



## Newsletter Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have almost made it through what seems like the longest month ever! Luckily for us, the time flies during the school day because we are so busy. Please keep checking the website and dates for your diary for new dates being added.

### Attendance

A letter has been sent out about attendance because we are becoming increasingly concerned about the amount of time children are absent from school or arrive late on a morning. It only takes one day a fortnight to reduce your child's attendance to 90% which means one month of school has been missed. Attendance below 90% is considered to be persistent absenteeism and we need to try and improve this. One of the ways this can be improved is to book your holidays for the 175 days during the school year that the children do not attend school. Arriving late to school can also have a negative impact on your child's education. Being late by 10 minutes every day means over a school year 32 hours are lost – this is a week of school. If you need any support with your child's absence please contact Mrs Hall as soon as possible.

### Girl's football

On Thursday, it was the turn of our girls' football team (made up of eight of our year 5 and 6 girls) to represent our School at the County Round of the Danone Nations Cup. Although disappointed not to secure a place in the next stage of the competition, our girls finished (against fierce competition) amongst the top ten teams in the whole of North Yorkshire - an excellent achievement for all the girls involved, and also for their dedicated coach, Mrs Grantham.

### Change for life festival

On Tuesday of this week, ten children from years 3 and 4 attended the Change for Life Festival hosted at Richmond School. At this fast-paced event, our team zipped round a large range of fun activities including: orienteering, tag, beach-ball challenge, beanbag slide and others. They came back to school wearing wide smiles and a collection of stickers earned for their enthusiastic participation. Well done to all involved.

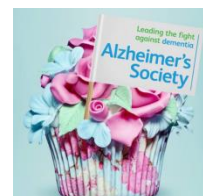
### Year of the tree

We have planted our first tree of the year, a Golden Weeping Willow. Our project is gathering momentum after Mrs Beveridge had an interview on radio 4! If you would like to listen follow this link and it's about 50 minutes in.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000d7p4>

If you can help with this initiative please get in touch with Mrs Beveridge.



### Charity coffee morning

We are holding a charity coffee morning on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Dojo communication

We hope that you are finding our Friday dojo updates useful to keep you informed about what your child has been learning during the week. Please let us know if you have any ideas of how we can improve things further.

## **Emotion coaching information session for parents/carers**

You can find out about this approach on the websites below:

<https://www.emotioncoachinguk.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KJa32r07xk>

Emotion Coaching uses moments of heightened emotion and resulting behaviour to guide and teach the child and young person about more effective responses. Through empathetic engagement, the child's emotional state is verbally acknowledged and validated, promoting a sense of security and feeling 'felt'. This activates changes in the child's neurological system and allows the child to calm down, physiologically and psychologically.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 4.00pm, we will be holding a short information session to explain our approach to managing children's emotions and behaviour through this approach. We have some parents already using these methods and feedback has been very positive.

### **Dates for the Diary:**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – UFS/Y1 trip to Bowes museum

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Emotion Coaching for parents

Monday 10th February - KS1 Skipping Festival at Catterick Leisure Centre

Tuesday 11th February – Safer internet day

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

Monday 24th February – School reopens

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

Monday 30th March – Parent/carers Consultation meetings Friday

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