



## Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy fortnight in school – spring is certainly in the air! We are extremely excited about our lovely new reception area and fantastic library. The children are already enjoying looking through the wonderful selection of books, and having a welcoming space to sit in is making a big difference to all of our visitors as well.



### School Hours

Could we please remind parents/carers that pupils should be arriving in school no earlier than 8.45am (unless attending Breakfast Club) and no later than 9am. We have a number of pupils arriving before teachers are in their rooms to supervise, and also an increasing number arriving after the school bell.

### CARS ON SCHOOL SITE

A reminder that cars must NOT be driven on to the school site at any time. This is especially important in the morning when the buses arrive, as we have parents driving into school and causing a huge safety issue as children cross the car park to get into school.



**Friday  
24 March**

To raise money for all of the incredible causes in the UK and Africa that Red Nose Day supports, we are holding a Crazy Hair Day! Next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, we will have a non-uniform day and ask everyone to come with Crazy Hair and a donation of £1 per child.

### North Country Theatre Visit

Nobby Dimon and Vivienne from North Country Theatre spent a day with years 5 and 6 reenacting part of



the history of people in the Dales who emigrated to the New World in search of a better life. If you look at the photograph, you can just see the covered wagon which formed the centrepiece. The children began the day as lead miners, then became pioneers before ending the experience negotiating with Native Americans for safe passage through the mountains! It was a day they'll never forget.

### Kit Amnesty

**Could you all have a look at home for stray PE kits as our stock is becoming seriously depleted. Thank you**

### Breakfast & After School Clubs

Due to their increasing popularity, these wrap around care services must now be booked in advance. Please contact the School Office for a booking sheet for the current term.

## SPORTING NEWS

### **Cross Country Competition**

Our KS2 runners did a fantastic job at Catterick Racecourse last week. A fantastic effort was shown by all the children and five of them made it through to the next round, after finishing in the top 8 out of 125 children in each age group. Thanks to everyone who took part and all those who helped on the day.



### **Touch Rugby Tournament**

Leyburn entered two teams from Year 5 and 6 into the rugby tournament hosted at Wensleydale Rugby Club. They both managed to end the day unbeaten. We won all three matches and saw one team move on to the next round in that event.



### **Tennis Tournament**



Year 3 and 4 children took part in a tennis competition at The Wensleydale School. The close fought competition ended with Leyburn narrowly beating Reeth and Gunnerside 2-1 in the final, adding another trophy to our growing cabinet.



### **Special Cuppa & Big Brew Event**

A very successful afternoon of drinking tea and coffee finished off Fairtrade Fortnight and raised just over £100. This will help Fairtrade to support farmers and growers around the world to earn a fair price for their crops. Thank you to the Co-op in Leyburn and to Tesco Superstore in Catterick Garrison for their very kind donations of tea, coffee and biscuits, and a huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the event.



#### **Dates for your diary:**

**Tournament of Song** Held at the Methodist Church School Rooms in Leyburn from w/c March 20<sup>th</sup> (Speech) and w/c 27<sup>th</sup> March (music). We have a large number of entries from KS2 in each category, good luck to all involved.

**Netball Tournament – 22<sup>nd</sup> March** The team is now through to the next round against schools across Richmondshire. It will take place at Richmond School on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March from 1-3pm.

#### **Canoeing Trip – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 5 will be heading to East Barnby Centre for a day of outdoor fun. If you have not yet paid, please do so via ParentPay.

#### **Easter Lunch – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

The children are invited to Easter Lunch on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The invitations and menus will be sent out via ParentMail, with an online tick box reply. Please could this be returned for ALL children even if they do usually have school dinners. Thank you.

#### **Easter Bunny Drive – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Come and join the PTFA and have some Easter fun with a Bunny Drive, raffle and refreshments.