



The BAWB Federation
Bainbridge, Askrigg, and West Burton Primary Schools

Mid-Dale Excellence in Education

Executive Headteacher: Miss Charlotte L. Harper

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Dear parents and friends,
 Christmas really is in full-swing in our schools now with songs from 'Baboushka' and 'Hey Ewe!' ringing through West Burton and Bainbridge. Also, the children in KS2 (Bainbridge/Askrigg) have enjoyed a magical 2 days' filming of 'A Wensleydale Christmas Carol' at Bolton Castle and are very excited to see the finished product!

KS1 Skipping

Thank you so much to all of our children for their impeccable behaviour and active participation at the skipping event on Thursday. The event organiser commented on our children's behaviours and was also impressed by how fit our children were. The staff also did well in their own little section, though I'm not sure the instructor was quite as impressed by their level of fitness!?

Christmas Bulletin

We have so many exciting things happening in the lead-up to Christmas this year and have detailed everything in a separate 'Christmas Bulletin' (accompanying this letter). Please note that there are many potential options for nursery children and it is vital that you return the reply slip to us as soon as possible so that we can plan carefully for the children in our care. Many thanks.

Congratulations...

...to the Pickard-Sparne family who have welcomed their newest addition this week. We are looking forward to meeting Eidur and Coen's new brother, Otto Rudi, and wish Georgina (who is now at home with her family) a speedy and full recovery. CONGRATULATIONS and well done to all!



RESPECT Code

This week at our staff CPD meeting we had a full review of our RESPECT code to ensure that our approach is really consistent across all three schools and to re-energise its impact on our behaviour. Over the course of the next few weeks we will be carefully reviewing each aspect with the children and will be holding a RESPECT code evening for parents in the new year (look out for the date). Why not ask your child about the RESPECT code and see what they can tell you?

Leyburn Christmas Event

Some of you have asked about our participation in the Leyburn Christmas Fair this year. I have made some enquiries: due to changes in the organisation of the event, the schools haven't been asked to be part of the programme this year, though some children will be taking part as members of Mrs Greenslade's 'Songbirds'. I am sure you will all be very welcome to come along and join in if you are free. It promises to be a wonderful occasion this year.

Bus Travel

Thank you to those parents who have raised issues re school transport with me over the course of the last few weeks and please be assured that all issues are being addressed very carefully in close liaison with the transport providers and the Local Authority. I appreciate your communication and information as it is difficult for us to gather information accurately when the journeys are not accompanied by school staff, normally. I will keep you informed.

Bikeability

We are delighted to be able to offer Bikeability (used to be known as Cycling Proficiency) for our Y5 and Y6 children again this year during the summer term. This is excellent provision, closely linked to the PE curriculum and which provides our children with vital cycling skills. All children take part in one full day of onsite cycling - Level 1. If they reach a sufficient standard during this day, they

will move into Level 2 which will take place over three days, out and about on our roads. Helen Pollard and her excellent team at Stage1Cycles will be providing this and more details will come to you nearer the time. Key dates for your diaries:

- Friday 15th June, Askrigg, Level 1 (all day)
- w/c 18th June, Askrigg, Level 2 (Tue, Wed, Thu)
- w/c 25th June, West Burton, Level 2 (Tue, Wed, Thu)



Y5/6 Residential Trip – Carlton Lodge

We are delighted to tell you that we have booked Carlton Lodge for the residential trip for children in Y5 and Y6. We will spend three nights and four days there from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th June. The cost of the trip, including accommodation, food and activities is £250 per child. Governors recognise that residential encourage teamwork, independence and resilience as well as being great fun and therefore they have agreed to subsidise the trip by £50 per child from our PE budget; reducing the cost to parents to £200. A payment item has been set up on ParentPay and you are able to pay in instalments if you wish. On the Friday 15th when we are back at school, the day will be dedicated to level 1 Bikeability which all the Y5 and Y6 children will take part in on school grounds at Askrigg.



Winter Weather – Emergency School Closure

We are coming to the time of year when adverse weather may deem it necessary to close school early, or indeed not open at all. We will always endeavour to remain open, even if that means with a reduced service, and closure will always be a last resort based on the safety of our pupils and staff. If a decision is made to close (or not open) school you will be informed by text and email. We will also endeavour to get the information onto our schools' websites as soon as we are able, and also to be broadcast on local radio. Home school transport will be arranged if weather conditions permit. Please be assured that the safety of pupils and staff will be at the forefront of any decisions made re emergency school closure. In order to make sure that we have correct contact details for you, if you do change your phone number or email address please let us know. Thank you.



***Please look out for symptoms of the following illnesses which we have had in school over the last few weeks: scarlet fever, slapped cheek and hand, foot and mouth. Please seek medical advice if you suspect your child has any of these, all of which have similar symptoms. Please let school know of any confirmed cases.*

Weekly Class Attendance	
Class 2 @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	94.3%
Class 3 @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	95.4%
Class 4 @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	96%
Class 1 @ West Burton – Mrs Williams	100%
Class 2 @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	98.6%

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Caelan McCreadie
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Clari Hodgson
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Benjamin Quinton-Bottley
Best Class Attendance	Mrs Williams's Class
Tidiest Classroom Award	Mrs Harrison's Class

Have a super weekend.

Charlotte Harper



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.

1988 - Nov 28th - Top two classes went to a performance of James and the Giant Peach at the Georgian Theatre

1879 – Nov 28th –some of the older girls had needlework instead of the usual lessons as they not quite prepared for the examination in that subject, being only lately made aware of the requirements of the new code for 1879.



West Burton's Newsflash

In class two we have done Science twice this week, Monday and Thursday. We did a lot of experiments. Mrs Robinson was trying to prove me wrong with the flour experiment; and she did. I said that flour dissolves in water and Mrs Robinson said after we had left it for a few days it would just sink down to the bottom, and that is what happened, but with the cold water some of the flour was still at the top and it dried out. It was rock solid. Charlotte said "the hot water looks like it has Rice Crispies in it."

On Thursday, KS1 joined the other BAWB schools for a skipping event at Catterick Leisure Centre. Kirsty thought it was hard work, Abigail thought it was quite fun and Maevie thought it was tiring. Thia said "you didn't have to be perfect."

Whilst KS1 where at Catterick, West Burton Reception children enjoyed visiting Bainbridge School.

Grace Dent Y6



Askrigg's Junior Reporters' Column

Lights, Camera, Action!

This week Askrigg and Bainbridge Key Stage 2 went to Bolton Castle to do filming for the Christmas production. The only problem was that it was freezing! Luckily, some children had remembered to bring blankets and warm clothes.

On the first day, we had to get all the props into the castle but for the rest of the day we filmed and when we were not needed we were allowed to go and get warm in the Great Chamber, where there was a fire and a heater. We were allowed to draw and read, but most of the time we played games like Wink Murder, Hedgehogs and Duck, Duck, Goose. At the same time, Mr. Billingham was filming scenes with Scrooge, the ghosts, the Cratchits and the narrators. Fred and Eidur were backstage helpers. They moved the microphone and lighting and Eidur even needed to be a human curtain!

ALSO....

Congratulations to Eidur's mum for the birth of baby Otto he was born on Saturday night, the 25th of November 2017!

By Eidur Pickard-Sparne and Ruby Cumpstone-Steward.

EYFS



It might be easier to say what we haven't done this week – not much! We have made latkes (potato cakes) which are eaten as part of Hanukkah celebrations. There were tears – children and staff as we chopped up the onion but we soldiered on. We were very mindful of our safety when slicing and frying in hot oil. Nearly everyone tried a piece and it was delicious. We have been doing number sentences in many ways and many places and Yoga got off to a flying start this week as everyone came ready to go. Well done!

Negotiations on a par with Brexit talks have been taking place as to which pram the Little Lord Jesus should go in when the home corner is tidied up but next week we are hoping to have a stable in class for our special infant to lay his head. Lots of rehearsing has been taking place. Songs are developing tunefully and actions are very active.

Next week we enter December with great excitement and plans to celebrate all things festive. Must dash, time for our annual glitter restraint training.

Have a super weekend. Love from EYFS

Mrs Johnston, Mrs Loughlin, Mrs Iveson and Mrs Baldwin would be very grateful for any spare carrier bags you may have at home. Please send them into the school office.



Community News

Askrigg & Bainbridge PTFA Events:

QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 8th December, 9pm start at The Wheatsheaf, Carperby. £2 per person

CURRY NIGHT - Friday 26th January, 6pm – 9pm at The Wheatsheaf, Carperby. £8.50 Adult, £6 Child, includes meal and a drink. Tickets available at the Wheatsheaf, Askrigg and Bainbridge school receptions or from our committee members.

It would be lovely to see you all there!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFTS – TOSH- Leyburn's Christmas Fair on Saturday 2 December between 10am and 4pm

Rachael Alderson, our Youth Project Leader, will be running some children's craft activities in the Marquee in the Market Place. Come and join in! No Charge, however, donations towards Leyburn Arts and Community Centre would be welcome

Leyburn Christmas Festival

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Leyburn Christmas Festival on 2nd December from 10am to 5pm. Leyburn Band will be playing in the morning, The Rock and Pop Choir are singing at 2.30pm and The Songbirds are singing at 3.00pm followed by community carol singing. The marquee will be full of lovely stalls where you may just find some of your Christmas shopping! There is a fantastic tombola, a lucky dip for the children and Santa is visiting and will be in his grotto from 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm. Please come along and support us!

Wensleydale Creamery Christmas Shopping Evenings, 5-8pm

Save 20% (Excludes alcohol, promotions, and Calvert's Restaurant. In store only.) Free mince pies and mulled wine. Food served in Calvert's Restaurant. Christmas raffle – proceeds to Young Voices Choir. Tues 5th December: Entertainment from John Cunningham, a local bass opera singer, performing Christmas carols and well-known Christmas classics.

Thurs 21st December: The Young Voices Choir, directed by Barbara Roorcroft, are joining us to sing some of their favourites.

Penhill Poachers Christmas Collection: Featuring our own Mrs Chapman, a seasonal concert of music, songs and Yuletide readings.

Saturday 2 December, St Bartholomew's Church, West Witton. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £8 from Gillian – 624727 or Anne – 622307. Licensed bar.

Penhill Benefice

4.30pm, Friday 8th December – Family evening of making Christingles in Wensley Village Hall, with supper!

Children's Church invite you to join in the fun! The Christingles will be taken to the **Family Christingle Service on Sunday 10th December at 10.30am, Holy Trinity, Wensley**

All materials and supper are provided.

Friday December 15th at 6pm, Holy Trinity, Wensley

Saturday December 16th at 2.30pm, Thoraby Village Hall

Sunday 17th December:

11am Carol Service, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth

3pm Carol Service, Thornton Rust Mission Room

4pm Carol Service, St. Mary's, Redmire

6pm Carol Service, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar

6pm Carol Service, St. Bartholomew's & in village, West Witton

Sunday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

3.30pm Crib Service **with Children's Church**, St. Mary's, Redmire

4:00pm Crib Service **with Children's Church**, St Bartholomew's, West Witton

Monday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

11am Family Communion Service, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth

BAINBRIDGE NEWS

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ASKRIGG NEWS

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A Wensleydale Christmas Carol

Mr Billingham writes: *'I would love to involve all Reception and KS1 children in our plans for the KS2 Askrigg and Bainbridge film, there is a small scene planned where it would be lovely to include them. We need your permission in order for us to film the short scene. Please find attached a filming permission slip, can this be returned ASAP, to the school office. Thank you.*

Please also remember that for anybody who wants to help organise our film premiere, I will be holding a meeting on Monday 4th December at 3:45pm at Askrigg School to discuss plans and ideas, all are welcome.'

Influenza Immunisation

The nurse will be at Askrigg and Bainbridge Schools on the morning of 7th December to immunise children in Reception, Y1, 2, 3 and 4 who have registered for the programme.

Caelan McCreadie is fundraising for the RNLI to support the important work they do. He will be selling bags of homemade chocolates (which would make excellent little Christmas gifts!) for £1.50 a bag. He will be at Bainbridge school gate on Fri 8th, Mon 11th, Tues 19th, Wed 20th and Fri 22nd Dec. Please help him to raise as much as possible, £25 would buy some thermal gloves, £54 would buy a pair of yellow safety boots and £225 buys a thermal suit!

West Burton School News

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Christmas Raffle: West Burton will selling raffle tickets at the two Christmas productions or from the school office. Funds raised will be donated to the NSPCC to help less fortunate children. If you have anything you could donate as a prize, please could you send in to the school office. Tickets will be £1 per strip and the raffle will be drawn on the evening of Tuesday 12 December.

Stage: The stage for the Christmas production of Baboushka will be put up in the WB Village Hall after school **on Tuesday 5 December**, not Wednesday 6 as originally planned. If you are able to help please let the school office know.

Influenza Immunisations: A reminder that for those children in YR – Y4 who have registered to have the immunisation, the nurse will be coming in to school on Thursday 7 December.

West Burton Chapel Nativity Service – Sunday 17 December at 6pm. Rehearsals for those children who are taking part are on Tuesday 5 December, Friday 8 December, and Friday 15 December from 3:20 – 4:20pm. The Songbirds will be taking part.

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		Cycling – Ms Pollard – 3:30pm -4:30pm	
Tuesday		After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Tuesday Team
Wednesday			
Thursday		Chess Club – Mr Oliver - lunchtime	After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday			The Songbirds 3.30pm
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
11.12.17			1:30pm – Christmas Production - Baboushka
12.12.17	1:30pm – Christmas Production 'Hey Ewe!'		6pm – Christmas Production - Baboushka
14.12.17			
15.12.17	Christmas Jumper Day – Donations to 'Save the Children'		
17.12.17	Nativity – West Burton Chapel		
19.12.17	2pm - Christmas Service at St Andrew's Aysgarth		
20.12.17	Christmas party (am)		
20.12.17		1:30pm and 6pm – KS2 Christmas Production 'A Wensleydale Christmas Carol' – Askrigg Village Hall	
21.12.17	BAWB Day – including Christmas Lunch – West Burton		
22.12.17		Christmas parties (am)	
22.12.17	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Tennants, Leyburn (pm)		
25.12.17 – 7.1.18	Christmas Holidays		
8.1.18	Training Day – School Closed		
30.1.18 – 2.2.18	Y3/4 Residential to Marrick Priory		
11-14.6.18	Y5/6 Residential to Carlton Lodge		

Forest School dates

Please ensure your child has suitable footwear and clothing i.e. warm, waterproof clothes that you don't mind getting dirty / smoky. Also wellies / old trainers / walking boots.

Dec	1 st	Bainbridge
	8 th	Askrigg
	15 th	West Burton
	22 nd	Pantomime