



17th March 2023 NEWSLETTER
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Diary Dates

17.3.23 FOBLs Someone Special Gift Day
Week beginning 27th March Parent Teacher Consultations (Dates TBC) Please see page 2 for further details.
28.3.23 Wellbeing Warriors Cluster Meeting
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
25.4.23 Bags 2 School
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.
22.5.23 KS2 Cross Country @ Newby Hall
29.5.23 Half Term Break
11.6.23 Burton Leonard 10k Run
7.7.23 Y6 Leavers Service @ Ripon Cathedral (Pupil only event)
8.7.23 Burton Leonard Feast
12.7.23 Bags 2 School
19.7.23 Y6 Leavers Service @St Leonards (Families welcome)
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; PE kits Class 2, 3 & 4; Forest School Y1

Inspire, Believe, Respect, Achieve Together We Shine

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

Mati: You always try so hard to present your work smartly - beautiful, thoughtful artwork, amazing homework, super letters and numbers. Your reading is just fabulous too!

Amira: You have worked so enthusiastically to create a fabulous eye-catching RMS Titanic poster this week. All your friends thought it was amazing too. Keep up your great work Amira!

Fletcher: For your enthusiasm and love of learning in our maths lessons. You love to deepen your understanding through our discussions in class.

Jackory: For always trying hard 100% of the time. You are making great progress in your writing, well done.

Skylar: For showing compassion and empathy to others; you are always demonstrating our school values through everything you do.

Holly: Attention to detail and presentation have been a speciality of Holly's and her work has been used as an example countless times. Brilliantly creative work and it's highlighted through her beautiful presentation, in every single book!

Tomas: For achieving very high standards in Maths consistently. Really focused, considered answers and systematically working through problems.

Richard, Isaac, Barnaby, Jake, Will, Evie, Ruby,

Amelia and Lucy L: All these children have been playing beautifully with Class 1 children this week. Showing lots of maturity and kindness.

This Week's News...

Another fabulous week of learning at Burton Leonard...it's been assessment week and we are very proud of how hard the children have been recalling their knowledge and skills. They've also been engaging in some fabulous learning too!

Mrs Leader:

Class 1 have been thinking about Mother's Day this week. They have also finished their amazing writing for their Titanic posters. Our reception children have been adding stories for 6, 7 and 8 whilst Year 1 have been comparing and ordering numbers to 20. In their PSHE learning they have been focusing on relaxing and keeping calm.

Mrs Heys:

Class 2 have been busy taste testing different flavours of chocolate in preparation for making our own chocolate truffles. We will design and make our own packaging for our delicious treats too. So far, Salted butter toffee is the class favourite!

Mr Doohan:

In class this week we have spent our mornings doing assessments. Class 3 have done so well handling it positively and taking it in their stride. In between assessments, we have studied what a fossil is, how it is made, how long this takes and why we're so interested in finding them. We have also been analysing poetry and completing an exceptionally neat piece of work. I've been trying to catch people out missing capital letters, full stops and basic mistakes!

Mrs Whild:

Class 4 have been consolidating concepts in maths, and grammar spelling and punctuation. We have been looking at seasonal foods in DT and accompanying Shosholoza (an African Anthem) using glockenspiels.



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Thank you to the FOBLs

A huge thank you to the FOBLs for organising such beautiful gifts for the Someone Special Gift Day.

Children-led Church Service

It was so lovely to see so many of our families and their pets at the Church pet service last Sunday. The children delivered a fantastic service, with lots of thoughtful prayers and readings. It was delightful meeting all the pets and hearing about the ones that couldn't make it to the service. Reverend Robb delivered a blessing to all of the pets at the service and at home - it really was a fabulous community experience.

Forthcoming Church Events

- 19th March - Family Communion Service @9:30am
- 2nd April - Joint Palm Sunday Family Service beginning with a walk from Bishop Monkton School with a pony at Bishop Monkton Church
- 23rd April - Children-led Café Church Service @ 9:30am at Bishop Monkton Church

School Council Making a Difference in our Community

The next step for our school council is their 'Our Community Needs You' campaign. Look out for their exciting poster competition coming soon...

Homework Parent Information Evening

The team have been working together to develop our homework offer in school. Using current research and parent voice we are finalising our homework procedures which will begin after the Easter holidays.

We will be holding a homework information session after school on Wednesday 19th April to share this with parents. There will be a presentation explaining the rationale behind our new procedures and class teachers will be available to share and discuss the exciting new homework plans for their classes.

For parents who are unable to join us, the Power point and procedures will be released following the meeting.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place the week beginning the 27th March 2023. Your child's class teacher will send out more details on Monday. There will be an opportunity to opt for either an online or face-to-face meeting.

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

WOW!
 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

MINI ATHLETICS
SUPERSTAR HOLIDAY CAMP

The Mini Athletics Superstar Holiday Camp

Tues 4th, Wed 5th & Thurs 6th April	Wed 12th, Thurs 13th & Fri 14th April
St Mary's Primary School, Knaresborough 8.30am -12.30pm	Harrogate High School 8.30am -12.30pm

Open to children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
 £15 per child per day

FREE PLACES for children who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals through the North Yorkshire Together FEAST programme.
 Email rwilson@miniathletics.com to book your free place.

All children will receive a healthy breakfast and packed lunch.
 To book your place go to www.miniathletics.com/holiday-camps

THE SUPERSTAR HOLIDAY CAMP

Safeguarding, Health & Wellbeing Updates

Online Safety

This week's online Safer Internet link offers advice for parents and carers about laptops. Visit <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/laptops> for advice about laptops.

If you haven't visited already, 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/> this 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

Young Minds has also produced a fantastic **A-Z guide** that gives advice on how to help your child with their feelings and behaviour, as well as mental health conditions and life events. It also shows you where you can get help. <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/>

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

We are continuing our drive for improved attendance.

What do attendance figures mean?

Attendance over 1 school year. . . .

Percentage	Weeks absent from school
96%....	1 week plus
95%....	2 weeks
90%....	4 weeks
85%....	5.5 weeks
80%....	7.5 weeks

Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success. Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance, achievement and social and emotional difficulties.

New attendance policy & procedures coming soon...Let's make every day count!

