



Weekly Newsletter



Spring term – Issue 19 – Friday 31st January 2020

Star Learners for this week

Class 1 – **Harriet Rhodes** for an excellent attitude to learning and responding well to challenges in her learning. **Harry Fawcett** for excellent work on his sentences using all his knowledge to make the best sentence he could.

Class 2 – **Cicely Baranasic** for writing an amazing non-chronological report about Ancient Egypt, well done! And **Charlie Wilson** for sculpting a fantastic Ancient Egyptian death mask out of clay! 😊

Class 3 – **Fausta Puskeviciute** for excellent effort in narrative writing. **Matt Alderson** for working hard on reasoning and problem-solving tasks relating to long multiplication.

Weekly Attendance

Attendance for the last 5 days

Class 1 – 99.1%

Class 2 – 97.1%

Class 3 – 96.79%

Current whole school attendance since 3rd September: 95.16%

Our target is 97%

Staffing Information

Friday 7th February – Miss Thistlethawite is attending a course on Dyspraxia – Miss Vasey will cover her class

Deadlines and Reminders

PE Kits—Reminder

Children need their PE KIT in school every week. Please could they bring on a Monday and take home on a Friday to wash. It is a good idea to have some tracksuit bottoms in the bag in case the weather is colder. Please ensure the children's pumps fit!!

Labelling of School Uniform

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform is clearly labelled including their P.E kits and pumps. We have so many children who lose clothing that isn't named; this makes it very difficult for staff to track down the owners.

Some of the above uniform can be obtained from the school shop website e.g. sweatshirts, polo shirts and baseball caps. - **School Uniform – Website – www.school-shop.co.uk**

Clubs

After School Sports Clubs for Spring Term

Monday- Zumba - R/Y1/Y2 3.15 – 4.30pm

Friday – Multi-skills - R – Y6 3.15 – 4.30pm

If your child signs up to a club, we expect them to attend every week unless they are ill or something crops up unexpectedly. If they are unable to attend the club, it is parents'/carers' responsibility to let the office know, not the child's.

We do not charge for many of the after school clubs however, the providers are bought in by the school. Some clubs have waiting lists therefore we ask parents and carers to let us know if their child no longer wants to come anymore so that we enable another child to take advantage of the club place.

There is not a charge to parents as we are using the Government Sports Grant.

Gymnastics Club – Classes 2 and 3

After half term we will be running an after school gymnastics club for children in Classes 2 and 3. This will be on Tuesdays running from Tuesday 25th until 31st March from 3.15 – 4.30pm.

There are only 23 places so it is first come first served. Please fill in the form at the bottom of the newsletter and return to school as soon as possible. **We still have 7 places available!!**

The club is free!

Zumba Club – Class 1

Our Monday night Zumba club still has available spaces for anyone in Class 1. The club is a lot of fun and the children are enthusiastic about their exercise. We have places available and it is free for all the children. So please come and join us on Mondays between 3.30 and 4.30. Please speak to Dawn if your child would like to attend.

School Office Update

Reminder - dates for summer 2020 Statutory Tests Each year the Department for Education set dates for statutory testing and all pupils in certain year groups must be in school to complete these on specific dates.

Please find these dates outlined below:

Year 6 KS2 tests Test dates are 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th May 2020

Year 2 KS1 tests May 2020

Year 1 / 2 Phonics test Pupils will be tested between 10th and 14th June 2020

NO PARKING ON THE YELLOW ZIG ZAGS



We would like to thank all those parents who have supported us by parking and dropping off their children at the top of the car park or at the bottom rather than dropping off on the zig-zags or on the double yellow lines. We still have a couple of parents parking and dropping off inappropriately and as we have said this is dangerous for the children and other parents crossing the road.

Please do **NOT** park on the yellow lines-it is an offence and dangerous.

The police have visited this week and they will continue to monitor this to safeguard all the children in school

Jill McMullon, (councillor) has contacted Richmond District Council who have said that parents may use their car park to collect and drop off children for up to 5 minutes at their own risk. If they park inappropriately or over stay the time limit, they will be fined.

Netball Final

We played against three teams but unfortunately, we didn't win any of the matches. Nevertheless, we all enjoyed the experience and were extremely proud to get to the finals.

Mrs Guy said we were the best-behaved team and she was so proud of us. Thank you for taking us, Mrs Guy.

By Grace and Olivia



Let's Celebrate Chinese New Year

On Wednesday 5th February, Becky (the cook) will be serving chicken and noodles for lunch to celebrate Chinese New Year. There will still be a choice of pasta and jacket potato. If your child would like a lunch that day and they normally have a packed lunch please let Dawn know by Monday the latest. Thank you.

Parent's Consultation Evening

On **Tuesday 11th February and Wednesday 12th February** we are holding open evenings to give you the opportunity to look at your children's work and to discuss their progress with the class teachers. In order to keep parents' evening running smoothly, please note that appointments are for 10 minutes only. If there is anything you wish to discuss in greater depth, we will of course happily arrange another meeting for you. We will be using E-schools for the appointments. **Please check that you can log on successfully beforehand as times will fill up fairly quickly.** You will be able to choose your date and time from the appointments available. **Booking opened Monday 27th January and closes at 3pm on Monday 10th February.**

<https://hawes-primary.eschools.co.uk/login>

Children's books will be available for you to look at in the classroom before or after your meeting with the teacher.

You will find the teachers in the following rooms: -

Mrs Cuffe-Soan (Class 3) – Class 3 Annexe

Miss Thistlethwaite (Class 2) - Class 2 Annexe

Miss Caygill (Class 1) - Shared Area next to Class 1

Outdoor Education at Low Mill Outdoor Education will begin on Friday 13th March for children in years 5 and 6, and will run for 12 weeks. The dates are: - March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 24th, May 1st, 15th, 22nd, June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 21st, 28th, July 3rd. The children will be picked up from school at approximately 1pm by Low Mill staff and they will be back at school for 3.15pm. As there are too many children to be split into 2 groups, we will have 3 groups which will alternate from week to week, so each group of children will get 8 sessions. There won't be any cost to parents, as it will be funded from the Government Sports Grant.

HELP WANTED

We are very grateful to Ewa Biroš and Shell Lewis who have very kindly offered to accompany group 1 and 3 but we still need at least 1 more helper to cover group 2. The dates for this group are 20/3, 27/3, 15/5, 22/5, 12/6, 19/6, 3/7 and 10/7. It would be useful to have someone on standby as well to cover any illnesses.

If you can help for any or all of these dates please let Dawn know as soon as possible as we will need to get you DBS checked beforehand. You do not have to be a parent of the children



attending. Thank you- without your support our children would not be able to access this valuable resource.

Class 2 Dance Event at West Burton

Unfortunately this event has been cancelled.

Y5/6 Cluster Hockey Event

On Friday 6th March the following children will be taking part in a cluster hockey event at The Wensleydale School.

Team A

George T, Hannah, Emily N,
Jake, Seth, Ted A,

Team B

Tommy, Paige, Ted W
Esme, Miya, Anne

They will be travelling on the Little White Bus with Mrs Guy and we would appreciate a parent helper to accompany them. The children need **to be in school by 8.30am** for registration and to change into their kit, as they will be leaving at 8.45am prompt. Please send them with warm outer clothing and a drink. They will be back for lunch.

Our Favourite Book Competition

We are running a competition in school for the children to draw their favourite book cover and write about why they like this book. We are very keen in school to share what we are reading with others and this will support us to extend our children's reading recommendations from others. We have had two prizes kindly donated by Mavis Armstrong's grandson for the competition. The children have all brought home their design sheet tonight and the closing date for entries is the 24th February. Completed entries can be left in the office with Dawn.

Up-to-date Pupil Contact and Medical Information

Please ensure you inform Dawn in the office of any change of contact or medical information. It is very important school are kept up to date so we can safeguard your child

Start of the School Day

Please can we remind everyone that the school gates open at 8.45am. Children should not be in school before this time. From 8.45am they are welcome to come straight into school. **However, children need to be in school by 9am when the school bell rings.** Children who arrive late have an unsettled start to their day which often affects them and consequently their learning.

School Gates

Please could you make sure you shut the gate behind you when you come into/leave school, as there have been a number of times the gate has been left open, both front and back.

We have also been told people are letting the back gate swing shut, rather than gently closing it, this has caused the magnet to partly come away and creates a safeguarding issue as the gate doesn't lock.

Please be vigilant so we can keep all of your children safe. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Taxis

If your child is not going on the taxi, for whatever reason, please could you let the taxi driver know, so they are not sat waiting to collect children. Thank you

SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure you don't have any arrears on Parentpay, all dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday for the week/term ahead (lunches are free for children in Reception Y1 and Y2 and £2.50 per day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). If your child has milk, and they are aged 5 and over, (Milk is free up to the child's 5th birthday) the money must be paid via COOLMILK on the **Tuesday before**.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Free School Meals Eligibility

Free school meals are available for children whose parents meet the criteria. Please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to check if you are eligible. The forms are attached to this e-mail.

Community News

Upper Wensleydale Sunday School

Sun 02 Feb – St Margaret's Hawes – Worship Warm Up at The Gathering 10.30am

Reminder – The Open Pantry is available at St Oswald's and St Margaret's Churches. Food and toiletries available for those in need.

Health and Safety Information

It's always helpful to know where to go to get information. If you want to know more about e-safety you can of course ask at school, but you could go on line and have a look at the websites below, for information applicable to all ages of children and young adults. Contact: Think 'U' Know [http:// www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) Kid Smart <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

Parental controls can keep your child safe

Visit nspcc.org.uk/controls or call the O2 and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline – 0808 800 5002

MEDICINES

Please can we remind parents that any medication needs to be handed into the office and a parental permission form needs to be completed. We are not permitted to administer any medication without this, and children must not have medication i.e. creams, tablets, Calpol etc. in their bags in case other children access them. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Diary of events

Monday 3rd February – Governor’s meeting at 5.30pm
Wednesday 5th February – 3-year-old dental survey
Tuesday 11th February – Parents’ Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm
Wednesday 12th February – Parents’ Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm
Friday 14th February – End of half term
Monday 24th February – Start of second half term
Friday 28th February - Rishi Sunak to visit school and attend assembly
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
Friday 6th March – Y5/6 hockey at The Wensleydale School
Friday 13th March – Outdoor activity starts for Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 18th March – Residential for Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 25th March – class photos
Friday 27th March – KS2 Tennis at The Wensleydale School
Thursday 2nd April – Class 2 Production at 2pm and 6pm
Friday 3rd April – End of term, Finish school at 2pm

School Website Update

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>

If your child is under 5 they will have been registered using the bulk registration process but **parents still need to register using the form/website**. They will then get an e-mail when their child turns 5 reminding to make payment for milk when their child turns 5, in line with School Food Plan legislation.

There are also links to Parentpay and Cool Milk on the home page. **Please remember not to pay for milk if you are going on holiday as they do not give refunds.**

You must pay for dinners and milk in advance.

Dinner menus are on the website or you can use the NYCC link

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-meals> Holiday dates are also on the website for

parents to refer to. There is also a link for a free school meals application, **please apply if you are eligible as school gets an amount per child to assist with their learning and to help with the cost of trips etc.**

Gymnastics Club – Classes 2 and 3

Name of child..... Class

My child would like to attend the gymnastics club.

I will collect my child or my child will walk home (please circle their home time arrangements)

Signed.....Parent/Guardian