



Newsletter Friday 14th February 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

It is the end of another half term and this one means we are about half way through the academic year. We seem to have escaped any really bad weather so far, although the wind and rain last weekend caused disruption for some of our families. Fingers crossed for some warmer weather for the holiday! We hope you have a good week and we will look forward to seeing you on **Monday 24th February.**

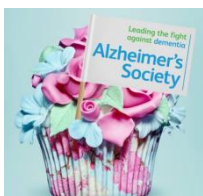
Informing school about absence

If your child is going to be absent can we please request that you do not inform us of the absence through class dojo message. These messages are not always picked up by class teachers before the end of the school day so it is much better to inform us by phoning the school office. Messages can be left when the office is closed. Thank you for your help with this.



Year of the tree – February

This month we have planted two fruit trees in our school grounds – an apple and a plum. They are over near our raised beds and will hopefully bear fruit in the future. Thank you to Mrs Bainbridge and the children who planted them last week, we hope they haven't suffered too much in the high winds this week.



Charity coffee morning

Don't forget, we are holding a charity coffee morning on Thursday 12th March at 9.15am in the school hall for Alzheimer's Society. Any cake donations or raffle prizes will be most welcome and can be given in to the school office.

Before and after school club

Mrs Willis and Miss Williams have had a very busy half term with the children who come to our breakfast and after school club. We have made amazing Aztec animals and we are building a dinosaur world, very messy but so much fun! There are lots of other activities going on such as baking, games, craft nights and fun playing outside, weather permitting of course!



Come and join us for some fun.

More information and booking forms are available from the school office.

PTFA meeting

Our PTFA is meeting on **Monday 24th February** in the Golden Lion Hotel at 6.30pm to discuss future events and fundraising.



We would love to see anyone who can help there with any new ideas you might have. Our school and its children benefit in so many ways from the extra funds our PTFA raises so your support is greatly appreciated.



Skip 2B fit

The children in year 1 and 2 travelled to Catterick Leisure centre last Monday to take part in a skipping workshop. It was great fun and we all managed to skip a bit more every time we had a turn. Who knew that skipping for 2 minutes without stopping could be such hard work?! Thanks to Dave for helping us to improve our skipping in such a fun way. Dave followed us back to our school to work with some of the children in key stage 2 doing a box 2B fit session. Everyone enjoyed trying to increase their fitness levels in a fun way.



Bowes Museum visit

As part of their history topic the reception and year 1 children had a fabulous time on their visit to Bowes Museum. They spent

time looking at some very, very old toys and a lady explained all about the different toys from over 100 years ago to present day toys. They children had the opportunity to play with a variety of traditional toys. They also had a talk about children the past having to make their own toys and then they all made a peg doll. All the children had a great day and learned a lot about how toys have changed.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday it was safer internet day and the children have been

finding out how to use the internet safely. If you would like more information about this follow this link:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/safer-internet-day-2020-top-tips>



Emotion coaching



Following our first meeting on the 6th February, we will be holding another information session on the 12th March at 4.pm, followed by a regular half-termly meeting. The first of these will be on the 26th March at 4.00 pm. Please come along – everyone is welcome.

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Thank you to **everyone** who has contributed to our resources. The children now really enjoy break times so everything you do is helping all of the children.



Dates for the Diary:

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term.
School finishes at normal time.

Monday 24th February – School reopens

Monday 24th February – PTFA meeting 6.30pm
Golden Lion

Thursday 12th March – Coffee morning 9.30am Hall
for Alzheimer's society

Friday 20th March – Termly reports out to
parents/carers

Monday 30th March – Parent/carers Consultation
meetings

3rd April – Break up for Easter. School closes at
2.30pm