

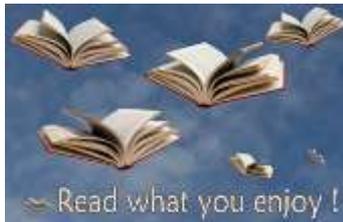


Newsletter Friday 23rd February 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable half term break and that the children are pleased to be back. We have lots of exciting things planned for the next half term so watch this space for more information and photographs.

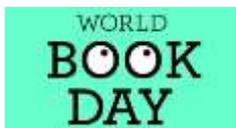
Reading for pleasure



One of our next big projects is to develop reading for pleasure across the school. Work has already

started to organise the library spaces with the help of three of our hard-working reading volunteers and a library consultant. High quality texts are expensive so we are trying to think of creative ways to make our money go as far as possible and are planning a number of fundraising events. More details will follow.

World Book Day – Thursday 1st March



Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character with a

donation of £1 to go towards our Reading for Pleasure project. We are also having a book sale of used school books and if you have any books at home that you would like to donate to this then it would be much appreciated.

On the 7th March we will be holding a cake and coffee event after school for the same

project. Please come and any donations of cakes will be very welcome!

Science Morning at The Wensleydale School

On Thursday 22nd February, five year 5 and 6 children attended a science enhancement morning with other children from primary schools in Wensleydale.

They dissected a sheep's heart and kidneys, set fire to some crisps and Jelly Babies with Bunsen burners (all primary school children become very animated when they see Bunsen burners!) and then made telescopes.

'It was very useful for young scientists everywhere' *Nicholas year 6*

'We saw the different chambers of the heart' *Abi year 6*

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to The Wensleydale School for hosting such a session.

Family Service



We have just started this this week and the early signs are that it is going well, although, as with any new initiative, there have been

some glitches! As you can imagine, it has been a lot to organise but Viv Sadler from County Caterers, who provide cooked lunches around the county, came and supported our team of kitchen staff. She has introduced this in a number of schools and said that it was one of the best starts to Family Service that she has been involved in. This is down to the behaviour of our wonderful children and we have thanked them all for being patient while we streamline and improve the service.

MSA position

Following on from the previous item, we are always keen to recruit to the lunchtime team. If you are able to commit to even one session of an hour each week, then this would be most appreciated.

The role of MSA is a crucial one to the smooth-running of the school and is also an ideal opportunity to gain experience in working with children. Please contact the school for more information.

Make up

We have noticed that more and more of our older girls are wearing make up to school. We are sure that you'll agree that this is not appropriate in primary school. Thank you.

School car park

We have noticed that some parents are using the main entrance to turn their vehicles, particularly at the end of the day. Children are taken to the buses during this time

Used school uniform

Uniform is very expensive and we have been asked by parents if we will stock nearly new uniform in school. The answer is 'Yes!' Please bring any good quality school uniform into school so that it can be available. After all, this is another effective way to 'Reduce, reuse and recycle!'

And finally....

Welcome to Lucas in Reception and Alfie in Year 5 who have recently joined our school. They have settled in really well and we are sure that they will be very happy at Leyburn.

An additional welcome to baby Allis!

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Allis welcomed her beautiful baby girl, Grace India Allis in to the world just before half term. She

weighed a whopping 9lbs so we're not sure where she was hiding that! Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Allis.

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd March	School Disco UFS & KS1 6.00pm-6.50pm Y3,4,5 & 6 – 7.00pm-8.00pm
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day
Wednesday 7th March	Coffee and cake in the In the hall after school
Thursday 22nd March	e-safety talk to parents. Timing TBC
Friday 23rd March	Termly reports to parents
w/b 26th March	Parents' Evenings
Monday 26th March	Easter Church Service at at St Matthews Church
Monday 26th March	PTFA Easter Bunny Drive
Tuesday 27th March	EYFS Easter performance
Thursday 29th March	Break up for Easter