

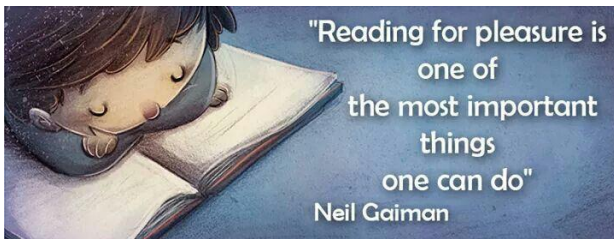


## Newsletter Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

The second half of the autumn term is always a busy one in school with lots to look forward to.

### Reading for pleasure



Reading is a key priority for all primary schools and Leyburn is no exception. You may have read about [the decline in children reading for pleasure](#) and our focus has always been on ensuring that we do all we can to provide children with great books and lots of opportunities to read them!



We had our first book swap this morning in KS1 – it was a huge success and lovely to hear a real ‘buzz around books’.



Thank you to everyone who came along and shared books with their children.

### Reading at Home

We have sent a poster with ideas to support and, more importantly, **enjoy** reading with your child/ren at home. One strategy is Book Chat and here are some ideas to encourage this:

**Book Chat**  
Developing a Love of Reading

I wonder what's going to happen?  
Oh no, I hope she's not going to...  
I wonder why he did that?  
I think he's feeling...  
We love sausages too, don't we!  
That reminds me of when...  
Ahh, that word means...  
What can we see there?  
That looks like our park, but...

Book Chat encourages readers. Open questions, comments and prompts get the Book Chat going. Invite your child to make connections and share views. Join in with your thoughts too!

Book Chat develops language, comprehension and pleasure.

For more information visit:  
[bit.ly/RfPHome](https://bit.ly/RfPHome)

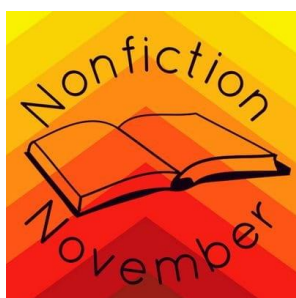
The Open University

The School Council weekly update:

Last Friday, the School Council held a coffee morning for Cancer Research. We raised £250 and enjoyed meeting lots of parents. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their cake donations and for helping us to raise money for this fantastic charity.



### Non-Fiction November



This year the theme is **Why Don't You? (Hobbies and Leisure)** and we'd love to hear from you!

If you have any skills or hobbies that you would like to share with the children, then please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a time to come in. We have books about chess, origami, magic tricks and some of us are very keen to learn to crotchet!



Please get in touch as we know that we have many skilled parents, grandparents and friends who have a lot to offer the children.

### Kindness by Post

<https://kindnessbypost.org/takepart>

Loneliness can affect us all at times and sometimes the smallest gesture can make all the difference. Why not cheer up a stranger's day by taking part in the Kindness by Post project. Let us know how you get on!

### Dates for the dairy:

Anti-bullying week – 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> November

15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

20<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3/4 football

### Christmas begins!



3<sup>rd</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 2-3 pm

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5<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 skipping festival

5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas plays for all children

12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper/hat day and Christmas lunch day.

12<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Secret Santa

13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Craft afternoon

w/b 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas parties

16<sup>th</sup> December – Rocksteady Concert 10.00 am

20<sup>th</sup> December - St Matthew's Christmas Service – 1.30 pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for Christmas**