.

Y2 – This week we have been learning about fractions in Maths.

Y3/4 – This week we have started our new whole class reading book, ‘The time travelling cat and the Egyptian Goddess’. We can’t wait to find out more about the story!

Y5/6 – This week we have been continuing to expand our fraction knowledge. We have been multiplying and dividing fractions, finding fractions of amounts and fraction and decimal equivalents!

Parent / Child / Teacher consultations – Tuesday 11th February

A confirmation slip will be sent out today with your allocated time.

Year 2 parents – due to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs Luke will not be in school on Tuesday 11th February. Mrs Luke will hold parent meetings on Monday 10th February instead from 2pm. A letter for parents to select a time will go out today – please return this by Wednesday.

Online Safety Newsletter

The February edition of the online safety newsletter is attached for your information.

Dance Festival – Key Stage 2 – Thursday 13th February

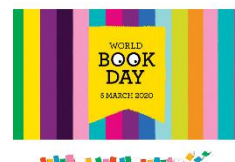
Key Stage 2 children have been rehearsing in preparation for an annual dance festival which is to be held at the Forest of Galtres Centre, Easingwold on Thursday 13th February – Good Luck!

Choir – Thursday 13th February

There will be no choir on the 13th February.

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.



Special School Dinners – no pre-order necessary

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 *Family*

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	
7/2/20	Cake Bake sale 3.15pm
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	No choir after school
14/2/20	Break-up for half term at 3.15pm
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	
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 a fantastic attitude to learning. They always give their very best and are a fantastic friend. It is a pleasure to have you in our class. Congratulations and well done to Archie.



Ribbons

FS1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled into nursery life really well. We love hearing all your imaginative ideas. Well done Lexa!

FS2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has amazed us all with his wonderful non-fiction writing. Well done, Immanuel!

Year 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has always got lots of ideas and questions to ask and share. Well done, Sophia!

Year 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is trying hard to improve their handwriting. Well done, Alice!

Year 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who always demonstrates an excellent learning attitude. Well done, Oscar!

Year 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has had an excellent start to their time at school. We're lucky to have you in our class. Congratulations to Rayz!

Year 5 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their fraction knowledge. They continue to work hard and challenge themselves. Well done, Jacob!

Year 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is trying really hard to improve her writing. She wrote an amazing description full of similes, different clauses and extra detail! Well done, Mercy!

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 Alexia. Alexia said Ronnie was a great friend to have. Well done, Ronnie.



Attendance

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

Week Commencing 27th January 2020

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

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher