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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Swimming**

Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help with our weekly swimming lessons. There have been a number of queries about movement between groups but Richmond Leisure Centre, who lead our sessions have clearly defined guidance as to when children move between groups and this is not just prompted by passing different certificates. Further information can be provided upon request but we follow the Leisure Centre's swimming teachers in this and, while we can pass on your concerns, the decisions about moving up a class are made by them.



### **Wensleydale Tournament of Song**

The Wensleydale Tournament of Song is taking place at the end of March and we will be entering both the speech and the music competitions. Classes 2 and 3 will be taking part in the singing classes at Tennants of Leyburn on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Y5/6 will also be participating in a speech class during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> March at the Methodist Church, Leyburn. The date is yet to be confirmed and further details will follow.



### **E-Safety Meeting**

Thank you if you have confirmed attendance for the meeting for parents arranged for 27<sup>th</sup> February from 6-7 p.m. We arranged the meeting for a later time following parents' response which showed a preference for an evening session and the talk will be led by Clare Barrowman from the Local Authority. We have not received forms back from a few of the parents who requested the early evening session. If you have not returned a form and would like to attend, please could you do so by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.



### **Maths**

Thank you to the people who attended the meeting about how you can support your child as a mathematician at home. If you were unable to make it to the meeting but were interested in supporting your child in this area, you could look at the ideas suggested on the following website: <http://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/> and follow the links to 'children'.



### **Eco Visit**



The Eco Club visited Harlow Carr gardens earlier this month and spent a very enjoyable day with workshops in the education centre and in the grounds of the gardens. We hope to return, later this year, with the whole school.

### **'Be Aware'**

PC Godfrey will be visiting school from March onwards to deliver the 'Be Aware' programme to Class 3. This will teach children about the challenges they may meet in the next few years and how they might be best able to deal with them.

## Water bottles

Please remember that you are encouraged to send your child to school with a water bottle if you want to help them with rehydration issues during the day. We would strongly recommend that the water bottle contains just water. The School Food Trust aims to encourage healthy hydration habits in children. They recommend that schools serve only plain, natural drinks such as water, milk and pure fruit/ vegetable juices. The Trust's voluntary code of practice for drinks, followed by schools in England and Wales, aims to encourage the consumption of healthier drinks that are unsweetened and additive-free whenever possible so we would prefer it if your child's water bottle just contains water.

If your child does bring a water bottle to school, it would be most helpful if you could write their name on in case of separation from their owner.



## PE

I am sure you will have read about the increase in school funding specifically to be spent on PE and Mrs Robson is currently organising some visits to school that may prompt an interest in sports and activities not usually offered by school.



Unfortunately, next half term's gymnastics club will only be available on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March as Mrs Robson has other school commitments and so will, of course, continue with gymnastics after the Easter break. May I take this opportunity to remind you that our school PE kit is a white t shirt and black shorts.

## Home-School Agreement

Please find attached a copy of our Home-School Agreement. We have copies on file for some children but not all. We will discuss it at school with the children and hope that you can do the same before signing it and returning it to school by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Yours sincerely,

*Joanne Grainger*  
(Headteacher)

### Diary Dates:

9 Feb	Break up for half term
19 Feb	School reopens
20 Feb	Y5 ICT day at Thornton Watlass CE Primary
27 Feb	Internet Safety Meeting for parents 6-7 p.m.
1 Mar	World Book Day – details to follow
6 Mar	Stephanie Inglis sports visit
w/b 12 Mar	Class 3 at Tournament of Song - speech
14 + 15 Mar	Parents' Evenings
21 Mar	PC Godfrey begins 'Be Aware' with Class 3
23 Mar	Wensleydale Tournament of Song at Tennants, Leyburn
27 Mar	Presentation to parents in Village Hall of songs from the Tournament

## E Safety – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018

I intend to attend the session on E-Safety on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Signed ..... parent/carer of .....