

Mrs Wolfe's Weekly Update

8th March 2024

What an exciting week it has been! It was fantastic to see so many wonderful book-themed characters moving around school yesterday – we harness any excuse to talk about our love of books and World Book Day is always a great excuse to do just that. We started the day with a special reading of 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt by many members of the staff team dressed as crayons from this special picture book. It was lovely to have so many parents and carers in school for 'Read and Roll Out', thank you sharing some stories with us. A huge thank you to all the efforts that went into creating such wonderful outfits and for supporting our children to shine brightly, as they do every day whilst living out our school vision.

To love our neighbour, enabling everyone to shine and make a difference in the world.

'Love your neighbour as yourself'

Luke 10:27 Parable of the Good Samaritan

Love, Courage & Service

Our Big Question this week is 'How should we treat others?' We have again been considering the way we should treat others – this week focusing on boundaries, consent and respect. We have been thinking carefully about our personal bubbles and how we should respect people physically as well emotionally. Check out my recommended book of the week at the end of this week's update.

Mother's Day Shop

We do hope that all our lovely mums have a fantastic day on Sunday and enjoy the lovely treats the children have been organising for you this week. A big thank you to Mrs Wainwright, Granny Lesley, Mrs Peacock and FOBS for organising such wonderful activities and treats.

Parent Consultations

Next week Owl, Merlin and Kite Class Parent Consultations will be underway. Teachers are looking forward to sharing your child's learning and progress with you either in person or via Teams. Please expect the following updates from your meeting next week:

- pastoral
- attendance
- current attainment/predicted attainment for the end of the year
- progress since September
- next steps and what school are doing to support this
- what parents can do to support at home

Make a Difference Day

Next Thursday is Make a Difference Day. Pupils will spend the day 'making a difference' – this will include litter picking around the village, as well as other outdoor activities,

therefore pupils need to ensure they wear warm, waterproof clothing in order to be prepared for this. The school council are working with their teachers to plan the day in their classes and it is looking set to be a fantastic day!

Performance Poetry Day

Next Friday 15th March, pupils are invited to share and perform a poem. Poetry is a wonderful part of the curriculum and can appeal to children in a different way to prose. It is so important for children to be able to tune into, and enjoy rhyme. Children love the repetition of listening to favourite books, and it is the same with poetry. We can really take advantage of this by getting children to learn and perform poems.

Mrs Heys, our English lead, will be sending out more information regarding this very soon!

Lambs in School

We have a real treat next Friday 15th March, as the Heptonstall family have organised for some of their lambs to come and meet us in school. We look forward to learning all about how to care for these beautiful animals.

For safety reasons, we also want to make any expectant mothers aware that the lambs will be in school during the afternoon.

East Barnby Update

With our Kestrel Class residential fast approaching, Kestrel parents are still welcome to contact us if you have any questions additional to our recent meeting. We will be meeting with pupils in school next week for any final questions they may have. A copy of the Power Point from our information evening can be accessed [here](#)

Miss Dunster is also available to answer any questions at her drop-ins on Monday 11th March between 3:30pm and 4:30pm and on the 14th March between 5pm and 6pm.

Headteacher Shine Award

This week's Headteacher 'Shine' certificate is awarded to Rosie in Y5 - for demonstrating our school values and living out our school vision every day! Rosie will now receive an invitation to my Headteacher 'Shine' treat next week and her name will be proudly displayed on our 'Shine' tree in the entrance hall.

Class teacher certificates for learning will be shared on this week's teacher updates, which are also shared with parents each Friday – well done to those who have shone in their learning and are working hard to be the best they can be and beyond!

Dojo Winners

Seacole Yellows are the winners of this week's Dojo Team Point Cup. Well done, your ribbons will be on this week's cup and your name on our shining team star!

Spotlight on School Vision

Each week I will share an aspect of our vision for you to share and discuss at home, maybe over breakfast, tea, or out and about for a walk. This week's discussion topic is...

'Is there a right or wrong way to treat others?'

Attendance & Punctuality

Our average whole school attendance so far this year is **97.2%**. This week's winners of our attendance cup is **Reception**. Well done!

Another reminder that the school day begins at **8:55am**. Pupils are encouraged to arrive from 8:45, in order to complete Early Bird learning and be ready to start their day! **All pupils should be registered by 8:55 and ready to learn!** Arriving late can result in a tricky start to the day and be very unsettling for pupils. We appreciate your support in encouraging and sharing the importance of punctuality with the children. Every minute counts!

Safeguarding, Health & Wellbeing Updates

Mrs Bland is available every day to our children for nurture drop-ins. If you feel your child would benefit from this, please let Mrs Bland or your child's class teacher know.

Safeguarding continues, as always, to be our priority. We will always act upon any concerns or worries involving a child.

Our Safeguarding Team

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Wolfe

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Drake

Our Pastoral Support Officer is Mrs Bland

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Hewitt

If you have any safeguarding concerns outside school hours and you are unable to contact Mrs Drake or I, please visit our safeguarding page on the school website, <https://burtonleonard.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-us/safeguarding/> which will direct you to how you can make a referral directly.

Health & Safety

Preparing for the Snow, Cold & Wet Weather

We will always endeavour to notify parents of any school closures due to snow at the earliest opportunity. This will be via Arbor.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a **jumper/cardigan, wellingtons** and a **raincoat daily**. Now that the winter months are drawing near we do still want the children to utilise their playing space, so wellingtons and suitable outdoor clothing will allow this if the field is wet.

Please note – wellingtons in school allows the children to access the field/den-building area when the ground is muddy/wet. Please ensure pupils have wellingtons in school to enable them to do this.

Road Safety

Another polite reminder to **please park safely** when arriving at school throughout the day. Drop-offs are a busy time and we have many children and families using the paths and roads where cars park. Help us to keep all our children safe, thank you.

Parent Carer Voice Conference

Parent Carer Voice is the North Yorkshire charity supporting parents and carers of children and young people with SEN and disabilities. They are hosting a free conference on-line and in person next week on Tuesday 12th March (remotely) and Wednesday 13th March in person at the Cedar Court Hotel in Harrogate and would like to invite you to join.

Please let me know if you would like further information with regards to the agenda.

Little Ripon Book Shop News

Online Safety

Another reminder of the fantastic NSPCC website, which has great go-to pages for parents. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Mental Health & Well Being

Visit <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/> for information and help targeted at young people and parents.

Enrichment & Clubs

Monday – KS2 Art Club with Miss Newton

Tuesday – Sport Club with Mr Irving

Wednesday Lunchtime – Choir with Mr Stace

Thursday – Mandarin Club with Mrs Cummings (to be booked via Mrs Cummings please)

Thursday Lunchtime – KS2 Book Club with Mr Stace

School has access to peripatetic music lessons for piano/keyboard, brass and guitar. Please email Mrs Drake for further enquiries.

Dates for your diary!

10.3.24 – Children's-led Service @ St Leonards Church

11.3.24 – Miss Dunster's Kestrel Drop-in 3:30-4:30pm
Wb 11.3.24 – Owl, Merlin & Kestrel Class Parent/Teacher Consultations
14.3.24 – Make a Difference Day
14.3.24 – Miss Dunster's Kestrel Drop-in 5pm-6pm
15.3.24 – Performance Poetry (Mrs Heys to share information regarding this)
15.3.24 – Lambs in School (PM)
15.3.24 – Kite Bake Sale
18.3.24 – 22.2.23 Kestrel Class East Barnby Residential
19.3.24 – Animals UK Visit in Owl Class
21.3.24 – Easter Fun & Games *please note change of date
22.3.24 – End of Term service 2pm @ St Leonards Church

22.3.24 – School closes for Easter Break

8.4.24 – School re-opens

14.4.24 – Children-led Service @ St Leonards Church

6.5.24 – May Bank Holiday

13.5.24 – 16.5.23 – Y6 SATs Week

19.5.24 – BL 10K

23.5.24 – School closes for Half Term

24.5.24 Staff Training Day

3.6.24 – School re-opens

5.6.24 – BL Festival

13.6.24 – Summer Fayre

13.6.24 – Summer Raffle

10.7.24 – KS2 Summer Performance

18.7.24 – Y6 Leavers Service 9:15 @ St Leonards Church

19.7.24 – End of Term Service 2pm @ St Leonards Church

19.7.24 – School closes for Summer Break

*** Please note, some dates may be subject to change; we will notify you if any changes occur.**

Mrs Wolfe's Book Recommendation of the Week

This is my recommendation of the week, as it keys in to some of the themes we have been exploring in school. We use this book a lot to teach children about body ownership, respect, feelings, choices and recognising bullying behaviours.

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