



Newsletter

1st March 2024

Welcome back to another half term and I can hardly believe that we are already in March, with Easter just around the corner! We have had a busy and eventful spring term so far with lots of exciting events and achievements to report to parents and carers and still more exciting things planned in the coming weeks!

Mrs Taylor

Firstly, an update regarding Mrs Taylor. We are all so happy that Mrs Taylor is back in Barley Fields where she belongs! Mrs Taylor began her phased return to work this week and the children were so pleased to see her in our assemblies on Monday this week. Once again, I would like to extend Mrs Taylor's thanks for all of the messages of support that she has received from parents, carers and the children in school. These kind words and thoughts have really helped to cheer Mrs Taylor up!

Ullswater Residential



In the week before half term, our Year 6 children went off to the Outward Bounds Centre at Ullswater for their residential visit.

What a time they had! From canoeing across

Ullswater and fell- walking, to caving and gorge-walking, the children had so many opportunities to

push their personal limits, take calculated risks and really develop their resilience in the outdoors. A wonderful time was had by all, although there were plenty of utterly exhausted children (and staff) getting off the coaches at the end of the trip! Quite an adventure!



Well done to all and a big thank you to all staff who supported the children at Ullswater! Marvellous!



Year 2 Library Visit

This week, our Year 2 children have had the opportunity to visit our local library in Ingleby Barwick. The children had great fun listening to fairy tales to support their current topic in English. The children also learned all about the library service and how to join so that they can access the resources which the library has to offer. A big thanks to the staff at Ingleby Barwick library for supporting our children with their learning this week!



Forest School

Our children in Early Years have really enjoyed getting back out into Forest School this week after the winter break in provision. They have had the opportunity to look for seasonal changes in the Forest School environment, but I think the children's favourite part was enjoying the mud slide!



Year 3 Iron Man Sculptures

Our Year 3 children have had a fantastic time this week making sculptures to enrich their topic in English, which is based on 'The Iron Man' – a classic children's book by Ted Hughes. The quality of the writing, which has come from this great start to the topic has been incredible. We definitely have some future authors and poets in our Year 3 classes! Well done everyone!



Gone Fishing!

A huge congratulations to our very own Luca in Year 1 who has recently won the 'Star Junior Sea Angler Trophy' presented by Saltburn Sea Angling Club. Luca also won the prize for the first mackerel catch of the season, for which he won £25!





We were all so impressed to hear of Luca's wonderful achievements in assembly this week! Well done Luca!

Communication with School

A quick reminder about communication with school. If parents and carers have messages to relay to teachers or any concerns or queries regarding their children, we would ask that you contact the teacher directly via email in the first instance. All emails will be answered within 48 hours. If the teacher cannot help, or if parents/carers feel that their concerns need to be escalated further, then we would ask that the next port of call is the key stage leader. All key stage leads are members of the senior management team in school and they will assist fully in solving any issues. Please check the letter, sent via Marvellous Me at the start of the spring term, which provides relevant email addresses for teachers and key stage leaders.



National Careers Week

Next week in school, we will be all getting involved with National Careers Week 2024. Many thanks for all of the parents, carers and organisations who have agreed to give up their



valuable time to support our children as they explore a plethora of diverse careers. Thanks also to our senior leadership team in school who have all worked so hard to liaise with parents, carers and a variety of organisations to help plan some very memorable and educational activities for our children. We have lots of exciting things going on including a visit from the Great North Air Ambulance team and the Police Drone team to name but two of the many planned visitors. Thanks again for all of your support with this!

Medicine in School

I would like to remind all parents and carers that children are not allowed to bring any form of medication into school (no matter how seemingly benign) to self-administer. This includes cough lozenges, painkilling medication (such as Fast-Melts) and lip balms etcetera. For health and safety reasons, school must be made aware of any medication that children require as there is always the possibility that medication could be taken in error or, indeed taken by the wrong child. I would remind parents that school is under no legal obligation to administer any medication and we will only administer, as a gesture of goodwill, medication which is prescribed by a doctor to be taken four times a day. Please note that school will, on occasion and where there is sufficient medical advice to do so, administer paracetamol but we can never administer Ibuprofen. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Sickness/Vomiting

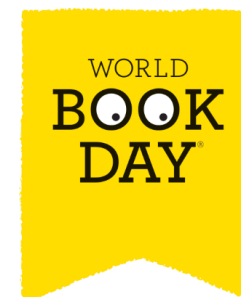
I would like to make parents and carers aware that, on the advice of the Prince Regent Street Trust, we no longer require your child to stay away from school for a period of 48 hours after a last bout of vomiting. The Trust has advised school that unless the child has gastroenteritis, 24 hours is a sufficient amount of time to stay off school after a final episode of vomiting. I am aware that the local policy of 48 hours has been challenged in the past, including by some members of the medical profession, seemingly because vomiting due to a virus appears to be most contagious prior to and not after vomiting. From Monday, the office staff have been told to inform parents and carers that children can return to school after a 24-hour period.

World Book Day

Just a reminder that next Thursday (7th March) is World Book Day and the children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character if they wish to do so.

Also, if they wish, children can bring in any books to swap with one another. Please ensure that your child has your consent to bring in any books from home to swap.

I am sure that a fun-packed day awaits us all!





4th March – National Careers Week

7th March – World Book Day (Dress up day and book swap event).

13th March- Open afternoon for parents/carers (more info to follow)

(Reception to Year 6) - 3.15pm – 5.00pm and interim reports sent home.

15th March – Comic Relief Non Uniform Day – donations can be made via Just Giving if parents wish.

18th, 19th, 20th March- Parent Consultations via Parent Cloud (more info to follow)

22nd March- PD Day- children not in school.

25th March – KS1 Easter Dico (4.30 pm – 5.30 pm).

26th March – Y3/4 Easter Disco (4.30pm - 5.30 pm).

26th March – Y5/6 Easter Disco (5.45 pm – 6.45 pm).

26th March – Easter Egg competition – decorate an egg.

27th March – Easter raffle.

29th March- Break up for Easter.

15th April – Return to school for summer term.

6th May – Bank Holiday Monday

8th-9th, 10th May- Year 4 residential to Newby Wiske Hall

13th-16th May – Year 6- Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs)

PD Days 2024

Friday 22nd March 2024 – PD Day

Monday 24th June 2024 – PD Day

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July – PD Days so school closes for summer on **Friday 19th July 2024.**

School will be closed to children on these dates.

Many thanks for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!

Mr Shildrick

Deputy Head Teacher

