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Monday 13th February 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

Science

Last week Class 1 took part in Birdwatch as part of their science week. Classes 2 and 3 will be taking part in the Birdwatch this week, complete with binoculars and mealworms!

500 Words

In assembly last week I spoke to the children about a writing competition organized by Radio 2 in which I thought some children might like to take part. Rules and ideas can be found at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0orfvki> or search for '500 words' if you think your child would be interested. Initial reactions from the children were very positive

Theatre Visits

We strongly believe in providing our children with a broad and balanced curriculum and as part of that we have enlisted to apply for the Artsmark. This will recognise that we value the contribution that the arts make in the development of children and as part of this we will continue to develop their own arts work but also increase the opportunities for the children to experience the creativity of others. As part of that we are planning a couple of visits before the Easter break. Class 1 will have the opportunity to see 'The First Hippo on the Moon' by David Walliams at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds which will link with their studies and Classes 2 and 3 will visit the Alhambra Theatre, Bradford to see 'Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' which they will be studying after the Easter break. The cost of the bus and the tickets for both visits will be partially subsidised by school.

Year 3 Science

The planned visit to Hackforth + Hornby E School to take part in an afternoon of science activities has had to be rescheduled and we will inform you when a new date has been confirmed.

The Wensleydale Tournament of Song

The Wensleydale Tournament of Song is taking place at the end of March and we will be entering in the music and speech competitions. We have not had confirmation of the date for the speech sections but they will be held at the Methodist Church, Leyburn during the week beginning 20th March. The singing will be held on Friday 31st March at Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn

Wensleydale Racers

If you or your children love trains you may be interested in a flyer we have received from the Wensleydale Railway about an activity day they are holding on 25th February. More information can be found on our noticeboard outside school or by following this link <http://www.wensleydalerail.com/>

Marrick Priory

Mrs Robson is planning to take Class 2 on a visit to Marrick Priory Outdoor Education and Residential Centre in July and is hoping to include an overnight stay. A meeting to outline plans to parents had been arranged for 2.45 p.m. 16th March in the upstairs classroom.

Cross Country

Our KS2 children will be taking part in the schools' cross country event at Catterick Racecourse on 9th March. Further details will follow.

Before and After School Clubs

To ensure a safe handover, please can parents make sure their children are in the school building before leaving them in the mornings. Please note that after school clubs finish at 4.15 p.m. which is when children need to be collected.

If your child is currently walking home without an adult, please can you make sure that you have returned the form that was attached to the last general newsletter. I have attached it again in case you have mislaid it.

As you know we have been looking into extending before and after school care which has for the last seven years been provided by teachers in their own time because there was not enough demand for a business to be set up but a small number of parents needed some help in this area. Now demand is growing for both numbers of children and the length of time for their supervision, a business approach is more viable.

We have someone who has been researching this for us and there is a possibility that a Breakfast Club may be set up for after Easter. I will keep you updated in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Joanne Grainger
(headteacher)

Dates for Diaries:

15 th Feb	DEEL afternoon in Class 1 from 2.30 pm onwards
17 th Feb	School closes for half term break
27 th Feb	School reopens after half term break
27 th Feb - 1 Mar	Y5/6 residential visit to London
1 Mar	School visit to Langthorne Covert
7+8 Mar	Parents Evenings for Class 2
8+9 Mar	Parents' Evenings for Classes 2+3
15 th Mar	Y6 small school cluster activity day at Middleham Primary
16 th Mar	Marrick talk for parents
w/b 20 th Mar	Speech week at Wensleydale Tournament
31 st Mar	Singing at Wensleydale Tournament
5 th April	Class 1 visit to West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds to see 'The First Hippo on the Moon' – further details to follow
6 th April	Classes 2+3 visit to the Alhambra Theatre, Bradford to see 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'
7 th April	School closes for Easter break
24 th April	Professional Development Day for staff
25 th April	School reopens for children
1 st May	School closed for May Day
May	Y2 test administration window
w/b 8 th May	Y6 assessment week