



Dear Parents and Friends,
 Well, the beautiful sunshine didn't last as we come to the end of a week battling strong winds, flooding and snow. We do hope that those affected haven't suffered too much damage. We would like to thank you all for your support over the last half term and hope that you all have a wonderful half term.

Skip2Bfit

Mr Stokes writes:

Bright and early on Monday morning, our Y1/2 children met their peers from across Wensleydale at Catterick Leisure Centre to take part in the fantastic Skip2Bfit event.



The energetic instructor led the children in an enjoyable warm up session, discussed endurance and perseverance with them and also had a good chat about believing in themselves.

We then moved on to using the counting skipping ropes, and the children (and staff) were challenged to improve their scores over several 2 minute sessions.

It was fantastic to watch the children working hard and having such great fun at the same time. We will be purchasing some of the counting skipping ropes for the children to carry on the Skip2Bfit 2 minute challenge across the federation.

SIAMS inspection report Bainbridge School

Earlier in the week we were delighted to share the SIAMS report for Bainbridge School with Parents and Carers, we have been graded 'good' for both our collective worship and Christian vision.

'Good' is the highest grade an inspector can award under the new inspection framework. In order to achieve an 'excellent' grade schools have to achieve a 'good' grade and then make an application to SIAMS to show innovative practice

Please find the full report on our BAWB schools website.

Y1 Geography trip

Mr Scrafton writes:

On Tuesday 11th February, the Herons visited Richmond to compare the human physical geography of a town with that of their local village. The Herons visited



an impressive example of human physical geography, St Mary's Parish Church, before walking around Richmond, recording the human features of Richmond town. In spite of the snow the children had a great time.



The children were very excited to visit another example of human physical geography, a play park. "It is a bigger park as it is in a town," explained Sam.

Thank you to Mr Scrafton for organising the visit and to all of the staff and pupils for braving the weather that day!

Calling all Robins....



The Robins are going to be making Easter gardens after the half term holiday so please can parents send in any plastic mushroom tubs (the ones that don't go in the recycling) or something similar and the little round plastic washing liquid dosing balls that go in the machine. They are also going to need moss for anyone willing to bring some in!

The Great Yorkshire Show Vegetable Box Competition



We are pleased to announce that we have taken delivery of our packs for the Vegetable Box Competition taking place

at the Great Yorkshire Show this year.

In order to reduce the weight and fill out the box, which is set on a pallet, Mr Stokes is asking if anyone has any big chunks of packing polystyrene going spare.

He would appreciate them over at Askrigg and West Burton. Thank you in advance.

Tour De Yorkshire Competition



Please find attached to this week's newsletter details of an exciting Tour De Yorkshire competition. The competition this year is to design an A4 size poster to help reduce litter left by spectators along the route.

The winning poster will be printed and displayed on the side of a Biffa waste disposal vehicle that will be part of the publicity caravan. The winner will also receive 4

tickets (2 x adult, 2 children) for a VIP start or finish experience.

Entries should be returned to Mr Stokes before the 27th of March, so we can send all of our posters off together. Thank you in advance.


Y5/6 East Barnby residential trip

Please be aware we now have a time booked for a representative to come from the East Barnby centre to discuss with parents the upcoming trip.

It will take place **28.02.20 at West Burton School at 5pm.**

World Book Day – PTFA Event – 5 March

A message from BAWB PTFA.....

 *Bring your children to Bainbridge school on Thursday 5 March at 5:30pm, dressed in their pyjamas and with a blanket and a teddy, to enjoy a story reading evening. Hot chocolate and a cookie will be served. The cost will be £1.00 and tickets will shortly be available from all of our schools. A member of staff will read a story – any suggestions from parents and pupils welcome as long as it is age appropriate. This event is for school age children only.*

Continuing the theme of bedtime stories we would also like children to come to school that day in their pyjamas with their favourite bedtime story.

There will be a class book swap, please can your child/ren bring a book they would like to swap **before** Thursday 5th March so that it can be set up for the start of the day.

Sponsored read

Over half term and the following week, we are challenging your children to take part in a sponsored read / listen for World Book Day. All the children will be bringing home a letter, a reading log and a sponsorship form. We are challenging them to try and read every day over the half term and for friends, parents, carers, grandmas and grandads to sponsor them to do so! All the money raised will go towards buying new books for school, with Usbourne books giving us free books up to the value of 25% of the money raised. A big thanks to one of our parents Vicky Whitehead, of Dales Books, who has kindly organised it all for us.

Phonics books to Gambia



As most of you will be aware, we have introduced a phonics scheme in our schools and have invested in some new books to support it as a lot of our old books are not properly aligned to this

scheme. However, we didn't want all those old books to go to waste ... luckily Mr Oliver from the Wensleydale Rotary Club has come to the rescue! This week, he kindly collected all our old books and he will be arranging for them to be donated to schools in the Gambia, where they are in desperate need of reading books for children. It is wonderful to think that we are able to support children in distant countries in this way.

Weekly Class Attendance	
Robins @ Bainbridge (YR only) – Mrs Johnston / Mrs Loughlin	95%
Owls @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	96%
Golden Eagles @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	98.6%
Merlins @ Askrigg – Mr Greenway	98.5%
Swallows @ West Burton – Mr Scrafton	100%
Skylarks @ West Burton – Miss Collins	97.1%

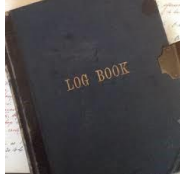
This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Joseph Mc.
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Eva
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Erin and Chloe
Tidiest Classroom Award	Skylarks
Best Class Attendance	Swallows

E. Harrison

Eleanor Harrison

M Price

Maxine Price



From the Log Books

School log books are held in our schools and they are a marvellous record of social, and educational, history. We will reproduce extracts in this section.

This week's is from **West Burton's** log books:

05.02.1877 – 09.02.1877 – During the past week the weather has been very stormy which has had a bad effect upon the attendance.

10.02.1903 – The Master absent this afternoon and all day yesterday suffering from influenza

14.02.1979 – Heavy snow prevented staff and children from reaching the school. School was closed until after the Half Term holiday.



West Burton's Newsflash

Last Thursday, we did the Big Garden Bird Watch for the RSPB. We took it in turns to go and watch birds on the bird feeder and we wrote down the ones we saw. Here are some quotes from our Eco Warriors.

Erin said: "We had lots of fun on Thursday looking for different species of birds and we found that crows are the most frequent!"

Josie said: "We had tonnes of fun finding all the birds! There were a lot of house sparrows and crows as well."

"I was delighted by the number of birds we saw," Mrs Fawcett said. We loved doing the bird watch. Lizzie said, "I discovered lots of new types of birds."

Lizzie also did an amazing Time to Shine presentation about her cat, Luna. She did a quiz at the end and even brought in some chocolate for us.

By Abigail and Chloe



So how fitting that we end our term on Valentine's Day as our school is full of Love. We know this, we have always known this but higher authorities have acknowledged this in our recent SIAMS inspection.

The key things are that '**children flourish**' and are '**members of this close-knit yet outward looking rural school community (and they) really do love their neighbours as themselves**'
'**Pupils know that everyone is treated with equal value.**'

We also wish to thank you all for being our community that promotes love and respect for each other.

And an especially big Thank You to Rev Dave, Rev Tom and Sarah 'the clergy are with us every step of the way'

Of course the highest Authority of all already knew this!

Have a marvellous half term xxxx

Pancake day when we come back!



Askrigg's Journalism Column

In maths this week the Merlins have been looking at addition and subtraction. Merlins have also been getting excited about our voluntary homework challenge. Teddy Said "I'm looking forward to getting the house points for completing the tasks."

In English, we have been using parenthesis to add detail to our fractured fairy tales.

In the Golden Eagles class Willow said "I liked sealing our clay models with glue to make them more shinny."

Eva said "I have enjoyed playing in the snow this week!"

We are excited for the half-term holiday and maybe we can go sledging.

Teddy & Rosalyn

BAINBRIDGE NEWS

Bainbridge C of E Primary and Nursery School, Bainbridge, North Yorkshire, DL8 3EL

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Headlice – there is still an ongoing issue with headlice in Bainbridge now affecting the nursery. Please can all parents check and treat where found and ensure you are checking weekly to stop the spread. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

ASKRIGG NEWS

Askrigg VC Primary School, Yorebridge, Askrigg, North Yorkshire, DL8 3BJ

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Lost - "fit bit" style black children's watch. Lost the end of January at school. Please would you be so kind and check P.E bags/school bags and If found please return to Mrs Gamble or any school office. Thanks!

WEST BURTON NEWS

West Burton C of E Primary School, West Burton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 4JY

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BAWB PTFA News



Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM and meeting on Wednesday 12 February. We are pleased to announce that a new Constitution has been adopted and a new committee elected. The Committee are:

Chair – Steve Bowen
Vice Chair – Karen Raven
Treasurer – Deb Wood
Secretary – Beth Daley
Vice Secretary – Liz Tooley
Vice Treasurer – Helen Dinsdale

Minutes from the meeting will be shared after half term.

Calendar of Confirmed Events

5 March 2020 – World Book Day Story Evening – Bainbridge School
23 April 2020 – PTFA Meeting – Falls Café, Aysgarth at 8pm
25 May 2020 – West Burton May Fair
21 November – Christmas Fair, Askrigg Village Hall

Community News

07.02.20 Pie and Pea supper

Pie and peas at Askrigg has been postponed to **Friday 14th of February** due to a funeral. Any questions please contact a committee member.

Wensleydale Stargazing Evening with Richard Darn

For stunning views of the night sky in the heart of the Dales. As part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park #DarkSkyFestival – Tuesday 18th Feb 19.00 – 21.30 Low Mill outdoor centre, Station Rd, Askrigg, Leyburn please use link to book tickets - <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/event/wensleydale-stargazing-with-astronomer-richard-darn/>

21st February 2020

5pm at The Selfish Giant by Sea Legs Puppet Theatre at Bainbridge Village Hall. Tickets from www.ruralarts.org or on 01969667876

Quiz night – 22.02.20

Quiz night at West Burton village hall Saturday 22nd February at 19.00. Tickets £9 (quiz entry and hot supper included) and can be purchased from Fox and Hounds West Burton, Hartle Butchers or Christine (663792). Proceeds going to West Burton Village Funds.

28th February 2020

DOMINO DRIVE - Askrigg Village Hall

Doors open at **6.30pm**

Dominoes to commence around **7pm**

Raffle tickets available on the night with teas, Coffees and Juice with biscuits and cake during half time all to raise money for **Yorkshire Air Ambulance**

Adults £4.00 Children £2.00 - For an extra £1.50 purchase a Hot Chocolate with Cream and Marshmallows

For further details contact Angela Peacock tel: 650212

The Open Pantry

Available at St Oswald's and St Margaret's Churches. Food and toiletries available for those in need.

Forest Schools

The timetable for this term is as follows:

January 17th **Askrigg** – Curlews Y3/4

January 24th **West Burton** - Herons Y1/2

January 31st **Askrigg** - Kingfishers Y5/6

February 7th **Askrigg** – Curlews Y3/4

February 28th **Askrigg** – Kingfishers Y5/6

March 6th **Askrigg**- Curlews Y3/4

March 13th **West Burton** – Herons Y1/2

March 20th **Askrigg** – Kingfishers Y5/6

March 27th **Askrigg** – Curlews Y3/4

April 3rd **West Burton** – Herons Y1/2

Please ensure the children have appropriate clothing for the weather as 'forest school will take place whatever the Dales weather throws at us!'

- Mr Stokes

Dates For Your Diary

Regular Clubs – All clubs are open to all children and are shown under the school where they take place

	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
Monday		Cycle club	Craft Club
Tuesday		After school sports	Team Tuesday
Wednesday			
Thursday		Homework club (lunchtime)	Homework club (lunchtime)
Friday			Songbirds

Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
14.02.20	Training day		
17.02.20	Half term		
24.02.20	Parent Forum – 6.30pm Askrigg school		
28.02.20	Y5/6 East Barnby trip presentation – West Burton 5pm		
05.03.20	World Book Day		
11.03.20	West Burton visit Wigton Moor School		
20.03.20	Y3/4 Marrick Priory trip presentation – Askrigg 5pm		
31.03.20	Easteringle – 13.30 - WB Chapel		
06.04.20	Easter holidays (2 weeks)		
08.05.20	Bank Holiday		
11.05.20 - 13.05.20	KS2 Marrick priory residential stay (Y3/4)		
18.05.20 - 22.05.20	KS2 East Barnby residential stay (Y5/6)		
25.05.20	Half term (1 week)		