



Newsletter 31st March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are, with only a week to go before we break up for Easter when the children will be able to have a well-earned rest and, hopefully, some warmer weather to enjoy the longer days.

ParentPay Debits

If you have any outstanding debits on your ParentPay account, please ensure that these are cleared before the Easter holidays. If you are having any problems making payments then please speak to the School Office.

Car Park

Please do not use the school car park during the busy times at the beginning and end of the school day. We appreciate that the roads outside the school can become very busy but our car park is even busier and has the added complication of having groups of children using it to access buses, as well as nursery children and their parents. Recently, we have seen cars using the turning circle as a roundabout, parking in the entrance and also parking where the buses wait. We are unable to lock the gates at these times as the buses require access and so **we are appealing to all our parents to put the safety of pedestrians and children above other considerations.**

Thank you.

Packed lunches

School lunches are planned carefully to ensure that the children are provided with a healthy, balanced and nutritious midday meal. We have noticed that some packed lunches are including a lot of sweets and biscuits, particularly for our youngest children. We appreciate that, for some children, food choices can be a bit of a battleground but the midday staff do their best to encourage all children to eat at lunchtime and to try different tastes and foods.



Surprise Package!



We were over the moon to receive a new composter this week. St. Matthew's Church in Leyburn have ever so kindly gifted us a spinning composter, which will enable the children to begin composting some of the food waste we produce in school. They already have big plans for using the compost to grow and sell vegetables in the future. Thank you St. Matthews!

Easter Bunny Drive

On Friday the 7th of April from 6 – 8pm please come and join the PTFA for a fun family evening involving a Bunny Drive, raffle and refreshments.

Tickets cost £1.50, and you can pay at the Office or on the door.

Donations of Easter Eggs and cakes/buns would be much appreciated!



EYFS



The nursery is now home to their very own 'Room on the Broom'!

A Rocking Mother's Day in Year 2



The Year 2 children spent time last Friday decorating a selection of rocks and did

a fantastic job – there will have been a lot of happy mums on Mothering Sunday!

Share a Lesson – Year 3 & Year 4

On Thursday the 4th of May, we would like to invite the parents and carers of the Year 3 and Year 4 children to come into school and "Share a Lesson". This is a great opportunity for you to see the children in the school environment and take part in their learning. The lesson will begin at 14.35 and finish at the end of the school day.



Talk about the Dales



We were thrilled to have an assembly about the Yorkshire Dales National

Park led by Michael Briggs, dad of Connie and Cleo. The whole school listened to the history of the Park, what it offers to visitors and residents and how we can all appreciate and continue to support it.

Tournament of Song

Over the weeks commencing the 20th and 27th of March, over pupils from the school took



part in the longstanding Tournament of Song at the Methodist Hall in Leyburn. Our

entrants did a fantastic job and enjoyed the experience. A big thank you to all the parents who supported their children by rehearsing with them and taking them along to their performances AND another big thank you to Mrs Allis for organising it all so that it ran like clockwork!



Sporting News

Netball Level 2 Tournament 22nd March

The team that won the cluster netball competition in dramatic fashion took on children from all across Richmondshire in the Level 2 event held at Richmond secondary school. The team played brilliantly and finished the competition having only lost one game. They were narrowly pipped to the title by Middleton Tyas school who won on goal difference after the two schools finished the competition drawing on points.

Tag Rugby Tournament 29th March

The Leyburn school tag-rugby team were also in level 2 action this week in a competition held at Richmond rugby club. Despite being a team of year 5 children in a predominantly year 6 competition, the team more than held their own playing some superb attacking rugby. After four games unbeaten they found themselves in the final against Richmond Methodist school. Unfortunately losing 40-25 in the final. All the players should be immensely proud and will be ones to watch in the competition next year.

Yoga

The yoga sessions with Year 2 and 3 came to an end this week. It has been a fantastic experience for the children; an incredibly calming and relaxing activity.



Dates for your diary:

Canoeing Trip – Tuesday 4th April

Year 5 will be heading to East Barnby Centre for a day of outdoor fun and canoeing.

EYFS Easter Celebration – 5th April, 10.15-11.30am

At 10.15am on Wednesday 5th April the EYFS children will be in the school hall sharing what they have learned, singing some lovely Easter songs and having an Easter bonnet parade! Parents/carers, grandparents and siblings all welcome, and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Easter Lunch – Thursday 6th April We are looking forward to Easter Lunch and celebrating the end of term. If you have not replied and wish your child to have the Easter Lunch then please let the Office know by Monday afternoon. Menus were sent via ParentMail and home with children without ParentMail access.

Easter Bunny Drive – Friday 7th April 6 – 8pm

**RED
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24 March**

Red Nose Day was a great success, with lots of effort going into some wonderfully “Crazy Hair”. We raised over £300 for Comic Relief so thank you very much for all of the donations.

Nursery Changes

Some of you are now aware that Miss Laura Hennessey, our Nursery teacher, is leaving her post. We wish her every success with her future plans and thank her for all her hard work with our youngest children. We are very pleased to welcome Miss Sally Bostock to our team who will be taking on the role of Nursery teacher from 25th April.

After 12 years of working in Nursery, Mrs Nina Brittain is also leaving to take on a full time role with the Children’s Centre. We also wish her every success and thank her for all the work she has done with children and families over the years. We are currently recruiting for her post.

We send both members of staff our very best wishes for a happy future.

Mrs Gehrman has a planned absence next term and her role will be undertaken by Mrs Sarah Willis.