



Dear Parents and Friends,
 As I write the newsletter, Wensleydale is looking particularly beautiful in the winter sunshine, sadly I don't think it's going to last!

Big Birdwatch

Children across the federation have taken part in the Big Birdwatch this week, recording the different types of birds observed at the three schools. The children enjoyed identifying the birds and KS1 look forward to interpreting the data next week.



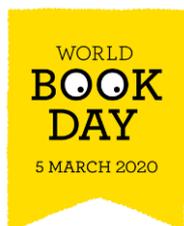
We were very impressed by Mrs Fawcett's commitment, wearing a fantastic bird print dress, covered in a variety of birds... I think this could be a theme for future big bird watches!

Parent Forum – 24 February



The next Parent Forum meeting will be held **Monday 24th February 2020**, at Askrigg School at 6.30pm.

World Book Day



Our world book day packs are arriving in our schools full of exciting activities and of course the fantastic £1 book vouchers. Official world book day is 5th March, however we will be sending out the book tokens earlier as they are valid from 27th

Feb till 29th March 2020. So plenty of time to go grab one of the 10 £1 world book day books or use your voucher to get £1 off a book of your choice in participating booksellers
 Further information regarding plans for the day, will follow next week.

Coronavirus



The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

RWI training update



We have received the final delivery of our Read Write Inc. resources this week - lots of wonderful new reading books for the children who are following the programme.

Unsurprisingly, the children were very excited about taking the books home (thank you for your patience during the transition period from ORT books to RWI for KS1).

On Wednesday we welcomed Amanda Fawcett (our RWI trainer) back for a development day. Throughout the day Amanda observed staff delivering phonic sessions, offering further support and advice. Staff were then able to observe her delivering 1:1 sessions to further develop our skills.

Everybody found this to be hugely beneficial and it was a great opportunity for Amanda to tailor the training for our schools, having never worked with a federation of 3 small rural schools, she called us unique!

We are really looking forward to the 14th February when we will learn about, and be trained on the guided reading element of the program.

Reading Eggs



We have taken the decision not to renew the subscription for Reading Eggs as it does not fit with our new phonics scheme (Read Write Inc.) leaving us no choice but to stop using it.

We understand that the children have enjoyed using it at home and school for a number of years and may be disappointed, but we need to ensure we follow the phonic program as advised.

Sports Day 14th February – Training day



For all those who have a child attending the sports day being held on 14th February please ensure they come with outdoor clothes on for the day and a change of clothes as the weather is set to be wet! (Fingers crossed for a change in forecast). Please don't forget that all children will need a packed lunch.

Cycle Club – Askrigg



Our fantastic cycle club will be resuming Monday 24th February after half term and there are still places available. If you are thinking of joining your child/ren please be aware there is a consent form to complete so please ensure this is in before the 24th to guarantee they can start the club. Even if your children are regulars, it is important to confirm their places ongoing.

PTFA AGM



Quick reminder that the Annual General Meeting for BAWB School PTFA is taking place Wednesday 12th February 8pm at The Falls Coffee Shop, Aysgarth – Everyone is welcome. Please find attached the Agenda for both the AGM and the regular PTFA meeting which is taking place immediately after.

Federation Friday Science lesson



Last Friday, the Herons (and Mr Scrafton) were very excited to have Dr Bottley lead their investigations into materials and their properties. The children tested the properties of a number of different fabrics and materials (kindly provided by Mrs Calvert and the

craft club). Toby, this week's star scientist, discovered that the properties of some materials change depending upon their condition: a previously strong material became weak when it was wet. A quote from James "it was interesting and fun." Dr Bottley was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and investigative skills and hopes to return to us next term.

Weekly Class Attendance	
Robins @ Bainbridge (YR only) – Mrs Johnston / Mrs Loughlin	83.3%
Owls @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	97.9%
Golden Eagles @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	94.3%
Merlins @ Askrigg – Mr Greenway	96.9%
Swallows @ West Burton – Mr Scrafton	100%
Skylarks @ West Burton – Miss Collins	92.9%

This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	William S
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Jasmine
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Toby
Tidiest Classroom Award	Swallows
Best Class Attendance	Swallows

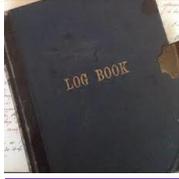
Have a lovely weekend

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 **Bainbridge's** log books:

Feb 10th 1972 – Nurses Bullers and Garrow visited school at 1.30pm and inspected 69 children. All satisfactory.

Feb 13th 1987 – Mr Simpson, Painting Inspector, visited the school. He was satisfied with the painting, but, like me, not too happy about the plastering in the infants and middle rooms.



West Burton's Newsflash

On Monday we had a really nice lady teaching us for the day, called Mrs Carson.

Ben said, "We had a really fun lesson and I liked Maths the best."

In Maths, Year 4, 5 and 6 together did a maze but it had numbers and you were only allowed to make 100.

This week, we have been reading some more of our class book, 'You Wouldn't Want to Sail with Captain Cook'.

Thomasina said, "We read some more chapters and we answered some questions about it."

Josie said, "I enjoyed yoga on Tuesday because we did Jack and the Beanstalk.

On Wednesday, we made some sculptures using clay,

Thia said, "I enjoyed making sculptures and I made an arctic fox."

Mary said, "My clay sculpture was of a cat and I added lots of extras including a scratching post and a ball of wool, MEOW 🐱!"

Chloe said, "I enjoyed making sculptures even though it was hard."

Lots of people made horses. Kirsty made a person, Harry made a dinosaur, Ben made a dinosaur skull, Benjamin made a snake head and Abigail and Lizzie made snails.

By Maeve and Kirsty.

This week has seen the joyful return of Aidan. He has come back full of eagerness, energy and enthusiasm and we are delighted to have him back, but I suspect not quite as delighted as his mother will be! Obviously his classmates were thrilled to see him and there have been many hugs and kisses all round.



Reception continue to enjoy swimming (on the whole) and should be right little tadpoles by the summer term. The nursery are so impressive in yoga where they are learning to breathe effectively, balance and hold shapes with a level of stillness and calm that you would not believe possible in a three year old. Keeping with the physical side of the curriculum, Mr Bullock is back in his comfort zone with team games and related skills. The children's over arm throws are quite impressive – significantly better than Mrs Johnston's. Apologies to Fearne and Douglas who had to be her partner.

The main theme this week has been birthdays and parties. We have written invitations and talked about our best presents. Sylvi really got into the spirit of things by having her birthday on Monday. She kindly brought in crispy cake to

share, having thought about making something everyone could eat even with allergies. How considerate of you Sylvi x

In maths we have been beginning to use the vocabulary of addition and writing some simple calculations.

We can't believe that it is only one week until half term. I hope the sun shines like it is now. When we return from the break we are going to make some Easter gardens. Please would you be able to source brown 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. We are also going to need moss.

Let's enjoy our last week before the break with our usual level of enthusiasm xx



IT'S ALL JOURNALISM

Askrigg's Journalism Column

This week Year 3 and 4 have painted our Alice in Wonderland themed pots in vibrant colours and different patterns and designs.

We have also finished writing our news reports which focused on Alice in Wonderland and her disappearance down a hole!

In geography we are locating counties in the U.K. on a map and planning journeys.

In Maths we have been estimating and working on methods to check our calculations.

In P.E. both classes are doing hockey.

Quotes:

Olivia says, *"I liked doing the pottery."*

Coen said, *"I enjoyed getting my hands mucky whilst building my abstract clay model."*

Micheala said, *"I enjoyed doing hockey in P.E."*

By Alice and Dec

BAWB PTFA News



BAWB PTFA AGM followed by the Regular Meeting – The Falls Coffee Shop, Aysgarth - Wednesday 12 February @8pm – Everyone is welcome

Community News

7th February 2020 - Pie and Pea supper – POSTPONED!

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/>

22nd February 2020 - Quiz night

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.

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

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.

Upper Wensleydale Sunday School

Sun Feb 09 – 4.00pm St Matthew's Stalling Busk

Sun Feb 16 – 4.00pm Gayle Chapel

Sun Feb 23 – 10.30am Family Together at St Oswald's Askrigg with Bishop Helen

Sun Mar 1st – 10.30am The Gathering at St Margaret's Hawes

Forest Schools

The timetable for this term is as follows:

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
10.02.20	Y1 / 2 Skip2Bfit – Catterick Leisure Centre		
14.02.20	Training day		
17.02.20	Half term		
24.02.20	Parent Forum – 6.30pm Askrigg School		
05.03.20	World Book Day		
11.03.20	West Burton visit Wigton Moor School		
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)		