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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Cross Country**

Many congratulations to the pupils in Y3-6 for taking part in the annual inter-school cross-country event at Catterick Racecourse. There were over 100 children taking part in the race for each year group so I think that anyone taking part and completing the course did very well. Sebastian, Cecily and Isla finished in the top twenty in their races.

### **Wensleydale Tournament of Song**

This year, for the first time, we entered the speech part of the Tournament and Class3 recited Diary of a Church Mouse and Dinosaur Rap. Although we didn't win the class we were awarded a distinction and were inspired enough to have another go next year. The children did extremely well to learn so many words and to deliver them with such conviction.

Classes 2 and 3 had a wonderful day at Tennant's of Leyburn on the 31<sup>st</sup> March where they won six out of the seven classes that they entered and came second in the other class. They were absolutely fabulous and did themselves proud. If you wish to see them performing the songs again and couldn't make it to Leyburn, they will be presenting the songs in the Village Hall from 2.30 p.m. onwards on 4<sup>th</sup> April and Class1 will hopefully be joining in with the hymn.

### **Langthorne Covert**

It seems a while now since our visit to Langthorne Covert on 1<sup>st</sup> March but the children had a lovely day exploring the woods and fields at the Covert. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Godlee for letting us learn more about the local flora and fauna on their land.

### **Birthdays**

Following an enquiry from a parent, it seems appropriate to clarify our position on birthday celebrations. We are a healthy school but allow children and their families the opportunity to celebrate birthdays thorough school if they so wish. There is no expectation for parents to send goodies into school for their child's birthday but we will continue to share out cakes/sweets if required. Please note that if you do not wish for your child to receive any of these goodies that is not a problem, just let us know.

### **African Children's Choir**

Classes 2 and 3 have been offered the wonderful opportunity to perform with the African Children's Choirs and we are very pleased that so many children have taken up this chance to sing on the evening of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at Richmond School. Tickets for that evening are available from the school office.

Further details for children taking part in this event will be sent out separately.

## Spelling Bee

Gracie and Hettie took part in the second round of the Spelling Bee at West Burton School on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The girls did very well with the initial challenges and were finally knocked out when the questions were extended to check the children's knowledge of all the 100 words that are contained in the Y5/6 appendix of the National Curriculum of tricky words the children are expected to be able to spell and use. Well done girls.

## Y6 at Middleham

Y6 took part in a day of adventurous activities at Middleham Primary School which included fencing, archery and team-building activities. Many thanks to Mrs Sykes for organising the day. It was lovely to see some of our new friends from the London trip again.

## Marrick

Our planned residential visit to Marrick Priory in July see the first time we have planned to take away our Y2 children and we have been thrilled at the positive response to the visit. As the visit will take place during the last week of the summer term, the end of year production for Classes 2 and 3 will take place during the penultimate week of the summer term and the Leavers' Assembly will take place early during the last week.

## Y5/6 residential

Our Y5/6 residential visit for 2017/18 will be to Bewerley Park in October 2017. A meeting for parents will be held at school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.45 p.m. Further details will follow.

*Joanne Grainger*

(headteacher)

Dates for Diaries:

4 <sup>th</sup> April	Presentation of Wensleydale pieces at Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Class 1 visit to West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds to see 'The First Hippo on the Moon'
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Classes 2+3 visit to the Alhambra Theatre, Bradford to see 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'
7 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter break
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Training Day
25 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens
1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
w/b 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y2 assessments week
w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 assessment week