

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Attendance Figures**

| <u>TARGET SET</u> | <u>W/e 10/11/17</u> | <u>This Year</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 96.5%             | 97.2%               | 96.2%            |

**Emergency School Closure** As we are entering the winter months, the following procedure will be followed should the school have to close for bad weather/other emergency situations: a decision will usually be made by 7.30am on the morning in question and I will contact Mrs Howard who will immediately send a text message to all parents. Mrs Howard will also contact Yorkshire Coast Radio and NYCC at County Hall to advise them of our school closure, so an announcement would be made on the radio too.

**Victorian Weekend** On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate Victorian Weekend, we are asking pupils to come to school dressed in outfits connected with the Victorian period. All pupils will be taking part in a Victorian themed workshop organised by Ruth Yoxon from the Rotunda Museum, Scarborough in school during the morning. All pupils will also be taking part in a church service to mark the opening of Victorian weekend at St Stephens Church at 2pm. All parents and relations are very welcome to join us. The church Christmas trees will also be lit up during this service.

The Fish Box, Bay Bank R H Bay will be hosting a tea & cake event with "Queen Victoria" on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December between 10.30am and 11.30am as part of the weekend celebrations. All proceeds from the tea & cake morning will be going to their nominated charity The Fishermen's Mission.

Queen Victoria will present the winners of our school colouring competition with their prizes at 10.30am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Fish Box restaurant.

**Following is a message from Beverley Rutherford one of the organisers of Victorian Weekend:**

- Calling all Dinosaur lovers big or small - we will be celebrating what makes our coastline so special during Victorian Weekend with very special guests Victorian Geologist Rev Dean Buckland and Fossil Collector Mary Anning coming to tell us more. Then on Sunday we will be holding a Dinosaur Fancy Dress Parade down in the dock, with prizes to be won!
- Christmas Lights Switch On in the dock with Whitby Community Choir singing Christmas carols
- Santa's Grotto will be at the Laurel, A Magic Lantern Show at Swell, Professor Fiddlestick in the Coast Guard Station as well as Beach Games and Treasure Hunts and much much more!

There will be a full programme of events in the Bay Fair.

**Children in Need** An amount of £169.04 was raised for Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November by holding a non-uniform day (£83.67) and selling cakes and biscuits (£85.37). Thank you to all parents and relations who donated baked goods for sale, the children had a lovely day for this worthwhile cause.

**MSA roles** We would like to welcome Mrs. Faichney and Mrs. Hugill to the roles of MSA in school. Mrs. Faichney joined us after half term and Mrs. Hugill will be starting on Monday. It is great to welcome them to these roles in school. **P.T.O. for diary dates**

Kind Regards

Mrs C Barber - Headteacher

## Dates for Diary

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**      **2 of our year 5 pupils at a junior road safety launch with NYCC letters sent out Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**      **Year 4 & 5 Swimming Session 1.30pm**
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**      **Victorian Weekend celebrations begin in RH Bay, pupils at the opening service at St Stephens Church at 2pm all parents/relations are welcome to attend.**
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**      **Whole school Christmas service at St Stephens Church at 2pm (all welcome)**
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**      **Christmas lunch in school**
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**      **Whole school trip to Scarborough Spa for the panto Jack & the Beanstalk**
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**      **Victoria Hotel RH Bay have very kindly invited all pupils to the hotel at 1.30pm for a Christmas party.**
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**      **School closes for Christmas holidays and re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**