



Newsletter 14th July 2017

Dear Parents & Carers,

The summer holidays are fast approaching but we are still as busy as ever in school. There will be a short newsletter next week to mark the end of another successful academic year but here are a few highlights of the past fortnight and some important information for September.

Organisation of Year 5 & 6 for 2017-18

Next year, there will be 23 children in year 5 and 35 in year 6 which is a considerable difference – 6 double tables in fact!

After a lot of discussion and thought in school, we are adjusting our class organisation to address this and so will have a year 6 class and a year 5/6 class. This will mean that the year 6 class will be 30 and the year 5/6 class will be 28. The school has often had this issue in the past, and has tried a number of ways to organise it, but we feel that this is the best way.

The year 6 children and their parents who will form part of the year 5/6 class have been told. If any of you would like more information, or have any concerns, then please contact school.



Nursery Opening Times

We have listened to the views of parents of children in Nursery regarding opening at 9 am. In response to this, from September 2017 we will open from 8.50am to enable a longer drop off time and to coincide with main school timings.

Uniform

We are proud of our school and being smart in school uniform forms part of this. We would like to remind parents that school shoes are black. If your child prefers to wear trainer type shoes, then we ask that these are also black as our feet are becoming increasingly, and expensively, multi-coloured, particularly amongst the older children. This puts additional financial pressure and emotional stress on children and families to keep up with the latest trend. Thank you.



Dinners

Starting in September, the price of school dinners will increase slightly from £2.10 to £2.30. Can we also remind the parents and carers of children currently in Year 2 that once they move into Year 3 school dinners will be charged for, as free school meals are only available to children in KS1. Dinners can be paid for on ParentPay, thanks.



School Performance of Porridge



Our three performances of Porridge were a resounding success and received

excellent reviews from our audiences – even selling out completely on the last night! The children all performed brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to everyone who was involved, now peace and order is restored at Happy Valley once more!

The Great Yorkshire Show



On Wednesday our Year 4 class visited The Great Yorkshire Show. Our Green Team also went along to present our

Vegetable Box and Diary which had reached the finals. After giving a great presentation, we are very proud to say they were awarded the rosette for 'Best Decorated Vegetable Box'. The Year 4 class also had a brilliant time looking round, and happily the rain stayed away for them!

Boggle Hole

The wet weather didn't stop the Y6s from having



a great time at YHA Boggle Hole. We learnt about some of the different sea-life we found and the brave ones amongst us even managed to hold some crabs! After a cliff-top walk to Robin Hood's Bay, we were amazed by tales of Smugglers from a bygone age. What a great way to end the year!

Railway Museum



Last week our Year 1 & 2 classes enjoyed a day out at the National Railway Museum in York where they

really enjoyed having a look around all of the different trains and took part in a workshop where they went "Off to the Seaside" in costumes.



Kirkwood Hall

Years 1 and 2 were invited to a 'Hen Party' on the 13th July at Kirkwood Hall



where they met some of the residents and their pet hens! They took cards and had a drink, hen biscuits, a hen story and even a chocolate hen lollipop. It was a lovely way to spend a sunny, July morning and we hope that this will be the first of many opportunities for some of the youngest members of our community to meet some the oldest!

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who donated their Active Kids Vouchers to us. We collected 1260 vouchers and are looking forward to a delivery of beanbags, katch kups, balls and bats next term.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 18th July

Y1 & Y2 Picnic at The Shawl

Wednesday 19th July

EYFS Sports Day, 9.30 – 10.30am

Thursday 20th July Danz Bollywood one day play for KS2

Friday 21st July Leavers' Assembly

Bradley Lowery Foundation Fundraising

We are extremely happy to say that fundraising at the performances of Porridge, along with our own clothes day today, have raised £327 for the Bradley Lowery Foundation. This is a fantastic effort, and all funds will go to help children fighting cancer. Thank you so much to everyone who so kindly donated.

