



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Spring Term ~ Issue 5 ~ Friday 14th February, 2025

Message from Miss Caygill Head of School

Dear parents/carers,

We come to the end of half-term and we have been able to work successfully on our continued learning journeys across school. We have also had a wide range of exciting experiences through extra-curricular activities across the term with sports events, author visits online, our well supported mental well-being week and also our themed day support for the PTFA. It has been great to see and talk to the majority of parents across school at our Parents Evenings this week and we hope you have found these useful to help in your support of the children at home.

We are always available to talk to parents on all aspects of school, please arrange with the school office if you need any further information or support from our dedicated staff members.

It has been our termly visit from the Health and Safety Service this week where we looked at the school paperwork around health and safety. A significant part of our role in school is safeguarding and health and safety and we aim to share as much information with you around these significant parts of our daily work in school where possible. I would just like to wish you all a restful break over half-term and hope that you enjoy some special time with families and friends.



Miss Caygill



This week's STAR LEARNERS



Class 1 – Oakley for settling well into our Nursery and talking well about his learning. Skye for her amazing sentence writing this week

Class 2 – Sebastianas for working hard and gaining confidence. Keep it up!

Sofia for being a great team member when designing and making a 'funny potato!'

Class 3 – Patrick for having a good attitude towards his work and always trying his best and Harriet for showing a good understanding in computing – spreadsheets, using a formula and duplicating it.

Attendance

Class 1-99.7%

Class 2-100%

Class 3-90%

Whole School-97.1%

**Head of School Award
Archie for his really kind and helpful attitude around school and in class, a super role model**

Upcoming Dates



Friday 14th February

- End of half term

Monday 24th February

- Training Day-children return to school on Tuesday 25th February

Friday 7th March

- R & Y6 Height & Weight

Tuesday 18th March

- Bags2School collection

CLUBS

Monday- Mindfulness Colouring 12:30-1pm

Tuesday – Board Games 12:30-1pm & Yoga – 3:15 – 4:30pm

Wednesday-Music -12.30-1pm

Thursday – Library Club 12.30 – 1pm & Zumba – 3:15 – 4.15pm

Friday – Ball Games 12:30-1pm - Multiskills – 3:15 –4.30 pm

School Office Updates

Scaffolding over half term

Over the half term we have scaffolders coming into the school grounds to erect scaffolding in preparation for roof works at the Nursery end of school. The works will start after half term and the EYFS children will use the main school yard for their outdoor learning during the works.

Attendance

We continue to track attendance carefully and aim for all the children to be in school for their learning. This academic year there has been a few attendance issues with different illnesses where children have not been able to attend school and we fully understand this. As a school staff we work closely with parents and can, if arranged provide some work for children at home so their gaps in learning are covered if they are able to do so. Please arrange this through the school office. We have achieved an overall attendance this half-term of 95.4%.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who returned their parent questionnaires, we had just over thirty responses. It is really useful for us to receive your views and feedback around school.

Attached with this newsletter is an overview of the questionnaire responses for your information.

KS2 Buckden House Outdoor Residential in June

A payment has been set up on Parentpay so you can pay in instalments for the remaining final **balance of £100.00**.

We are very grateful to the PTFA who have very kindly given £1500.00 and also Hawes Tolls Trustees, who have both given £1500 to offset the cost for parents.

Pizza Planet and Beginner Bike Trail – Stage 1 Cycles

Wednesday 19th February 3pm

Start your afternoon with us with a planet pizza making session in our Firebox Cafe. Whilst your pizza is cooking work up an appetite on your bikes following a trail of stars and seek out the planets on your bikes. Suitable for beginner cyclists all activities will be undertaken in a traffic free site. It is recommended that parents accompany their children on foot. Bikes/helmets available to loan but must be booked at the same time as your place £15. Part of the YDNPA Dark Skies Festival.

<https://www.stage1cycles.co.uk/collections/whats-on/products/pizza-and-planet-ride-beginners>

Discover Opera

On Wednesday, Feb 26th 2025 the children will join the Royal Opera for a fun-filled 1 hour Live Lesson especially for primary school children. This opera taster will introduce the children to the world of opera by bringing the Royal Opera LIVE into our classrooms! During this Live Lesson the children will:

- Watch LIVE performances of songs from famous operas by artists of the Royal Opera!
- Join children across the country to sing famous opera songs
- Go behind the scenes in the props and costume departments
- See how props, scenery and lighting transform the stage

This Live Lesson aims to:

- Make opera fun and accessible to all children
- Encourage their creativity and confidence
- Build their cultural capital
- Support key elements of the music curriculum including understanding music, performing and listening skills

Training Day

Please note that Monday the 24th February is a training day where all teachers and teaching assistants will be working with other YCAT schools at Bilton Grange primary School on White Rose Maths training. Children return to school on Tuesday 25th February.

Photo Gallery

Internet Safety Day

The 11th of February was 'safer internet day'. To celebrate the day, all pupils took part in an assembly led by Mrs Marwood. The theme this year was "Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online." The pupils learnt about how to keep themselves safe and what to look out for when something pops up online. The KS2 pupils also took part in a live lesson, hosted by the BBC on how to identify a scam.

PTFA Valentines Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported this event today, raising **£59.65** for PTFA funds. It was lovely to see a sea of red in school.

