



Weekly Newsletter



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Star Learners for this week

Class 1-**Harry Fothergill** for always working hard and thinking about how he can improve his work. **Natalia Janczura** for a positive attitude to all her learning and always trying her best.

Class 2 – **Milo Janczura** for working hard to use apostrophes for possession in his writing and **Olivia Blades** for working hard to read the time carefully and to solve problems linked to time.

Class 3 – **Jason Berry** for working hard in maths to read scales in grams and kilograms 😊 and **Freya Hulley** for always having a positive attitude towards her learning even when she finds things tricky, keep it up!

Class 4 – **Adam Heseltine** for producing a great non – chronological report on Sir Francis Drake and **Lola Fagg** for listening to advice on her writing to produce a great non - chronological report. Well done 😊

Weekly Attendance

Class 1 – 94.53%

Class 2 - 95.89%

Class 3 - 96.19%

Class 4 – 96.25%

Current whole school attendance for the year: 96.05%

Our target is 97%.

Nut Allergy – Reminder

We have a child in school who has an allergy to nuts therefore please be aware that our school is trying to be a 'nut free' school so please refrain from bringing any products containing nuts onto the premises. Thank you for your support with this.

Classes for next year

As you will probably be aware due to media coverage budgets in schools are tight. As a school, our roll will be reducing next year as we lose a large cohort at the top of the school and gain a relatively small cohort at the bottom of the school. (The governors and I were aware of this situation of falling rolls and have planned and managed it strategically. It is often the case in smaller village schools and it isn't the first time that classes have changed: numbers have also gone up as well as down.

Also, you will be aware that we have 2 members of staff going on maternity leave, therefore there will be some restructuring of classes. I am delighted to inform you that we interviewed last week, and we have secured Mrs Cuffe-Soan, who was the teacher who covered for Mrs Marwood during her absence earlier this academic year, and she will cover Mrs Marwood's maternity leave.

We are really pleased that Miss Thistlethwaite has agreed to remain full-time and therefore will cover Mrs Ward's maternity leave.

The structure of the classes for next year will be as follows:

Miss Caygill -Nursery/ Reception/Y1/Y2 (27 pupils)

Miss Thistlethwaite – Y3/4 (31 pupils)

Mrs Cuffe-Soan – Y5/6 (28 pupils)

The governors and I have ensured that we have maintained the current level of support staff so that pupils and classes are fully supported. I will also continue to work with certain year groups so that we ensure that the children get the best possible education that we can provide.

If you have any questions about this, please come and talk to myself or any of the governors.

Miss Vasey

What's happening in school and beyond?

Skateboard and Scooter Workshop



We have arranged for a company called Rubicon to come into school and deliver scooter workshops in the morning to Classes 1 and 2 and skateboard workshops to Classes 3 and 4 in the afternoon. All scooters, skateboards, helmets and pads will be provided. The workshops will be paid for by the government PE grant and each class will have an hour workshop.

'Eid' School Lunch

As part of our 'Lets Celebrate Days' we will be celebrating the end of Ramadam by celebrating the Muslim festival of Eid-al-Fitr on 4th June – Mrs Calvert will be cooking vegetable curry and rice and a special Eid pudding, as the main meal, instead of the crispy beef bake. Children who are down for the cheese wrap and salad will still have this unless you let me know they would like the 'Eid' school lunch. I am sure this will be as much fun as learning about and celebrating Divali and Chinese New Year. If your children would like this meal please let Dawn know on Monday 3rd June.



Packed Lunches

We have been made aware that some children are bringing sandwiches containing Nutella or almond butter. Please refrain from putting anything containing nuts into your child's packed lunch as we have a child who is allergic to nuts and he may have an anaphylactic shock if he comes into contact with nut products. Thank you for your support with this.

Clubs

Clubs – Summer term

Monday – Hula Hoop KS2 3.15 – 4.30pm from 13th May – 8th July

KS2 Rugby 3.15 – 4.30pm starts after half term from 3rd June – 8th July

Tuesday – KS1 Street dance/Zumba 3.15 – 4.30pm from 30th April – 9th July

Wednesday – KS2 Puppet workshops at school 3.30 – 5.30pm from 8th May – 12th June
Rehearsal & Performance 13th June 3.30 – 6pm at the Nash

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

Mr Bullock is running a summer club at Askrigg during the summer holidays from 19th – 23rd August, 9am until 3pm at a cost of £70.00 for the week or £15.00 per day. If your child is interested, please collect a form from the Office. Thank you.

School Office Update

School Holidays

It is coming up to that time when term-time holidays are being requested. As a school we are committed to improving our attendance so that children can be in school, and receive the education which they deserve. I know that in a town like Hawes where many families work locally in the farming and the tourist industries certain times are harder to take holidays than others. However, I have taken advice on this, and the message from the North Yorkshire and the DFE to headteachers is clear: **children have 13 weeks holidays a year, and it is expected that families utilise those weeks to take holidays, rather than taking children out of school in term time.** I recognise that it is difficult to take holidays in the school holidays and know, only too well, the price hike for holidays when out of term. As a school we do not authorise holidays in term time except in very exceptional circumstances. (Cheaper holidays are not exceptional circumstances) **When a holiday absence is over 5 days we are required to notify the local authority who may issue a penalty notice which could result in a fine.** School does not benefit from this, we are required to pass on absence information to the local authority.

Children who have term time holidays often miss more than the work which has taken place in school. For primary age children missing a couple of days can cause a real gap in their learning. They also lose out socially with their friends which, in turn, can knock their confidence and they can often feel on a 'catch-up' for quite a long time and on some occasions, never seem to catch up.

So please do not be surprised if your holiday request is not granted- as a school we want the best for our pupils and are required to improve our attendance by following the advice which we have been given.

Thank you for your understanding with this matter. Miss Vasey

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.

Long hair

There are a few pupils who are not putting their hair up and are having to be reminded. We have had instances of 'nits' again in school. Please ensure all long hair is tied up – all of it in a pony-tail or plait. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Nail Varnish

We are getting a few children coming to school with nail varnish- it is not appropriate for school and would ask parents to remove their children's nail varnish before returning to school after a weekend. Thank you for your support.

Sports Information

Outdoor Education at Low Mill

The next session is on Friday 7th June for groups 1 (with Anna) and 3 (with Ann)

GROUP 1 - Lola, Evie, Marri, Tia, Bradley, Brooke, Bailey, Seth, Jake, Fausta

GROUP 2 – George T, Alfie, Macy, Joel, Abigail, Matt A, Ellie, Anne, Emily J, Martin

GROUP 3 -Kaitlyn, Lauren, Oliwier, George S, Lottie, Ted, Finley, Adam, Emily N, Hannah

All sessions are weather dependant and may change.

Please make sure that your child comes supplied with old clothes, lace up shoes or trainers and wellingtons if caving or gorge walking **no jeans, lots of layers are needed**, waterproof jacket (and waterproof leggings if you have them), gloves and a warm hat. Some of the planned activities may have to be reorganised if the weather poses a health and safety risk.

Y1/2 Multisports

All children in Years 1 and 2 will be attending a cluster multisports event at Catterick Leisure centre on Friday 7th June. They need to be in school for 8.20am as they will be leaving at 8.30am prompt, travelling on Foster's bus, (we cannot wait for late arrivals) and will be back at school for lunch. Children will need to come to school in their P.E kits and bring their uniform with them. They will also need a water bottle.

Reception and Nursery Multisports

All children in Nursery and Reception will be attending a cluster multi-sports event at Catterick Leisure centre on Friday 21st June. They need to be in school for 8.30am as they will be leaving at 8.40am prompt, travelling on the Little White Bus, (we cannot wait for late arrivals) and will be back at school for 12ish. Children will need to come to school in their P.E kits and Reception children need to bring their uniform with them to change into when they get back to school. They will also need a water bottle.

Inter-house competition

Well done to **Hill** who won the inter-house rounders competition yesterday afternoon. All house captains managed their teams well, explaining the rules and their team tactics. Excellent sportsmanship was shown by Jake Hulley who clapped an opponent who scored a brilliant rounder. Superb batting skills were demonstrated by the Alder family who are all unsurprisingly in the winning house. Passers-by even commented on the exemplary behaviour of our pupils – Well done EVERYONE! - Roll on the rematch!

Reminders

PE Kits

In case of wet weather, children will need to bring navy/black jogging bottoms and a t-shirt, sweatshirt and a pair of trainers (with a plastic bag to put their trainers in if they get muddy).

Please ensure that your child can do PE by ensuring that their PE kit is in school ALL WEEK. It is very upsetting and embarrassing for those children who don't have PE in school. We do have spare kit which we lend out, but it is important that children are adequately resourced for their learning. We would expect that the child is taking responsibility for physically bringing their PE in to school.

"Yorebridge Sport and Leisure, The Wensleydale Centre, Yorebridge, Askrigg DL8 3BJ

Do you want to play tennis this summer? Our tennis courts are available to all!

Join as an individual for £25 or a family for £40 and use the courts as often as you like during

2019. Includes free use of racquets. Daily rates are also available.

Visit our new website www.yorebridgesportandleisure.co.uk/membership where you can now get a membership and pay online. Alternatively please contact us on 01969 650060 or email us at admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk "

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/>

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 June – Return to school

Wednesday 5th June – Visual screening for Reception children

Thursday 6th June – Skateboard and Scooter workshops for all classes

Friday 7th June – Y1/2 Multi-skills at Catterick

Monday 10th June – Sports Day

Thursday 13th June – KSGS Y6 Open evening at 7pm

Wednesday 19th June – Fire and Rescue workshops for all classes in the morning

Friday 21st June – EYFS Multi-skills at Catterick

Monday 24th June – Powerdown Pete workshop for Class 3

Monday 1st July – Y6 Transition Day 1 at Wensleydale School

Tuesday 2nd July – Y6 Transition Day 2 at Wensleydale School/Y6 Transition Day at Settlebeck

Friday 19th July – End of Term – Finish at 2pm

School Website Update

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

Please look at our website for policies - under School information - Policies

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.**

*Have a lovely
half term*