



## Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy fortnight with lots of exciting news, events and trips. Despite the typical English summer weather, Year 6 have had a memorable time at Boggle Hole near Robin Hood's Bay, and the children in EYFS had a wonderful day at the Big Sheep and Little Cow farm feeding baby lambs. The KS2 Sport's Day was a great success, and we are also excited to be listed as finalists at The Great Yorkshire Show Vegetable Box Competition. There's no let up at Leyburn!

### Holiday Requests

The number of holiday requests has risen considerably. In total, we have had over 40 applications for leave during school time since the start of the academic year, which has a significant impact on attendance levels, lesson planning and learning in class. Whilst we appreciate that there are circumstances that lead to children needing to be out of school, we must cut down on the increasing numbers of absences that are due to holiday days.

The process is now being tightened up ready for September and we ask that everyone completes a Holiday Authorisation Form and returns it to the School Office at least 6 weeks prior to the date of any absence. The school will then issue a letter stating whether it is an authorised or unauthorised absence, based on attendance and the circumstances given. If too many unauthorised absences are recorded, further action may be taken. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

**We have reviewed and updated our arrangements for the collection of children at the end of the school day.**

**EYFS and KS1** – The children are handed by staff to parents or a responsible adult from the classroom or playground.

**KS2**- Children who walk home will do so from the top gate onto Wensleydale Avenue. The children who are to be collected from school will leave from the classroom fire exits onto the path and handed over by staff to either a parent or responsible adult. **Please could all parents wait on this path and not at the top gate. If you are running late then please inform the office as soon as possible.**

**To ensure that this arrangement is safe, efficient and successful, please could all parents confirm with school whether their child/ren have permission to walk home unaccompanied or not by completing the slips that went home by ParentMail or as a paper copy last week.** Thank you

### Nursery display & Big Sheep Little Cow Trip



The nursery children, along with Miss Bostock and Mrs Grantham, have created a fabulous farm display. They also enjoyed a trip to The Big Sheep Little Cow Farm on Thursday with the reception class which was a great success.

## The Great Yorkshire Show

The Green Team have done extremely well and have been selected as finalists in the Diary and Vegetable Box Competition at The Great Yorkshire Show. Some of our Green Team leaders, along with the Year 4 Class will be visiting the Show on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July to find out how we get along... Good Luck!



### Compost Bin success!

Excitingly, thanks to all of the hard work the Green Team have put in, the compost tumbler has worked so well that we are almost ready to use the earth it has created from our food waste. So next year our Vegetable Box may be filled with our very own compost!

### Year 1 Collection to Adopt an Animal



The Year 1 class are desperate to raise money to adopt an animal with WWF, to help protect a species such as tigers, rhinos and elephants. They have made a collection pot which has been placed in the reception area. If anyone would like to donate any spare change the Year 1 children will be so excited, thank you.

### KS2 Sports Day



On Friday 22nd June, all of the children in KS2 took part in a very successful Sports Day. The children showed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout a chilly afternoon. After running, skipping, pulling and jumping, Mrs Beveridge

announced the winning team...Dale! As well as the team race, Sinead Noon and Aidan Simpson won the girls' and boys' individual trophies. Well done to all of the children who took part!

### Dates for the Diary:

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Taster Sessions for new Reception children.

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Year 1 & 2 Trip to the National Railway Museum in York

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Picnic for the whole school.

#### KS2 Performances of Porridge

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm and 6.30pm.  
Third performance on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm. (All lasting approx. 1 hour).

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Year 4 Trip to The Great Yorkshire Show

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

KS1 Sports Day

KS2 Wensleydale Cluster Sports Event

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

EYFS Sports Day

### Would you like to be a Midday Supervisor at our wonderful school?

If so, applications are invited for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to work in our small team, monitoring pupil behaviour during the midday break to ensure a safe and caring environment. You would be required to work indoors and outdoors when supervising children to ensure their safety at all times.

Enhanced DBS will be provided.

Please call the School Office on 01969 623 187

