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Caring - Aspiring - Excelling

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas with your families.

Reading

Many congratulations to Evie, Joseph and Coco who were each a lucky winner of a £10 book token at the end of last term. Every time your child's reading record shows they read five times in a week and were checked by an adult then their name goes into the end of term draw.



Christmas Party

We had a lovely party on the last afternoon and the children seemed to enjoy their visit from a certain gentleman in a red suit. Thank you very much for your food contributions – the children were spoilt for choice!



Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards that were designed by the children looked lovely and the quality seemed to be very good. They raised £60 for school funds and we were very grateful to Mrs Godlee for filling in all the necessary paperwork.

This Term

Class 1

The theme for Class 1 is 'Can You Hear The Colour?' and the children will be learning about shape, colour and textiles. They will also be studying 'Winter'. In PE they will be improving their throwing and catching skills and in PSHE they will be learning about healthy lifestyles. We welcome Mr MacNair to Class 1. He will be teaching Class 1 with Mrs Saunders for the next few weeks.

Class 2

Class 2 will be learning about Ancient Greece and this will be used for the basis of their art work this term alongside a study of Clarice Cliff. In Computing they will be learning about Branching Databases. In DT they will be focusing on nutrition in cookery and their French theme is 'La Jungle'. In PE they will be developing their gymnastics skills through Key Steps and also their dance skills. In PSHE they will be learning about healthy lifestyles. They will be investigating 'rocks' in science and in English they will be reading and writing myths. In maths their topics will be time, shape and number.

Class 3

Class 3 will also be learning about Ancient Greece, Clarice Cliff, nutrition and healthy lifestyles. In Computing they will be learning about internet safety with a particular focus on developing an understanding of the reliability of information found on the internet and the importance of passwords before moving onto learning about variables and computer models.

In French their theme is 'Let's Celebrate' where they will be looking at dates and birthday celebrations. In science their theme is 'Forces' and in PE they In English they will complete their studies of 'the Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman, they will study 'The Listeners' by Walter de la Mare and then move onto 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. In maths they will be learning about fractions, decimal and percentages, 2D shapes, measure and algebra.

The Wensleydale Tournament of Song is taking place at the end of March and we will be entering in the music and speech competitions.

Out of Hours Care

Many thanks to the parents who returned their questionnaire about before and after school care. We are currently looking into the feasibility of organising daily after school care that will extend past 4.15 p.m. and begin before 8.30 a.m. We will keep you informed.

Governors Corner

Julie Morgan (Parent Governor)

I grew up locally in Northallerton and went on to study at York St John University. I spent six years working as a primary teacher before moving to Scotland with my husband who was in the RAF. Whilst in Scotland we started a family and I worked as a supply teacher for several schools which gave me the flexibility to juggle motherhood, being a military wife and my career! My husband's experience as a flying instructor took us from Scotland to the distant sands of Saudi Arabia where I spent an amazing 3½ years exploring the Middle East before moving to Hunton six months ago. My husband is still based overseas so life for the Morgan family can be pretty hectic!

Joanne Grainger
(headteacher)

Dates for Diaries:

1 st Feb	Y3 small school cluster science at Hackforth
15 th Feb	DEEL afternoon in Class 1
27 th Feb - 1 Mar	Y5/6 residential visit to London
15 th Mar	Y6 small school cluster activity day at Middleham Primary
w/b 20 th Mar	Speech week at Wensleydale Tournament
w/b 27 th Mar	Singing week at Wensleydale Tournament
7 th April	School closes for Easter break
	School reopens
w/b 8 th May	Y6 assessment week