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Dear Parent/Carer,

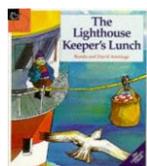
Welcome back after the Easter break and welcome to Lilly who has joined our Y1 cohort and next week we will be joined by Noah in Y2.

Reading

Many congratulations go to Joseph, Coco and Aidan who won the book token prizes to spend at Waterstones on books of their choice. Thank you to those of you at home who join with us to help foster a love of reading by taking time to listen to the children or, in turn, to read to them.

This term

Class 1



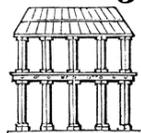
Class 1's learning this term is based around the story, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. Their geography work will be based on learning about oceans, seas and coasts. In DT they will be learning about food, including where it comes from, which will involve a visit to Crakehall Water Mill. In science they will be learning about plants: different types and how they grow. They will be learning about coding in Computing and will be improving their football skills in PE. In PSHE they will be thinking about how we are all different and in RE they will be learning about Celebrations.

Class 2

Class 2's history work this term will be based around the Roman invasion of Britain and, in art work, they will be learning about Roman architecture and the work of Paul Nash. In DT they will be designing and building a roundhouse. The children are very excited about their PE this term as we have arranged for the children to have archery lessons as part of our commitment to giving children opportunities to experience a broad range of physical activities. In computing they will be learning about spreadsheets and how they can be used. In science they will be learning about flowering plants and, in French, Y3/4 will be learning about parts of the body. In PSHE, they will be learning about how they can become active citizens by looking at rights and responsibilities when making decisions.



Class 3



Class 3's curriculum is similar to Class 2's in history, art, DT, PE and PSHE. In science the children are learning about the properties of materials and changing materials. In French, they will be learning how to talk about their hobbies.

Ryedale Folk Museum

Last week, Classes 2 & 3 visited the Ryedale Folk Museum at Hutton-le-Hole and had a lovely day getting some practical experience of life in the Iron Age. They had an interesting time exploring the roundhouse and making cording from water rushes. A particular highlight was the spear-training to help protect their tribe!



Hunton Shop

Last term, Class visited Hunton shop to see what they could buy with the money they had been saving and came back with an assortment of items from baked beans to pasta!

Assessments

In May, Y6 will have their SATs tests during the week beginning 14th May. Y2 assessments will be administered during May and these are to confirm Mrs Robson's teacher assessment of the children's attainment in English and maths and are not carried out in a way that intends to cause the children any distress. They should just be like any other assessment that they have at school.

PTA

The PTA committee would like to thank you to all the volunteers they have had for the Car Boot Sale. The volunteer rota will be on the school notice board by the end of this week. They are looking for donations of Bric-a-brac (jigsaws, games, puzzles, books, etc.) for their stall so if you have anything suitable, please drop it into School.



Yours sincerely,

Joanne Grainger

(Headteacher)

Diary Dates:

26 th Apr	Presentation to Y4/5 parents about London residential visit
3 rd May	Classes 2 & 3 to sing at Richmond Methodist church 7pm
7 th May	School closed - May Day
14 th May	Y6 SPAG SAT
15 th May	Y6 Reading SAT
16 th May	Y6 Maths SAT Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and Paper 2 (Reasoning)
	Y6 Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)
19 th May	Car Boot Sale at Bedale – PTA fundraiser
22 nd May	Y2 Small Schools Cluster afternoon at Hunton
23 rd May	Class 1 visit to Crakehall Mill
25 th May	Class1 DEEL day 2.15-3.15 'We Are All Different'
25 th May	School closes for half term break

Governors Corner – April 2018

Hopefully everyone will have had a good Easter break despite the atrocious weather and hopefully we are now on the way to some good weather and not before time I hear you say!

The last Governors Corner in January anticipated a visit by Mrs Lis Marsden, our School Improvement Adviser, who was to put us through our paces so that we were ready for OFSTED. Sadly Lis did not make the meeting because of the weather and as you all know by now OFSTED paid us a visit instead on 15th March. You have all been provided with a copy of the subsequent report and I am sure that you are all delighted at the GOOD grading which the school received. The report acknowledges the many areas of school life where we are good and the reasons why we are good. The judgement reflects the team effort over the years not just from the Staff and the governors but also from parents, pupils and the Community and I would like to say a huge thank you to all who have supported the school in whatever way over the years. Obviously no OFSTED report is absolutely perfect and we have been set three tasks to address around continuing appropriately challenge pupils' learning, to include interim milestones in our improvement plans and effectively organise our safeguarding and welfare records.

I appreciate that the outcome of the inspection is a matter to be celebrated but it really does hide the very hard work undertaken by Mrs Grainger and all our staff and I know that my colleagues and I who met with the Inspector found the experience stressful it can be nothing compared to the stress experienced by the staff during the inspection process and they deserve our thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

As mentioned above Easter has gone and here we are in the Summer term which is traditionally an exceedingly busy term with lots to deal with and in particular the upcoming SATS tests for Y6 pupils in May. For us as Governors we hold our first Summer Term meeting on 26th April and first and foremost on the agenda will naturally be the outcome of the OFSTED inspection. However there will also be the continuing work to do with safeguarding, Health and Safety, keeping an eye on any national education issues and of particular relevance to parents the preparation of the annual parent questionnaire which is important to us (and you) to enable us to gauge how you feel about the school. You should be receiving the questionnaire later in the term and I very much hope that you all take the time and the effort to complete it and return it to the school. The nearer we get to 100% completion means that we can have more confidence in the replies and in dealing with the issues that are important to you.

In May we will be taking a very close look at the finance available to run the school during the 2018/19 financial year. It is always a matter of mystery to me that we only know some two months into the financial year how much funding we will receive which makes financial planning that much more difficult. Tied in with this exercise is looking ahead to the 2018/19 academic year which starts in September and I have no doubt that whilst the school will be in a good position our finances will still be stretched with the continued lack of investment in education generally. Nevertheless we will see what happens in May.

David Lawrenson
Chair of the Governing Board



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