



Newsletter Friday 24th November 2017

Dear Parents & Carers,

It seems unbelievable that two weeks have passed since our last newsletter, but time flies when you are having fun! We've had another busy fortnight.



Staff from Leyburn and Hawes have had two training sessions with Ashleigh from Compass Buzz to develop our awareness of children's mental health and emotional well-being. More information and support can be found here; <http://www.compass-uk.org/northyorkshirehealthandwellbeingproject/>

Online Safety

Increasingly, this is becoming difficult for parents and carers to remain fully informed and up to date. As part of our safeguarding, we will be sending home regular updates and ways to access support and information. Even young children need to learn how to keep themselves safe online.



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

The above website provides helpful advice and tools that a parent/carer can use to help keep their child safe online. They have downloadable guides for parents/carers on various social media sites like: Instagram, Whatsapp, youtube etc They also have some useful films for parents to watch about the risks online and how to talk to their children about this issue.

Children in Need

On Friday 17th November we raised an impressive £200 by dressing in spots or yellow. There were some very creative t-shirt designs. Well done everyone!



School Disco

Our school disco was a great success two weeks ago and over £300 was raised at this event for the PTFA funds. All the children directly benefit from the brilliant work the PTFA do and we are very grateful to them for all their hard work. Thank you for all of your support with the events too.



School Christmas Fair

A huge thank you for all the donations you have sent in to school for the hampers. Don't forget to call in to our Christmas Fair in the Methodist Hall in Leyburn on Saturday from 11am-2pm to buy a ticket to be in with a chance of winning one of the themed hampers or a raffle prize. There will also be a variety of different stalls to buy from, including our after school club and Santa's Elves will be there too! It will be lovely to see you there to support the choir for their first public performance and get in to the festive spirit!

Friday 15th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

As the countdown to Christmas begins we are looking forward to seeing everyone in their Christmas jumpers on Friday 15th to support Save the Children. May we suggest a voluntary donation of £1 for this worthy cause. We will be enjoying our



Christmas lunch on the same day, you should have received a parent mail to order your Christmas lunch. Please contact the office if you have any problems.

Sporting News:

A few weeks ago, two of our netball teams took part in a netball tournament at Askrigg. As well as playing netball games, we also took part in small team games and the organisers were incredibly impressed with our teamwork and the way we supported each other. One of our teams made it to the final where Hawes took the cluster title. We will be going through to the next round with Hawes so watch this space! Well done everyone for representing the school so professionally.

Year 6 visit from a local journalist

Last week, a very important visitor from Richmondshire Today came in to talk to Year 6 about his work as a writer and a journalist. Mr Willis explained how he decides what constitutes the 'news' and how he would find out more information about it. Before we could become journalists, we had to sit a short test to see if our grammar and spellings knowledge was up to the job! I think it's fair to say, we passed with flying colours! Year 6 would like to say a big thank you to Mr Willis for offering to tell us more about his job; it really did give us more of an insight into the life of a news reporter.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that the Child Immunisation team will be visiting school on the morning of Friday 8th December to provide the flu vaccination to children in UFS – Y4. Please make sure you have completed the online form (sent via ParentMail) whether you wish your child to have the vaccination or not ASAP.

School Lunches

Our school cook, Mrs Maughan would like to remind parents and children that they are welcome to have a school dinner on any day that they choose! Fun Friday fish and chips seems to be popular at the moment and all for £2.30.

Calling all potential MSAs!

We are still on the look out for new staff to supervise the children at lunchtime. Even if you are only able to work for one lunch time a week, we will welcome you with open arms, so please contact the school office.



Dates for the Diary:

Christmas Fair – Saturday 25th November – The Methodist Hall, Leyburn
Skip2Bfit for KS1 Thursday 30th November – Catterick Leisure Centre
Flu Vaccinations – UFS-Y4 – Friday 8th December
Termly reports out to parents – Friday 8th December
W/b 11th December – Parents' Evenings
KS1 Nativity Performance – Tuesday 12th December
Choir singing at Kirkwood Hall – Wednesday 12th December
KS1 Pantomime Trip – Thursday 14th December
Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15th December
Choir singing at Leyburn Market – Friday 15th December
Christmas Lunch – Friday 15th December
KS2 Pantomime Trip – Wednesday 20th December
Carol Service at St Matthew's Church – Tuesday 21st December
Last day of term – Friday 22nd December!