



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,

This week has been really busy as we settle in to the term. It is almost as if we haven't been away!

Already I have been heartened to see some extremely high-quality work from pupils and have had the pleasure of awarding some pen-licences.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the attendance meetings with me. As you know, the process is to identify areas of attendance with which we might be able to support families and/or to address any issues in school which contribute to non-attendance. Last year we had at least three spates of quite serious illness which also contributed to a lower attendance figure than we would have liked. I very much appreciate your support and I will continue to keep in contact with you about your child's attendance where appropriate.

After-School Clubs and Nursery Pupils

We are really pleased to be able to offer a range of after-school clubs which are really well-attended. I apologise for the fact that we are unable to offer places to nursery pupils. I appreciate your understanding and support as we are not being unwelcoming, just that (a) our numbers are limited, (b) accommodating the needs of 3 year olds alongside some of the older pupils can be highly challenging, and (c) our staff/professional expertise does not always extend to pre-school aged children. Many thanks.



After School Clubs

Arriving at Bainbridge School in the mornings

Please see a separate letter which highlights some slight changes that we are making at Bainbridge to tighten our safeguarding procedures in the mornings. If you have any feedback, I would be grateful.

School Meals and Parentpay

As in previous years children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal due to Government funding. Children in Nursery and Y3, 4, 5, 6 pay for their meal; if your child has just moved into Y3 please remember that they now have to pay for their meals. Parentpay should now be up to date for all our children and you have all hopefully received activation codes as appropriate. If you are unsure of your Parentpay details please let us know and we will reissue them to you.



Milk

Children who are under 5 years old receive a free third of a pint of milk daily, again thanks to government funding. Once they reach five, you can then choose whether or not to carry on with milk, at a cost of £1 per week. The cost of milk is payable on ParentPay. Please contact school if your child would like milk at breaktime.

Home School Agreements and Consent Forms

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their forms, it is much appreciated. If yours are still at home, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Data Collection Sheets

Attached is a sheet detailing the information we hold about your child – including contact details and medical information. Please can you check the details carefully and add to, or amend, as necessary; then sign and return the form by the end of next week. If no amendments are necessary, please sign

and return the form so we are certain your child's record is complete and accurate. Thank you for your assistance.

After School Cycling – Help Please!

There has been a fantastic take up for this club, so good in fact that it is now full, and it is lovely to have children taking part from all three schools. Many thanks to Helen and Kirsten for running the club. In order to help the club run smoothly, a parent (or two) each week would be very helpful, especially at the beginning and end of the club to make sure helmets are secure, bikes are stored away and so on. The club will run until half term and then take a break for winter. If you could help between 3:30pm and 4:30pm on a Monday please let us know; hopefully we will have enough volunteers to set up a rota. Thank you, we appreciate your support.



Y5 and Y6 Football – Friday 29th September – 9:30am ~

11:30am

On 29th September the children in Y5 and Y6 will be going to Leyburn Primary School to take part in a cluster football tournament. They will need their BAWB PE kit, trainers (or football boots if they have them but please don't buy any specially), water bottle and warm clothing for when they are not playing. Enthusiastic supporters are always welcome!

Wensleydale School Y5 and Y6 Open Evening

There is an open evening for parents and children at The Wensleydale School on 12th October from 6.00 - 8.00 pm.

Parents' Forum

The next meeting was scheduled for 4th October, however as that is the Community Engagement Day we have moved the Parents' Forum to Thursday 19th October, 7pm at Bainbridge School.

Timetables

Please find attached your child's timetable. We hope that this helps to illustrate the breadth of the curriculum and also to help you support your children in being ready for each week. Many thanks

Headlice

Please can I ask that you remain vigilant and continue checking, and treating if necessary, your child's hair regularly. Thank you.

Weekly Class Attendance	
Class 2 @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	100%
Class 3 @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	95.2%
Class 4 @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	100%
Class 1 @ West Burton – Mrs Williams	100%
Class 2 @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	94.6

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Harry Booth
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Jasmine Wood
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Hermione Doubtfire
Best Class Attendance	Miss Collins / Mrs Williams/Mrs Harrison
Tidiest Classroom Award	Mrs Harrison's class

Have a lovely 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 Askrigg's log book.

2nd October 1911: *'Fires lighted. The stove in the first classroom poured out such volumes of smoke that the scholars had to be sent into the open air. The drill lesson was taken instead of On Tuesday morning. The Nature Study lesson was taken out of doors. A visit was made to Thornsgill.'*

13th Oct 1911: *'Leyburn Fair caused a drop in attendance today.'*



West Burton's Newsflash

This week the after school clubs are starting again so there are a lot more things happening after school – sports club, Tuesday Team and Songbirds Choir.

After a week of being at school the Reception children are settling in really well. The Year 3's are also settling in well in Class Two. Benjamin said "I am just starting to settle in now." Thomasina said "I am enjoying doing calculations as we didn't do it in Class One."

We are all looking forward to our first Forest Schools this afternoon.

Grace Dent Y6

Another busy week starting with that lovely laundered look that Monday delivers.



The children looked brand new again so Mrs Loughlin decided to send a photo of Reception to the Northern Echo. She sent the one without staff as they didn't look quite so radiant or fresh. So look out for the picture – not sure when it will be in.

This week's highlight has been our new reading books. This has been brilliant because the children have been so excited. They chose their own book and many went straight off to find a quiet place to 'read' again after the teacher had shared the book with them. Some chose books with words and some chose books where they could make their own story up. The following day they wanted more!! All this excitement and absolutely no mucky mess!

Please remember to use the reading record to jot down any feedback about your book sharing. Also, remember you do not need to limit yourself to reading scheme books as there are so many wonderful books available at all three of our school libraries which you are warmly invited to explore with your child. The public libraries at Hawes and Bainbridge also have an excellent selection of books. We would be very interested in talking to parents about library tickets so the children could take books out of the library at Sycamore Hall. Later on in the term we hope to establish some reading drop in sessions. There will be more information later but if you are interested in this idea please get in touch. Anyway, if this is your first child learning to read, welcome to the world of Biff, Kipper, Chip and Floppy. If it is your third child you probably know the words off by heart!

Nursery children look like they have been here a term already. Their friendships are many and varied. Their engagement is delightful and their grasp of routines is superb. Probably better than Mrs. Johnston's (who is a little bit rusty). It is so lovely to see so many new and familiar parents in the mornings. Remember if your child comes by bus you could always pop in occasionally to catch up and see us face to face and we do have our open afternoon on the 25th September.

This week we have made and eaten our chips (with ketchup). We have read a new Troll story with pirates in it (yippee) and done lots of inside and outside maths; ordering numbers and matching them to quantities. We did clever counting with the potatoes and the number was so big Mrs. Johnston has forgotten how many there were. There have been super music activities and lots of joining in with older children on the big playground.

Here's hoping the weather is fine and you get outside to enjoy autumn. Have a lovely weekend with your cheerful children x



Askrigg's Junior Reporters' Column...

Maths Competition

Miss Collins has entered our schools in a maths competition.

First we will compete within our schools to help choose the team who will go forward to the first round at Burnley. The team has to be two girls and two boys.

If we get through that first round we'll go to the University of Cambridge for the final! The first round in Burnley is on November 8th. The final at the University of Cambridge is on Wednesday the 13th December.

Eidur, Year 5, says, "We have a good chance of winning."

Jack Dalton, Year 6, says, "We have some good, really good, mathematicians."

Fred Norman, Year 6, says, "I don't like long bus journeys but I am still looking forward to doing the competition."

Miss Collins says, "The Young Mathematicians' Awards are all about problem-solving and we are getting really good at that in our schools. I'm inviting all the Year 5 and 6 children from all of our schools to get involved. Please let your teacher know if you would like to have a go."

By Jack Dinsdale and Lenny Blowes



Community News

Janet Seymour's School of Theatre & Dance

Ballet for Boys & Girls with Janet Seymour

Dance, exercise and have fun with a top-quality Royal Academy of Dance-trained teacher. As well as weekly lessons there are occasional opportunities to perform in costume and to take exams. £5 per lesson.

Saturdays in Hawes At The NASH - just behind St. Margaret's Church

8.30 - 9.15 am - Foundation Stage Ballet 4 yrs+; 9.15 - 10.00 am - Primary Ballet 6 yrs+

Mondays in Askrigg – Yorebridge Sports & Leisure centre

5.30 pm - Primary Ballet for beginners 6 yrs+; 6.15 pm - Primary Tap for beginners 6 yrs+

Junior Badminton...

...starting Monday 18th September, Askrigg Village Hall. Children from Y2 up to and including Y5 will be 6.30 to 7.00pm. Children in y6 and upwards, 7.00 to 7.30pm. All welcome. Please contact James Hodgson 650109, or just turn up.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority News

The YDNPA have created a fantastic week, celebrating local produce across the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale AONB. Some activities you will need to book and some are free, please take a look at the website for more details: www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/cheese-festival The events include:

Cheese Festival at the Wensleydale Creamery: This is taking place on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September with Children's entertainment, arts and craft, bouncy castle, BBQ, cheese and butter making demonstrations, cookery demonstrations, cheese grading demonstrations, cheese pairing and cheese tasting workshops. There will be the opportunity to meet the suppliers of some of the amazing produce sold in the Wensleydale Creamery shop, along with local Yorkshire cheese producers and bakers.

The Enchanted Wood:

A delightful forest school for children. Storytelling and games in Freeholders Wood near Aysgarth Falls. Fireside cooking featuring cheese, blackberries and hazelnut spread. Craft with woodland tools – make a truckle shaped secret door and a dormouse to take home. Explore the magical wood at the end of summer and discover signs of early autumn, Whittle and build dens from 17.00

BAINBRIDGE NEWS

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ASKRIGG NEWS

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Chess Club – Thursday Lunchtime – Askrigg

Mr Oliver very kindly comes into school on Thursday lunchtimes to teach the strategies and rules of chess. Currently three children have enrolled, there is room for two or three more. If your child would like to join the club please let us know.

Lost Property

Our collection of lost property continues to grow, especially at Askrigg! Please feel free to call in and have a look through the basket in Mrs Alderson's office.

WEST BURTON NEWS

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

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Scholastic Book Club: Brochures for ordering books have been sent home with the children. If you wish to order books through school, please return your completed order form with payment details to the school office by Friday 6 October.

Dates For Your Diary

Regular Clubs – All clubs are open to all children (until fully subscribed e.g. Askrigg cookery club is full) 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
25.9.17	1pm – 3pm – Open Day at Bainbridge		
26.9.17	1pm – 3pm – Open Day at West Burton		
27.9.17	1pm – 3pm – Open Day at Askrigg		
29.9.17	Y5 and Y6 Football Tournament – Leyburn Primary		
4.10.17	Community Day – 10:00am – 12:00pm National Parks Office, Bainbridge; 1:30pm – 3:30pm Askrigg Primary School; 5:00pm – 7:30pm West Burton Primary School		
16.10.17	Great North Air Ambulance Bags 2 School Collection. Askrigg 9am; Bainbridge 9:30am; West Burton 10am		
19.10.17	BAWB Parents' Forum – 7pm – Bainbridge School		

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.

Sept	8 th	Askrigg	Nov	3 rd	West Burton
	15 th	West Burton		10 th	Bainbridge
	22 nd	Bainbridge		17 th	Askrigg
	29 th	No session (football)		24 th	West Burton
Oct	6 th	Askrigg	Dec	1 st	Bainbridge
	13 th	BAWB Day (no session)		8 th	Askrigg
	20 th	Bainbridge		15 th	West Burton
	Half Term			22 nd	No session