



Weekly Newsletter



Autumn term – Issue 20 – Friday 26th February 2021

Note from Mrs Robinson (CEO, YCAT)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that everyone had a happy half term break and that you're all enjoying the warmer weather and longer days that we're beginning to experience – Spring is definitely in the air!

We returned after the half term break with the knowledge that school will be able to reopen to all pupils on Monday 8th March. This is very welcome news and as a result Miss Caygill has begun the task of ensuring that all plans and procedures are in place for the safe reopening of school for all children and staff in line with government guidance. These will be shared with you all by Wednesday next week. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions about the safe reopening of school please do not hesitate to contact Miss Caygill via the school office to talk about them.

A key priority for all the staff will be supporting children's mental health and well-being as they return. In preparation, teachers will begin to talk to the children about coming back next week in their class TEAMS meetings so children have the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings before Monday. After a long period of absence due to the pandemic we know that the children settled back quickly into school routines last September and were overwhelmingly happy and excited to be back learning with their friends – please be reassured that we will be working sensitively with all children to ensure this is the case in the week beginning 8 March.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Mrs J Robiinson

Signs of Spring Challenge Photos



A lovely spring collage from Tommy and Josh

Imogen and Violet's spring flowers



Happy Birthday Violet

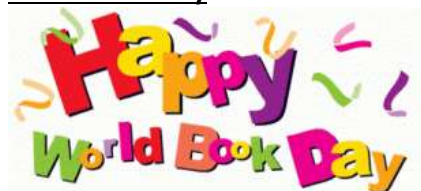


Reading books return.



Thank you for collecting your reading books today. We will now be back in school next week so this has been our last book changing in the shelter. Please can all children return their reading books from home when they return on March 8th along with the workbooks from home and also the white board and pens you have been using.

World Book Day



Next Thursday the 4th of March is World Book Day. We have not received our book tokens in school for you this year although we will try and chase them up. We would like to celebrate this event and share the many wonderful books there are to read out there for different ages. If you are at home in your remote learning lesson maybe you could dress up as a character from a book or even just wear a hat or headgear that the character might wear. Then your teacher and all your classmates will be able to guess who you are! The key worker and Nursery children in school on that day could also dress up as a book character or wear a hat or headgear like the character. Your teachers will talk to you about world book day next week in your online lessons and we have included some book related activities attached to the newsletter that you can complete at home. If you want to send us any photographs from home of you dressed up or carrying out your reading in different places, we will add them to the newsletter next week. Please send them to the office by the end of next Thursday.

Singing Project

We thought you might like to see a singing project that Olivia from Class 3 was involved with over half term with Deborah Allenby.

Here are the words of Deborah about the project...

I'm so excited to share this new project with you. What an amazing and talented group of young people, full of optimism for the future! Please like, share and donate to YoungMinds if you can.

YoungMinds #mascaraalert

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hopeburnsbrightly>

Please find different links to access the song:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/nb10vu7a4hug29n/Hope%20-%20Dales%20Virtual%20Children%27s%20Choir.mp4?dl=0>

<https://www.facebook.com/100001331506456/posts/3783419978379015/?d=n>

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VikVZ6P1owc>

Also covered in Richmondshire Today:

<https://www.richmondshiretoday.co.uk/dales-youngsters-perform-song-of-hope/>



Children baking in the Nursery

School Office Update

Milk Provision

If your child would like milk each day at school, don't forget to login to Coolmilk and pay for their milk by Tuesday so they can start having milk on Monday 8th March. **Milk is free for children under 5.**

Dinners

Please could you also pay for your child's dinners by Monday 8th March as these need to be paid for in advance. Thank you

Critical Worker Provision .

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.

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 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/>

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.**