



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a very strange feeling writing this newsletter, not knowing when all of our pupils will be together again in our classrooms.

We hope that our families and community members are able to support one another over the coming weeks and that our pupils enjoy time learning and spending time with their families.



School Closure

Thank you to the parents who have already completed the key worker questionnaire that was sent earlier today. This is important to indicate the number of pupils who are entitled to (and require) educational provision over the coming weeks.

Schools will close to all other pupils from 3.30pm today until further notice from the government.

Please can we also ask that families observe the strong message from the government to reduce the risk of infection:

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Learning from home

All work will be sent remotely, and teacher and admin emails will be checked daily and responded to as soon as possible. All of our teaching staff are available on their BAWB emails in addition to the admin team and headteacher email, please keep in touch with us.

We will also be in touch regarding collection of any work from the three sites.

Key Stage 2 pupils will be bringing home user guides for the learning platform 'Microsoft Teams', here they will be able to access and upload work and chat to their teachers and peers, we are still working on altering settings for pupil accounts so that they can access MS Teams and we hope to have this resolved as soon as possible. Thank you to Miss Collins for her work trialling and setting this up.

RWI support materials

A message from our RWI trainer, Amanda

Daily virtual lessons for children



We're excited to announce that from **Monday 23rd March** we're scheduling Read Write Inc. Phonics lessons on Facebook and YouTube for children to watch at home. We will release three short Speed Sound lessons with one of our trainers every day for the next two weeks. The films will **only be available** at the times below:

- Set 1 Speed Sounds at 9.30 am and again at 12.30 pm
- Set 2 Speed Sounds at 10.00 am and again at 1.00 pm
- Set 3 Speed Sounds at 10.30 am and again at 1.30 pm

We're also releasing a film of a poem for Reception and Year 1 children to join in with at 2.00 pm every day. The poems will be available on YouTube to watch again and again

The reading leaders within school are also looking at access to the Oxford Owl books on line to support with reading over the coming weeks.

Bainbridge Nursery – Chickenpox

There have been 2 cases of Chickenpox in the nursery at Bainbridge school so please look out for symptoms. Do not use ibuprofen unless advised to do so by your doctor, as it may cause serious skin infections.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Aldi Kit

Mr Stokes writes –

'A massive thank you to everyone who worked so hard to fill our Aldi posters with stickers last year. This week we received two sets of equipment to use across our federation. As you can see below, each set contains some brightly coloured equipment to brighten up our PE sessions, with our favourite being the foam eggs and easy to control spoons for the races on sports day.'



Wensleydale Cluster Hockey Event

Mr Stokes writes –



'I would like to thank the Y6 children who took part in the hockey event at The Wensleydale School last Friday. In teams of six they played four matches of 15 minutes each across six rounds. They were short, fast moving matches with rolling reserves to keep everyone warm. The children did us proud, showing some fantastic skills on the pitch, with good communication and teamwork throughout. Our teams came joint fourth after playing against some tough opposition, and I would like to mention that the children's sportsmanship remained especially good throughout the day. It was lovely to see them enjoying the interaction with their peers from across Wensleydale, and the camaraderie they share being part of our federation.'

Well done everyone and thank you to Mr Stokes and Mrs Alderson for attending with them.

Swimming – Summer Term

We have taken the decision to cancel swimming lessons during the summer term for all year groups. Obviously at this stage we don't know if we will be back at school.



Lessons will resume in the autumn term all being well and information as to which year groups will be swimming will be shared in due course.

Church Services

All church services and Sunday school are cancelled until further notice. The Church Buildings remain open for prayer and local information and support numbers. The open Pantry is very much in use but please be mindful of others as you use it. Rev Dave sends a message of support and love, please ring Dave 01969 667553 for further information.

The Good Life Project is co-ordinating practical help for those in need who are self-isolating. They have a team of volunteers in each village who are willing to help. A leaflet is coming through your door regarding this. Please call 07817 711227 if you need practical help.

Work out challenge

In light of the current closing of schools and the possibility of children at home for some time Mr Bullock has kindly produced a work out challenge for the children to undertake at home so that they can keep up with their physical education. Please find this attached with the newsletter.

Weekly Class Attendance

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| Robins @ Bainbridge (YR only) – Mrs Johnston / Mrs Loughlin | 94% |
| Owls @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison | 91% |
| Golden Eagles @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham | 98.1% |
| Merlins @ Askrigg – Mr Greenway | 87.9% |
| Swallows @ West Burton – Mr Scrafton | 85% |
| Skylarks @ West Burton – Miss Collins | 96.4% |

This week's awards from the Headteacher:

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| Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge | Antoni |
| Headteacher's Award, Askrigg | Elsie |
| Headteacher's Award, West Burton | Abe |
| Tidiest Classroom Award | Merlins |
| Best Class Attendance | Golden Eagles |

We wish you all well over the coming weeks, please keep in touch with our school community via email, share pictures with class teachers and ask for help and support if you need it during this uncertain time.

Kindest regards

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 **Askriggs'** log books:

22 March 1915: School re-opened this morning. 59 children present. The names of two Belgian boys were entered in the register. The Third Term Examination commenced.

19 March 1986: A day of theatre going for the juniors. In the morning we went to see and take part in "The Thin Seam", a play about lead mining in Swaledale, put on by the Harrogate Theatre in Education. We joined West Burton School for the performance in their village hall.



Askrigg's Journalism Column

Fire Drill: We held an evacuation fire drill in school yesterday. It took 1 minute and 33 seconds to get all children and staff out of school on to Hodgson's Field, which was excellent. The children were very calm and orderly – the staff weren't bad either!

Robins Update

So we are all feeling really sad at the moment. We will miss all of you, children and parents, not being a part of our daily routine. We hate the uncertainty and fears for loved ones, but we know you will rise to the challenge and do some wonderful things with your children. And we know we are so lucky to live where we do with the open countryside giving us so much space.

Please stay in touch and don't hesitate to get in touch,

Much love to you all xxxx

West Burton Newsflash

Miss Collins writes ...

We have had such a lovely day today, our last in the Skylarks classroom for a little while! We have finally managed to try out our egg parachutes in science (very messy!) and we have had lots of fun trying out Microsoft Teams so that the children know what to do next week when we move to remote learning.

I'm writing the Newsflash myself this week because I just wanted to say how privileged I feel to teach such a lovely class and to wish them well for the coming weeks. I hope they all get involved with our virtual classroom on Microsoft Teams, I've got so many exciting things planned for it that I'm hoping we might not miss each other too much after all. See you online soon Skylarks!

BAWB PTFA News



Calendar of Events...to be confirmed

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

The Open Pantry

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

