



## Weekly Newsletter



**Autumn term – Issue 19 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**



We would all like to say a massive **Well Done** to the children both in school and at home for the super attitudes you have shown to all your learning this half term. It has been great seeing your faces each morning and your interactions during all our live lessons. You have shared the super work from home with us regularly so we could plan your next learning based around this. Please continue to take part in the daily live lessons with your class teacher as it supports your remote learning but also keeps you in contact with your other class members.

Thanks also must go to all the parents and grandparents who have been supporting you at home with your learning. They have worked hard on providing the resources and time for you to learn. They have also continued to let us know in school how you are getting on at home and how we can improve the support for your learning that we are providing. Parents you have continued to send us your kind messages of support through challenging times and we appreciate your continued communications with us.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in school this half term. They have all adapted successfully to new situations and new ways of working and have been able to work with children in school and also through remote learning plan for and support the children who are at home.

As a wider school community we have all played our parts in continuing to support our children and each other through uncertain times and we should all be proud of what we have achieved.

We look forward to seeing you after half term whether in school or at home through our continued remote learning.

I hope you all have a lovely half term enjoying special times with your families and having a well-earned rest.

Miss Caygill



### **Signs of Spring-Whole School Challenge**

We have our continued whole school challenge for the over half term which is to become involved in searching for “Signs of Spring”. We have over the past couple of weeks had more ever-changing weather and we are hoping for the start of spring in the coming weeks. We know that over half term a lot of you will be getting out on daily walks and we would like you to photograph any signs of spring that you may see. This may be animals, plants or weather conditions. This is for all children across the school and hopefully we will be able to share some of the photographs you take through our weekly newsletter. We have been searching for signs around school and included a photograph of our daffodils that are starting to grow.

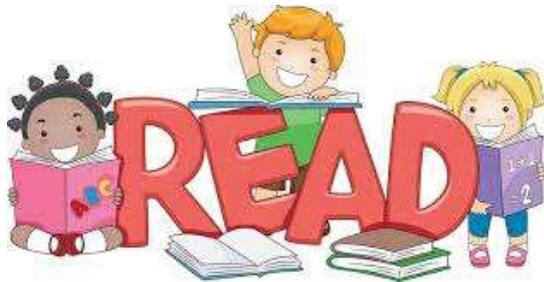
Please e-mail your photograph of your signs of spring to school for the end of Thursday then we can add them to our Gallery in the newsletter.

### **Top tips for remote learning**

#### **White board and pens.**

Thank you to those of you who have used your white boards as part of our daily lessons this week. They have been used well and supported us to see how you are getting on with understanding your learning. The children are working well on showing us the boards and we will continue to use these after half term.

#### **Reading Books.**



We will have a collection of reading books from school again on the first Friday back after the holidays, for Class 1 children. If there are children in class 2 and 3 who need to change their reading books then please contact your class teacher through Teams to arrange this and they will be available to pick up at the same time.

#### **New Exercise Books**

We have had a number of children collecting new exercise books to support your continued learning at home. If you have finished your work in your book, please could you return the books to school so that your class teacher can see how you have been working on your learning. If anyone else needs a new book then please contact school to arrange a pick up through your Teams chat.

## Signs of Spring Challenge Photos



Daffodils starting to grow in school.



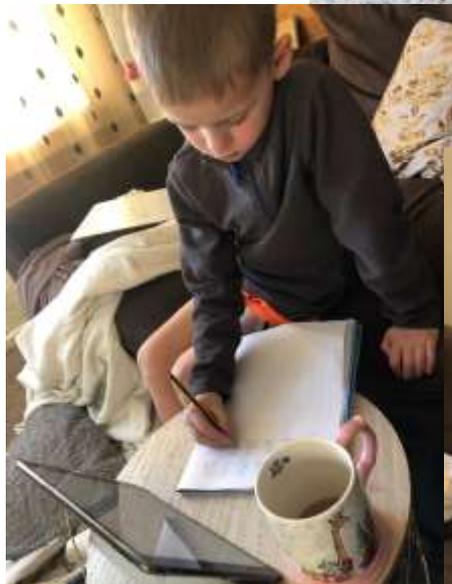
Snowdrops appearing in Olivia B's garden



Imogen and Violet spotted daffodils appearing through the snow

## What's Happening in our school and beyond





## **Singing with Sarah Clark**

More songs that the children will know. One about keeping kind and encouraging each other, and one about being still and calm in the middle of a storm. Something we all need right now .

Sending with that our love and best wishes to all for a restful half term break from learning at home or school from Rev Dave and Sarah . ♥

<https://youtu.be/H4-3h DXFQg>

<https://youtu.be/2V5ha269oIA>

## **School Office Update**

### **Critical Worker Provision for after half term.**

We continue to provide education in school for the increasing number of critical worker and vulnerable children alongside our remote learning for all children at home. The government guidance from January 2021 states:

*“Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.”*

With this in mind and the continued lockdown regulations we aim to support families who need the critical worker provision when they have no other options. We are fully aware that when both parents are critical workers that their children need to take up our offer however if you have the capacity to keep your children at home then this would help enormously. We continue to work on the safety of all children, families and staff within school as our priority alongside our remote learning offer to children at home.

### **Class 2 Daily lessons**

Thank you to Class 2 children and their parents for their continued home learning this week whilst Miss Thistlethwaite has been unwell after she tested positive for Covid. We hope to return to your daily lessons after half term and we will update you on the situation.

## **A Parent's Guide to Microsoft Teams**

Invite your parents and carers to engage with their children's learning by getting involved through Microsoft Teams. This seminar will show you how to get set up and enable parents to join.

In this webinar we will explore Microsoft Teams and look in more detail at:

- **Teams** - The tool schools use to organise classes and timetabled groups
- **Channels** - A subset of a Team, used to focus attention and form working groups

- **Posts** - How staff and pupils can communicate online
- **Files** - Online storage for any and every shared resource
- **Assignments** - The tool to manage work set, received and feedback
- **Class OneNote** - The online version of an exercise book, worksheets and so much more!

Join us on Wednesday 24th February - 12:30pm

[Click here to book your place](#)

Parents and carers can book their free place by clicking the links above

## How it Works

Both courses last 21 minutes and can be joined **live at 12:30pm**, or watched later via playback at a more convenient time.

Furthermore, parents and carers can gain **Microsoft Educator Centre (MEC) recognition** for any of the Microsoft courses attended and get acknowledgment on their MEC transcript.



### **Up-to-date Pupil Contact and Medical Information**

Please ensure you inform Dawn in the office of any change of contact or medical information. You can use the Parent App to check the details we currently hold. It is very important school is kept up to date so we can safeguard your child

### **Free School Meals Eligibility**

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

### **Need to know more about e-safety?**

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/>

### **Cook Vacancy**

22.5 hours per week term time only

Time of working hours tbc

Rate of pay £9.50 ph

For further information please contact

07795372369 - Claire Oldfield (**Please note – new contact**)

## **COVID 19 Information**

### **CONTACT TRACING OVER THE HOLIDAYS**

If any pupils or staff who have been attending school this half term test positive during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, schools are not required to take any action. Staff, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

**However, where pupils or staff who have been attending school this half term, who have developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school and subsequently have now tested positive**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as well as close contacts, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Please contact school by e-mail to let us know by this Sunday evening.

## **School Website Update**

**School Website** - <http://www.hawes.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

You can find newsletters on the school website – (under news).

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 need to 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.**