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Newsletter 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Council

Our school council, made up of pupil representatives from all classes from year 1 to year 6, meet every two weeks and discuss a range of topics with a focus on making school better for our children. In all classrooms suggestion boxes and worry boxes allow children the opportunity to offer suggestions/concerns as a class or as an individual. These are then brought to the meeting and form the basis of some of the discussions and ideas that the school council raise. These ideas are fed back to staff by Mrs. Hall and Miss Gardner at staff meetings.

This week, school council discussed ways in which school could reward pupils who achieve 100% attendance on a short term basis. The children came up with the idea of holding a weekly raffle whereby the names of every child who attends school all week are put into a bag and selected at random. The winner receives a voucher/token for that week. The names are renewed every week, giving all children who attend school regularly, the chance to receive a prize. This idea has been successfully pitched to school leaders and the new reward system, aimed at improving incentives for 100% attendance will be introduced during the first week back after the half term. Well done school council!

A suggestion box for parents can be found in the reception area of school's main entrance.

Letters to parents

We are aware that lots of information is given to parents by school and we are trying to reduce the amount of paper copied letters parents receive. Wherever possible, school will send letters to parents via email unless we require a consent form to be returned. If you have more than one child in school, the youngest child in your family should be the only one who receives a general letter (i.e. newsletters). If this is not happening, could you please inform office staff.

We are also trying to share information through the school website and on notice boards in and around school in an attempt to improve communication.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday this week, Mr. Lowe and Miss Lea led an assembly which raised the children's awareness of being safe on the internet and what to do if they see or hear something that upsets, worries or concerns them. Some classes in Key Stage 2 have already been visited by PSCO Luke Carson this week who has talked to children about safety on the internet and the effects of cyberbullying. After the holidays, he will continue to work with staff and pupils, providing information linked to raising the profile of safety on the internet.

Mr. Lowe has provided suggestions for useful websites for parents and children:

<http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents/> and <http://www.childnet.com>. If parents would like further information about E-Safety, please contact your child's class teacher or Mr. Lowe/Miss Lea who are the school's E-Safety Leaders.

Thank you to parents who attended the E-Safety meeting on **Wednesday 7th February**.

Dance Tournament

Well done all pupils who participated in the dance competition held at Buttershaw Business and Enterprise Centre on Saturday 27 January. Over 50 of our pupils from KS2 competed in the event after weeks of coaching from Mrs. Pedley and Mrs. Horrocks. Pupils of all ages and abilities were encouraged to participate and it was a great opportunity for children to become involved in a local competition.



The group were awarded Best Set Design and Best Theme for their interpretation of Coal Mining through the decades. Well done children!

Thank you to all parents who attended the show and supported the children throughout the event. A special thank you to Mrs. Horrocks and Mrs. Pedley for running the after school club and organising entry to the competition and all of the 'background' staff who helped with costumes, set design and props.

School Trips

Last week, our year 2 classes visited the Chocolate Story in York. They had a wonderful day learning how chocolate is made and returned to school with bags full of goodies including 'lickable wallpaper!'

Our year 3 children visited Bradford Cathedral last week. The visit consolidated the work the children have been doing in their Religious Education lessons and provided them with a deeper understanding of Christian places of worship and some of the customs and practices of the faith.

Today our year 6 pupils are at Danelaw, learning first-hand what it would have been like for the Viking settlers during the first century. They will be involved in re-enactments of the daily routines for the 'common' Viking and the Viking soldiers, preparing for battle and tending the crops. We are sure that they will be thoroughly exhausted on their return!

Thank you to all parent helpers and staff who make trips like these possible and enjoyable for the children.

BCFC Penalty Shoot Out

On **Friday 26 January**, a representative from BCFC provided information in assembly about our annual Penalty Shoot Out sponsored event. Parents should have received a letter and a sponsor form which provides more details about this.

The Penalty Shoot Out will be on **Wednesday 21 February** which is during the first week back after the half term break. On this day, the children will be exercising their goal scoring skills against Billy Bantam, trying to score as many penalties as they can. Sponsor forms need to be brought to school on that Wednesday.

The deadline for sponsor money is **Friday 16 March** and can be paid directly to school or via Parent Pay. For further details, please see your child's class teacher or a member of staff in the office.

School Dinners

At lunchtime the kitchen staff try to link menu ideas with annual festivals, important events and significant holiday themes. They do this by decorating the dining hall, dressing up in costume and preparing food for children linked to a particular theme. This week, to celebrate the Chinese New Year, the children were given a Chinese option in addition to their usual menu choice. During week commencing **26 February**, an Indian food selection will be on the menu and is linked to our World Book Day celebrations. There will be other options on the menu on that day too.

World Book Day

Mrs. Russell (6R), Miss Gardner (RG) and Mrs. Rashid are busy organising activities for World Book Day which is on **Thursday 1 March**. There was a fabulous response to this last year and the whole school had their photograph taken for a T & A feature. Children can come to school dressed as any book character. Our theme this year is stories from around the world, however we do not want parents to feel any unnecessary pressure to go and buy costumes related to this theme. Parents should have received additional information in a separate letter via email yesterday. Parents of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited into school on the evening of the **1 March** to share bedtime stories together.

Diary Date Reminders

Mid Term Reports on pupil progress will go out to parents on **Friday March 9** and will provide information on your child's attainment, effort and behaviour at this mid- point through the academic year. You will have an opportunity to discuss this with your child's class teacher at the Parent Consultation evenings.

Penalty Shoot Out – **Wednesday 21 February**

Reception class trip to the Rainbow factory – **Thursday 22 February**

World Book Day – **Thursday 1 March**



Parent Consultation Evenings – Spring Term

Tuesday 13 March: 3:45pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday 14 March: 3:45pm – 7:00pm

Parents will be able to sign up for an appointment to see their child's class teacher from Monday 26th February.

Please also see the calendar on the school website for upcoming events and dates

Class Assemblies for Spring Term 2018

Parents are welcome to attend our class assemblies held on Fridays at 2.45pm. **Please note: For child protection reasons we request that photos and videos should be used for personal use only and not shared on social media. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.'**

9 February: RG 23 February: 6R 2 March: 6G 9 March: 3R 16 March: 3H 23 March: 5R

Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	29 January and 5 February
6G	Evelyn Wild and Meghan Sheridan
6R	Amelia Chellam and Millie Bell
5R	Cole Parnham and Amelie Haxby
5L	Gracie Lumb and Luke Toft
4L	Elliot Pedersen-Stead and Bethany Gibson
4J	Ellie Sherriff and Cleo-Henderson North
3R	Zack Agar and Elana Brooksbank
3H	Muhammad Aman and Lily-Mae Yarwood
2S	Summer Vanderboon and Alfie Dobson
2P	Olivia Walmsley and the whole class
1W	Tilly Robinson and Oscar Williams
1P	Lyla Waterhouse and Mia Stockdill
RG	Manraj Bagri, Charlotte Grattan and Cole Doherty
RD	Dilan Bath and the whole class

Class Attendance trophy winners 29 January: 3H and 4J with 98.7 %

Class Attendance trophy winners 6 February: 2S with 98%

School closes for half term on Friday 9 February at 3.15pm and re opens on Monday 19 February at 8.45am.

Please ensure all water bottles, PE kits and lunch boxes are taken home during the half term.

Enjoy the holidays!

T. Patterson
Headteacher

L. Keighley
Head of School

