



10th March 2023 NEWSLETTER
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Diary Dates

10.3.23 Bethel Church Workshop - Y5&6
17.3.23 FOBLs Someone Special Gift Day (£5 per gift. Children can choose 1 gift for their special person)
Week beginning 27th March Parent Teacher Consultations (Dates TBC)
29.3.23 FOBLs Easter Fun & Games 3.30-5.30 (Please book your place with Mrs Drake £8 for 1 child, £12 for 2, £15 for 3!)
30.3.23 Performance Poetry day
31.3.23 FOBLs Afterschool Easter Bake Sale (Any Easter themed bakes very much appreciated)
31.3.23 School Closes for Easter break
17.4.23 School Re-opens
1.5.23 Bank Holiday
5.5.23 Coronation Day Celebrations in School
8.5.23 Coronation Bank Holiday
9th -12th May Y6 SATs Week
13.5.23 FOBLs Curry, Bingo and Auction of Promise evening @ The Village Hall - tickets on sale from Monday 13th March, please contact Sarah Mellor.
29.5.23 Half Term Break
21.7.23 School Closes for Summer Break

Next Week...

Tuesday: Lunchtime Books & Buns (Mrs Leader)
Boxing After-School Club (Mr Irving)
Wednesday: Lunchtime Art Club (Pupil-led)
Lunchtime Performance Club (Mr Stace) Thursday:
Lunchtime Library Club (Pupil-led)
Sunshine Yoga After-School Club (Karen) Lotus
Learners Chinese Language and Culture Club (Mrs Cummings)
Friday: Celebration at St Leonard's Church @9:15am; FOBLs Someone Special Gift Day; PE kits Class 2, 3 & 4; Forest School Y1

Inspire, Believe, Respect, Achieve Together We Shine

Congratulations to...
Our stars of the week...



Matilda E: Wow! Just amazing writing this week. You are trying so hard to form your letters carefully.

Thomas S: Fabulous writing to create a Titanic poster. Your enthusiasm for learning and contributing in history has been just great this week!

Reggie C: For being a mathematical superstar! You amaze us with your depth of understanding in all areas of maths!

Millie H: You put in 110% every single day! A true superstar of Class 2!

Toby R: For dedication to heightening his own standards and always contributing with thoughtful ideas. Maths work is particularly pristine, and I am constantly using his work as an example for presentation.

Ola: For incredible creativity in lessons and a fantastic attitude towards coming up against problems. Never gives up and is always trying her absolute best.

Lucy W: For always trying her best, being ready to learn and being the most helpful person to everyone she knows.

Lochlan: For being a great friend, a good citizen and making the right choices.

This Week's News...

Fun in the snow...What an end to the week! Thank you so much for getting the children in to school today. They have had some great playtimes in the snow today, followed by a warming cup of hot chocolate by the camp fire in our Forest area. We are very sad that we had to cancel Church this morning, we did hold a celebration in classes this afternoon to celebrate this week's great news and achievements.

Let's see what we've been getting up to...

Class 1

Exciting learning when the fire engine came to visit this week and shared how to think about fire safety at home. Super art using colour pastels to make tones of colour.

Class 2

This week we have been exploring role play and have written some interview questions for the characters of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory and have answered in character.

We have time travelled back to 400AD and are excitedly learning about how the Anglo-Saxons came to be in Britain. We have had such fun exploring different Anglo-Saxon tribes, where they came from, where they settled and had a go at pronouncing some Anglo-Saxon names such as Hengist, Horsa and Cerdic!

Class 3

In class this week we have completed the blubber experiment - to measure the effectiveness of petroleum jelly as blubber and to insulate our hands in icy cold water. We've been looking at adaptation and how animals have slowly adapted to suit their environments more efficiently. In history we have been looking at crime and punishment specifically in Roman times - the class were so strict to deter crime!

Class 4

Class 4 have been Celebrating culture in DT by looking at different foods for different cultural celebrations, focusing on passing skills in hockey, writing a Roman crime storyboard in history and forming algebraic equations in maths.



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North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Safety Visit
We had a really informative visit from the Ripon Fire Service on Monday. The children were so excited to see the fire engine on the playground and had the opportunity to have a look around it and learn all about how things work. The officers delivered a talk to the classes about home fire safety, which our children responded to with lots of pertinent and interesting questions. Here's what some of Class 1 & 2 had to say...
'We went in the fire engine and it was good.' - Jessica
'We learnt about fire alarms.' - Theo
'We learnt to shout, 'fire, fire, fire', if we see a fire anywhere - Millie S
'We looked at and learnt about the firefighter's oxygen masks to keep them safe.' - Arlo

Bethel Church Workshop
The Bethel Church visited Year 5 & 6 today, to deliver a workshop all about the life of Jesus. The workshop was very interactive - the visitors delivering it dressed up in traditional costumes and the children completed lots of activities including an informative presentation, quiz and Q&A session.
'We went through all the New Testament and they (visitors) acted some parts of Jesus' life. We did a quiz at the end. It was really good because it was fun and the people dressed up.' - Barnaby & River

Local Events

SIGHTS and SOUNDS of RIPON 2023
Free event with activities around the city for all the family to enjoy

- Ripon Cathedral
- Ripon Library
- Ripon Museums

SATURDAY 18 MARCH 11am - 2pm

For more details email engagement@harrogate.gov.uk or visit Ripon Cathedral or Ripon Library for more information

A partnership initiative by myneighbourhood.gov.uk

SIGHTS and SOUNDS of RIPON

■ RIPON CATHEDRAL

- Family crafts and games.
- Music by local choirs.
- Pop up Café.
- 20 Local voluntary and community organisations showcasing their services and where you can get help and support.
- Come meet North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- Dancing from Ripon City Morris Dancers and Betty Lupton's Ladle Laikers.

■ WORKHOUSE, PRISON AND POLICE, COURT HOUSE MUSEUMS

Free entry to all 3 museums upon production of proof of address in HG4 postcode.

■ LIBRARY

- 11.30 - 12 noon - Storytime for ages 0-5
- 12.30 - 1pm - Storytime for ages 6+.
- from 11am - Lego club.
- Meet representatives and find out more about the services provided from Digital Champions, Skell Valley Project, Citizens Advice, Ripon YMCA, HBC tenant involvement, the recycling team, Horizons adult drug and alcohol recovery and Stop Smoking campaign.
- 2.30pm - 4.30pm - Brains and Senses family activity. Join the Thackray Medical Museum Outreach team for an extra special free drop-in event all about brains and senses - suitable for ages 5+.

North Yorkshire County Council **THACKRAY MUSEUM OF MEDICINE**

NOW!
Join the Leeds Thackray Medical Museum Outreach Team for interactive games and activities on the theme of

Brains and Senses
A FREE drop-in event, suitable for families and children aged 4+

Ripon Library
Saturday 18th March 2.30-4.30pm

Activities include
Mystery items, take on the tastebuds, smell box bingo and brain hemisphere hat crafts
No need to book, just come along on the day

Children-led Church Services
The next service is the Pet Service this Sunday, the 12th March, 11am at Burton Leonard Church.
Bring your pets along, nothing bigger than a dog please.



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Safeguarding, Health & Wellbeing Updates

Online Safety

This week's online Safer Internet link offers advice for parents and carers about **phones**. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones> The website offers lots of useful advice, including how to start a conversation about phone safety.

The White Hatter has recently published an article which seeks to clear up some of the confusion with gaming. To read more follow the link below:

<https://thewhitehatter.ca/online-gaming/> The website will take you to links that offer parents better understanding of online gaming and their subgenres, as well links to glossaries that provide information to help parents to decipher gaming language and vernacular.

Another reminder of some useful websites to help you support your child's online life... www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides - helpful parent guides to online safety <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> - more helpful parent guides

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/> - helpful advice for parents about gaming

Mental Health & Well Being

The **Young Minds** website has lots of practical advice and tips on supporting your child - from how to encourage your child to open up about their feelings to dealing with mental health services. . There is also a Parents Helpline that can provide advice and support if you're worried about a child or young person.

www.youngminds.org.uk/parent

A reminder about the NSPCC 'Support for Parents' page on their 'Keeping Children Safe' tab. It has lots of parenting tips for all stages of your child's life, as well as advice on how to deal with difficult situations. Visit www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents

We are regularly re-visiting the NSPCC PANTS rule in school. As a reminder to parents, please visit www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule

Attendance & Punctuality

Good attendance is considered above 95%; on average, we've been above this so far this year, but we want to make this even higher and be better than good...as part of our working together to improve attendance plan we are looking to introduce an attendance reward cup for the best class attendance of the week...watch this space.

If your child is feeling anxious or worried about coming to school, please let us know - we are here to help. We are currently developing Mrs Bland's role in school, who will soon be our new **Pastoral & Wellbeing Officer**. Mrs Bland is already on hand to support children with worries, however we are developing a plan which will enable the children more access to her expertise and support.



Attendance Matters

