



Newsletter Friday 10th November 2017

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We have had another busy start and things will get even busier so don't



forget to check the dates for your diary to make sure you don't miss anything.

We also welcome our new teaching assistant, Lorraine Dixon, to our team who will be working in key stage two and a new pupil, Kathleen, who has joined us in Year 5. We are sure that they will both be very happy with us at Leyburn.

Anti-bullying Week 2017

This is between 13th and 17th November and is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The theme will promote difference and equality in schools with the tag-line "All Different, All Equal"

School Christmas Fair

This year our Christmas Fair will be held in The Methodist Hall in Leyburn on Saturday the 25th of November from 11am – 2pm. We are collecting items for the hamper and each class has been given a theme. The PTFA would like any items you are able to donate by November 15th so that they can get the hampers ready. Look out for a flyer with more information from the PTFA.



Children in Need

On Friday 17th November we invite the children to come in non-uniform (yellow clothes or spots) for a donation of £1 in order to raise money for this worthy cause.



School Choir

Our school choir has started rehearsing for their first public performance at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November and we are very grateful to Mrs Chilton who has volunteered to play the piano for us. We are planning to sing in lots of different places in and around Leyburn so watch this space! We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair!



RAF Leeming visit

Year 2 were lucky enough to visit RAF Leeming for the morning. They got a tour around the air



traffic control tower and witnessed hawk jets taking off and landing. They also took a look inside the cockpit of a hawk and two children were lucky enough to sit inside it. The children had a wonderful time and have done some brilliant art work on their return. Huge thanks to all the staff for making this wonderful experience possible for the children.

Rotary Enterprise Scheme

The after school club is busy making candles as part of the Rotary Club's fundraising campaign and would like to thank White Rose candles from Wensley who have given them a lot of expert advice and some on the spot training! The children were given £40 to set up a business and make as much money as possible in a single term. The charity which will benefit from all the money raised is Guide Dogs for the Blind and was chosen by the



children. Candles are available to buy at the school office and prices start at £2.

Sporting News:

After winning the cluster football tournament, our boys' team went through to the next round. On Wednesday the boys travelled to Richmond and came top of their group making it to the semi-finals. Despite narrowly losing to Richmond the boys did the school very proud and had a fantastic time taking part in a high level of competition. Well done, everyone!

Year 4 dental hygiene

Sandra and Penny from Leyburn Dental Practice came in To Y4 to talk about dental health and hygiene. We learned a lot from



them and asked lots of questions. After the visit, Y4 have been very keen to practice their new tooth brushing skills at

home. Thank you Sandra and Penny!

Year 3 trip to Murton

Year 3 wrapped up warmly and visited Murton Park in York on the first day back after half term. We were met off the bus by a Centurion and spent the day as Roman



Soldiers in training. Despite the cold weather we had a fantastic and informative day,

learning lots of facts about life in Roman times. It was a great start to our new topic – we were even paid for our efforts!

Lateness and absence

We have a number of children with attendance below 90% which, over a school year, equates to a month off school. Often parents don't realise that single days add up and are surprised when they find out their child's actual attendance percentage. As a result, from next week we will be sending out attendance warning letters in post. Similarly, there are a number of children who are consistently late. This has a similar impact upon their education and counts as an unauthorised absence. The parents and carers of these children will also be receiving a letter.

We appreciate that family life can be challenging at times so if either of the above are causing you difficulties, please come into school to see if we can help in any way.

Dates for the Diary:

Anti-bullying week – 13th 17th November

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

Christmas Fair – Saturday 25th November – The Methodist Hall, Leyburn

Skip2Bfit for KS1 Thursday 30th November – Catterick Leisure Centre

Flu Vaccinations – UFS-Y4 – Monday 8th Dec

Termly reports out to parents – Monday 8th December

W/b 11th December – Parents' Evenings

KS1 Nativity Performance – Tuesday 12th Dec

KS1 Pantomime Trip – Thursday 14th Dec

KS2 Pantomime Trip – Wednesday 20th Dec

Carol Service – Tuesday 21st December -St Matthew's Church

Last day of term – Friday 22nd December!