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## Newsletter 6 Autumn Term



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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It has been a slightly quieter week with the Sharks away at Yenworthy and it has been great to hear of their exciting activities. The rest of the school has been busy as usual. The Tiddlers and Minnows have been exploring space in preparation for their new topic next half term. In the Sticklebacks class the children have been researching Mary Anning, the 19<sup>th</sup> century paleontologist. The Seahorses have been showing great confidence in maths, especially in learning their 2, 3, 4 and 5 times tables. The Stingrays class has created a class river collage and the children have written leaflets to answer the question "Where does water come from?"

### ***Primary Leadership Team***

The PLT would like to have a small budget (£100) to use and are keen to see if any local businesses would help. If you know anyone who may be able to, please get in touch with the school office.

### ***"Love Your Learning"***

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers in the classrooms this morning, with the children so excited to share their learning. Thank you to those who were able to take the time to stay at school. We will be having one of these each half term.

### ***Attendance***

#### ***Illness***

There have been a number of coughs and colds going around this term, some of which may not warrant a child being off school. We do encourage you to send your child to school where possible and we are happy to administer a prescribed medicine; the office will provide you with a form to complete. It remains the standard 48-hour policy for children with sickness bugs to remain off school for this period.

#### ***Holiday Requests***

We have had a number of holiday requests during this past term and, whilst we appreciate that some parents have to fit in leave from work when they can, it is disruptive for the child to have time away from school and has an impact for the teacher. All family holidays are unauthorised, which is Local Authority policy, and absenteeism may be followed up. We appreciate your support in this.

### ***NSPCC Fundraising***

Thank you to all of you who supported your child's efforts in the fundraising cross country event last week. So far we have raised a staggering amount of £1,366.00! We are still receiving a few forms; please make sure that yours is brought in by the 30<sup>th</sup> as the remaining forms will be collected then.

### ***Yenworthy Residential***

The Year 6 children have had a wonderful week down at Yenworthy, despite the week starting off very wet and muddy. They have spent the days doing a wide range of activities; walking on the misty moors, negotiating the ropes course and mazes, shooting down zip wires, beach-exploring, rock-pooling, cliff-climbing, and surfing at Putsborough Beach in glorious sunshine. I am sure that parents and carers will be very glad to see the children return this evening, in spite of the large quantity of washing arriving with them! Updates and photographs are on our school Facebook page.

### ***"Child of the Week"***

Some of the children's names may not appear under the "Child of the Week" because they have been excluded from appearing in the school newsletter. Well done to the following who received certificates this week :

<i>Minnows</i>	Olivia Kerins-Mills
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Florence Edwards and Harrison Thorpe
<i>Seahorses</i>	Mya Green and Toby Newall
<i>Stingrays</i>	Ellie O'Gorman and Chloe Beeney
<i>Sharks</i>	Away

### ***Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools***

Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools is an easy, efficient way for the school to earn some much needed cash and, as a real bonus, it is a 100% efficient recycling process. As a school we have decided to take part in this initiative by asking all of you who have unwanted clothes, shoes, linen, etc, to start collecting them over half term. Please remember that all the clothing becomes affordable and is **reused**, so think whether it is clean, dry, and something you'd wear again yourself or pass on to your family or friends to wear. We shall be providing bags next month, although any bin bags can be used, and all bags will be collected from the school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. They will be weighed and we will be given payment for each kilogram collected. Flyers will be sent out in due course.

#### **ITEMS THAT CAN GO IN THE BAGS**

- ✓ Adults' and children's clothes
- ✓ Paired shoes and footwear
- ✓ Soft toys and unwanted gifts
- ✓ Bath and hand towels
- ✓ Belts and handbags
- ✓ Jewellery and accessories
- ✓ Bedding and household linen

#### **ITEMS THAT CAN'T GO IN THE BAGS**

- X School uniform
- X Curtains, pillow or duvets
- X School sports kit
- X Bric-a-brac or books

### ***Events the Week after Half Term***

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Inset Day</i>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Children BACK TO SCHOOL</i>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>FoFS Fireworks Night</i>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Years 3 and 4 County Football Final</i>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Years 1 to 6 Cross Country Event</i>

### ***FoFS Fireworks Night***

The annual Fireworks Night takes place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November and, as per the email already sent out, FoFS are still looking for volunteers. Help is required with the following :

- Set up on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 12.30pm onwards, which includes bonfire building and general set up of stalls
- Volunteers to assist with hot drinks, Name the Guy, cakes and bar stalls
- Tidy up after the event on Sunday evening
- Relaying the turf on either the Tuesday or Wednesday post event.

If anyone is able to put themselves forward, please pop it on to your firework ticket request form or speak to Carly Dayus, Rebecca Kyte, Charlotte Robson, Liz England or Caroline Blake. Your support will be much appreciated!

I wish you a peaceful and enjoyable half term.

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**

*Headteacher*

### **SCHOOL DIARY**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – HALF TERM STARTS**

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET day**

**Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Back to School**

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – FoFS Fireworks**

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Years 1 to 6 Cross Country**

**Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Whole School Trip to Think Tank**

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – FoFS Christmas Fayre**

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 3/4 Girls' Football Focus**

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Christmas Disco**

**Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 4/5 Advent Experience at St Olave's**

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – FoFS Secret Present Room**

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 5/6 Swimming Gala**

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Community Tea Party**

**Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS Nativity**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Church Carol Service**