



## Newsletter Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had another very busy fortnight and, once again, would really like to thank you all for your patience and support.

### The School Gates.

We are all getting to grips with the gates, including the one into nursery which certainly seems to have a mind of its own. We are doing all we can to make sure that visitors are inconvenienced as little as possible so thank you for your patience and good humour as we become electrical engineers!

**It would be very helpful if any one coming to school would give the gate time to open, which it SHOULD/WILL do automatically, after a very short delay. When the gate is pulled, this appears to interfere with the mechanism and it stays shut, adding to the general amusement/frustration/exasperation we have all experienced.**

Overall, the fencing and gates have really improved our site safety, particularly in the school car park and at the entrance to the top of the school, so we are very pleased to have the installation completed.

### Emergency contact details

Please make sure that the office has your current phone numbers and emails. We have had some difficulties contacting parents and carers recently. Luckily, the issues have not been emergencies but, should your child have an accident in school, this could cause unnecessary distress to both you and your child. Thank you.



On 31<sup>st</sup> January, the children in years 3,4 and 6 all took part in workshops to find out about Hinduism. The Learning Zone was transformed into a Hindu shrine and the children dressed up and learned dances, stories and rituals.

It was a great way to learn about this ancient and important religion. It ended with a whole school assembly so everyone in school, including our nursery children, were able to share in the experience.



### Children's Mental Health Week.

To support this national focus, we will be having a non-uniform day on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** with the theme,

**'Dress to Express Yourself'**, along with a donation of £2 to support this essential work. We look forward to seeing what the children come up with!





The children in year 3 have had a busy two weeks and have been really developing their skills in working with clay. It began with having a go and seeing what they could come up with and ended with them making very impressive hedgehogs.



#### **NYCC Music Service.**

On Thursday, the County Music Service came and performed to the whole school. It was a real musical extravaganza and all children, from nursery to year 6, were enthralled for nearly an hour. A lot of children expressed an interest in learning a musical instrument and details are available from the office.



We have all been thinking about tolerance and respect and have used the above as a good way to judge our actions and words, including those online. The children have really taken this sentiment of this on board and are recognising kindness in each other.

And finally...



We would like to welcome Ruth Kirkbride, parent of Buckley and Billie, to our Governing Body. We welcome her expertise and commitment in continuing to strengthen our school.

We would also like to welcome Lily to year 6 who has joined our school this week. We are sure that she will be very happy with us at Leyburn Primary School.