



Monday 23rd April 2018

New Playground for Early Years

We hope that you enjoyed the Easter break and enjoyed some family time together. In school we were busy having the Reception Playground reorganised and extended. Sadly, it took a little longer to complete due to the bad weather but it was well worth the wait and looks amazing thanks to Newby Leisure... we are just awaiting some chickens, a den cover and a sandpit cover for our giant sandpit.

The playground will have a great impact on learning in the Foundation Stage. Children will be turn taking, sharing, digging, transporting, balancing, negotiating and developing upper core strength...all the things needed to be good writer! By the end of reception children are expected to: *'show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements. They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. They handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.'* We know this space will aid our children's progress.

We have had a new fence added to ensure the safety of our children. Reception parents will wait at the gate each morning and each class will now be collected from the gate, thank you. The gate and fence in the nursery entrance has also been re-located to give the nursery children a larger play space, this is no longer a thoroughfare and is padlocked for the safety and security of the children during the morning, end of day and lunchtime transition.



Scrumdiddlyumptious!



Year 3 had a very exciting but educational trip at the York Chocolate Story on Friday where they learnt about the journey of chocolate.

In the morning, the children had a tour of the museum where they found out about the origins of chocolate. The children then made their own chocolate lollies and decorated them with a variety of toppings. After lunch, the children discussed the story 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and designed a new machine for the factory. The children then created their own edible marshmallow-flavoured chocolate wallpaper.

The children showed respect, good listening skills and used impeccable manners for the whole day and we were very proud of them. **Miss Reynolds, Mrs Bowes-Charles and the Y3 Team**

Vacancies...

We have two vacancies in school for the role of a Lunchtime Assistant. This role involves collecting a class from their classroom, escorting them to the hall, assisting them with cutting etc, mopping up spills, ensuring children adhere to the behaviour policy and playing with and supervising children in the playground.

Application packs are available to collect from the school office. Successful candidates will need to provide two references and have a DBS check.

Post 1: Mon-Friday 12-1pm (5 hours per week)

Post 2: Mon-Friday 11am-12.30 (7.5 hours per week supervising Nursery children)

Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th April - Y5 walk to Aldi

Friday 27th April 2018- Problem solving and reasoning parents session 9.30am

Monday 7th May – School Closed – May Day

Monday 14th May – Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 18th May – Year 2 SATs start

Monday 4th June – School Closed – Training Day

Sunscreen

Last week, I asked that all sun creams were sent home due to the time being spent on staff applying the lotion during lesson time. We have asked that parents/carers apply lotion to their child first thing in the morning before coming to school. A number of parents/carers of children with very fair skin came to see me on Friday, which has led me to re-think and create a **Sun Protection Policy**. Thank you for coming in to speak to me.



We are still asking that sunscreen should be applied prior to coming to school to all exposed skin, including the face, neck and ears each morning and that your child is sent with a brimmed hat to prevent burning of the scalp and water bottle to ensure they are hydrated throughout the day.

The Sun Protection Policy promotes the self-administration of sunscreen by pupils. Most children, apart from the very youngest (those in Nursery and Reception) and those with Special Educational Needs, will be able to do so under supervision. The teacher unions make it clear that teachers cannot be required to apply sunscreen to pupils due to the potential for allegations of abuse and, in particular, the time it would take to apply sunscreen to a class of pupils prior to breaktime or lunchtime. We are therefore asking any parent/carer wishing for sunscreen to be applied at lunchtime to complete the attached form and hand it to your **child's class teacher** with their name clearly marked on the bottle.

Cashless...

We no longer accept money into school for Breakfast Club, dinner money or trip payments. **Staff must not be handling money under the Leeds Cash Handling guidelines. Many schools in Leeds also operate this system and take no cash.**

All payments must be made via the Teachers2parents School Money app **OR** via pay point machines which are situated at various establishments. If you require your child's login details, passwords or pay point barcodes, please contact the school office direct.

Thank you to those parents who have transferred to the system over Easter to make payments to school. If you have need any assistance, please do give school a call or pop into school.

Mrs Wood and the Office Staff

Budding Actors

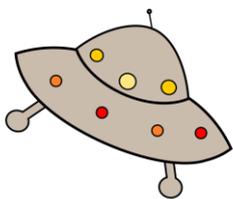
Year 6 had a great introduction to Shakespeare's **Macbeth** on Monday and Tuesday.

The play opened with three witches planning a meeting with the Scottish nobleman Macbeth, who at that moment is fighting in a great battle. When the battle was over, Macbeth and his friend Banquo came across the witches who offered them three predictions: that Macbeth will become Thane of Cawdor and King of Scotland, and that Banquo's descendants will become kings.

Year 6 had a great day. I look forward to reading their writing over the next few weeks.



Interesting Fact: Today is Shakespeare's birthday. He was born on April 23, 1564, and died on the same day in 1616.



Alien Crash Landing!

On Monday, Y1 discovered that an alien had crash landed in their playground! They have been writing letters and posters ever since to try and find Beegu the alien's mummy and daddy!

