



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,

I am very pleased to take up the interim Executive Headteacher position in partnership with Mrs Harrison while Miss Harper is on maternity leave.

The children and staff from all three schools have made me feel very welcome. The children are a delight! I have been impressed with their hard work, positive attitudes to learning and their excellent manners!

I have joined the Federation at a very busy time but I am sure it will help me meet as many of our families and members of our community as we all participate in the range of festive celebrations as we move closer to the end of term.

Both Miss Harper and Mrs Harrison have briefed me well on the current position of the schools but I am sure there will be lots to learn on the job day to day.

I will be working closely with everyone to continue to provide an excellent education that develops the whole child.

Obviously, one of my priorities is to learn the names of the children as soon as possible and to that end I will be meeting and greeting the children on:

Monday 9th Dec 8:30am at Askrigg

Tuesday 10th Dec 8:30am at West Burton

And the end of day **Tuesday 10th December** at 3:30pm at Bainbridge

Please do come up and introduce yourself!

Mrs Lindley

Open Days – for your diaries



In advance of the 31st January deadline for primary school applications, we will be holding some open days

in our schools which will be informal in nature (drop-in, meet the staff and pupils, see learning in action; ask some questions).

We would love to welcome lots of existing and future parents – please tell your friends!

Our schools will be open for visitors on the following mornings, timings will be shared before the end of term.

- **Monday 13th January** – Bainbridge
- **Tuesday 14th January** – Askrigg
- **Wednesday 15th January** – West Burton

Your school needs you!



Calling all Parents, friends and carers (Our ‘Federation Super Heroes’) – Yes we need you!

Do you have a little time each week/month which you could spend with our children in school? Maybe you have a passion for

reading and could spare some time to come in and listen to our children read. Maybe you can sew, cook, have green fingers or you have a love of music which you can share.

If so, we would love to hear from you. Please email Mrs Boulton on BAWAdmin@b-a-wb.co.uk with your availability (and details of your “Super-Hero” power) for next term.

Craft Club

We have had a busy autumn term in Craft Club. The children have tried a variety of new techniques from felting, prody rug making and origami, with the last four weeks focusing on Christmas crafts and decorations.

As part of this term’s Astronomy topic the children have made a variety of planet badges and they will be available to buy, along with the lavender planet bags and mobile phone cases the children have made in school for the Futuristic Fair. The Fair takes place on Friday 13th December in West Burton School between 1pm and 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome, with all funds going towards new topic books and resources for all of our schools.



Next week (Monday 9th Dec) will be the last Craft Club before Christmas and we will start back on Monday 13th January 2020.

Upper Wensleydale Newsletter Writing Competition



A huge thank you to Miss Collins who worked with the Kingfishers (Y5/6 Federation Fridays) before half term to produce their story entries for the writing competition. This required dedication from the children who were asked to edit their stories during half term to meet the deadline of 31st October. Their hard work certainly paid off as we received the fantastic news.....

BAWB children have won both age categories in the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter Writing Competition and therefore the School will be awarded both Alan Watkinson Trophies this year and the total prize money of £200, which will be spent on resources for our schools.

Judge Ann Piling said it was extremely difficult to pick the winners this year as the standard of entries was very high so she has highly commended many of the children – see results below:-

7-9 group - Winner : Benjamin

10-11 group - Winner : Charlie, **runner Up :** Mary
(**Highly Commended :** Ronan, Teddy and Chloe)

Congratulations to all our children, we are very proud of you and thanks again to Miss Collins. The children will be presented with their awards during celebration assemblies in the Spring Term.

Nursery New Starters

We are looking forward to welcoming the new nursery starters after the Christmas break. Please be reminded that their first day in nursery will be Wednesday 8 January (for those children attending on a Wednesday).

Children who are already in nursery will return on Tuesday 7 January if this is one of their days to attend.



Lunch Options – Spring Term

The form for the jacket potato option for the Spring Term is attached to this Newsletter. You only need to return this if your child wants the jacket potato option (up to two jacket potatoes a week). Please return your forms to school by Monday 16 December.

Season's greetings to you all!

G. Lindley
E. Harrison

Geraldine Lindley & Eleanor Harrison



Weekly Class Attendance	
Robins @ Bainbridge (YR only) – Mrs Johnston / Mrs Loughlin	96.7%
Owls @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	99%
Golden Eagles @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	96.2%
Merlins @ Askrigg – Mr Greenway	92.3%
Swallows @ West Burton – Mr Scrafton	94%
Skylarks @ West Burton – Miss Collins	92.9%

This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Joseph
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Rosalyn
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Abe
Tidiest Classroom Award	Skylarks
Best Class Attendance	Owls



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**

11.12.1986 - At 2 o'clock all the children went to sing carols to the old folks at Cringley. They each took a Christmas card they had made. We were given refreshments and a good time was had by all. One little boy's grandfather is there.

8.12.1916 - The vicar took the scripture lesson this morning.

19.12.1916 - Several inches of snow on the ground and snow still falling. Attendance low 51 present A.M.



West Burton's Newsflash

On Monday, in English, we learnt about fronted adverbials and subheadings and used them in our writing. Then, on Tuesday, we wrote our own instructions on how to look after different animals.

"On Monday it was fun because we got to write instructions," said Thia.

We also celebrated the beginning of advent by putting up some decorations.

Maeve said, "On Monday, Skylarks put up their classroom Christmas Tree and it looked nice."

On Tuesday, in the afternoon we did computing and we had to de-bug a program and we had to make our own bug in one of our programs and give it to a partner to de-bug it again. Miss Collins said "We had a great computing session on Tuesday- the children proved to be very skilled at finding 'bugs'!"

The Year 6's decorated the Christmas tree in the main entrance. It looks great!

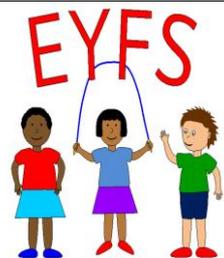
Josie said, "It was fun but we spent a lot of time untangling lights!"

On Wednesday afternoon we learned about monkeys and it was fun.

Chloe said, "Maeve and I found out that squirrel monkeys throw poo at each other!"

We were learning about monkeys because we are studying rainforests in South America and monkeys like to eat figs in the rainforest.

By Abigail and Thia



Christmas rehearsals are well underway with some vigorous actions in some songs. Obviously the children have the energy for it but some of the adults are left breathless but relieved that they have fitted in some exercise for the day. Mrs. Loughlin is in charge of music and choreography with Sylvi as an excellent deputy. Sylvi is so good in fact that even Mrs. Johnston seems to be learning the correct moves this year. No guarantees that she will be in time to the music but never mind, she's having fun. The absolute best thing about the performance is the number of children we now have in EYFS and KS1 who will be singing their beautiful hearts out. There can't be many tiny rural schools like ours that can gather together that many voices for a performance. Well done BAWB!

It has been quite an arty week this week inspired by beautiful frosty mornings. We have used a cold palette of colours to print and add some texture using different paints. We are then adding silhouettes to contrast and develop cutting skills. It goes without saying that the annual star making is going great guns. Maths has been more

shape work and I don't think I have seen such great pattern making this early on in the year. We have made super pictures with shapes and can name lots of them.

We are still working hard on our structured daily reading with pleasing progress. Remember to keep practising sounds, words and sentences if you have them. It is very good for children to switch off from Christmas at some point during the day and phonics could be just the thing you are searching for! In guided reading we are enjoying a variety of books that get us talking, sharing ideas, building up vocabulary and retelling stories or making our own with puppets.

But back to Christmas, or rather Advent. Mr. Scrafton has sourced us some heavenly advent calendars – no hint of chocolate (Bah humbug! I hear you say) but each picture is related to the love of God and his gift at Christmas of his only son.

Next week we will be full on Christmas activities. The grownups are just as excited as the children with their reindeer earrings and snowmen jumpers at the ready. It really is one of the best jobs to have at this time of year. Have a fab weekend,

Lots of Love Robins xx



This week on Wednesday we had a Mayan feast in the Golden Eagles class! We enjoyed making fruit salad, Mayan wraps, and corn bread. We even got to melt chocolate then design our own logogram. In the wraps there was red onion, tomatoes and orange which was surprisingly delicious! Our whole class had lots of fun creating the feast, we even got to have some hot chocolate with honey if we wanted.

Sasha said "I liked when we made the chocolate into a little symbol"

Will "I liked making the fruit salad the best"

The Merlin's have been busy doing a science project to do with light. We investigated how far light could travel down a tunnel and which colour is most effective to wear at night time.

We are all getting excited about Christmas

By Joseph and Eva



BAINBRIDGE NEWS

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BumbleBee Conservation Society: if you missed the opportunity to purchase a bee from Caellan's stall at the Christmas Fair, we have some merchandise for sale in the **Bainbridge office**– **bee key ring £2, wild flower seed boxes £2, bumblebee tree decorations £2 and bumble bee strings (for tree decoration) £6.** All proceeds to this very worthwhile cause.

Community News

Childrens Christmas Crafts at Thoraby Village Hall - why not join us tomorrow, 7th December 2019, 3 – 5pm!

Come along – all welcome. We will be making bauble decorations! Christmas cards! plus our usual bun decorating. There will be Christmas themed games. Don't forget our "bring and share tea" with girls to bring savoury and boys to bring sweet. Entry is £3 – siblings £2. Please contact Mel on 07817016318 for further info. We look forward to seeing you there.

Songbirds - Hosanna Rock!

The Songbirds have been busy practicing for their nativity performance of 'Hosanna Rock!' The concert is being shown on the following dates across our community:

Friday 13th December in Aysgarth Institute at 7pm

Sunday 15th December in West Burton Chapel at 6pm, as part of the West Burton Chapel Nativity

Tuesday 17th December in Thornton Rust Institute at 7pm

The performances are free to attend and are open to all family, friends and members of the community. We hope you can join us!

Upper Wensleydale Christmas Services			
Sun 1 st -24 th Dec	Advent Windows	Askrigg Village	Advent window trail map available in St Oswald's Church or Sykes Shop, Askrigg
Sun 8 th Dec	Sunday School -Making Christmas Lanterns	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	4.00pm
Fri 13 th Dec	Christmas Tree preview – BIG SING -Carols	St Oswald's, Askrigg	7.00pm
Sun 15 th Dec	Carols by Candle Light (Bring a Lantern)	St Margaret's, Hawes	4.30pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Hawes School, Christingle	St Margaret's, Hawes	10.30am
Tues 17 th Dec	BAWB Schools Carol Service	St Andrew's Aysgarth	2.00pm
Sun 22 nd Dec	Carols by Candlelight	St Oswald's, Askrigg	4.00pm
Sun 22 nd Dec	Carol Service	Gayle Chapel	6.00pm
Mon 23 rd Dec	Christingle Service	St Mary and St John's, Hardraw	4.00pm
Tue 24 th Dec	Christingle Service	St Oswald's Askrigg	4.00pm
Tue 24 th Dec	Holy Communion followed by Carols by Candlelight	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	7.15pm Carols at 8pm
Tue 24 th Dec	Holy Communion	St Mary and St John's, Hardraw	10.00pm
Tue 24 th Dec	Midnight Communion	St Margaret's, Hawes	11.30pm
Tue 24 th Dec	Midnight Communion	St Oswald's, Askrigg	11.30pm
Wed 25 th Dec	Family Communion	St Oswald's, Askrigg	10.30am
Wed 25 th Dec	Ecumenical Family Communion	St Margaret's, Hawes	10.30am
Sun 5 th Jan 2020	Service of Promise for the New Year	St Margaret's, Hawes	10.30am

Dates For Your Diary *Please also refer to our Christmas Bulletin for additional information about Christmas events*

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	
Wednesday			
Thursday		Homework Club (Lunchtime)	Homework Club (Lunchtime)
Friday			Songbirds
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
11.12.19	BAWB EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production- Bainbridge 2:00pm and 6:30pm		
13.12.19	Futuristic Fair – West Burton		
	Christmas Jumper Day		
17.12.19	BAWB Christmas Church Service – St Andrew's, Aysgarth – 2pm		
18.12.19	Panto – Aladdin – Tenants, Leyburn, 1.00pm		
19.12.19	BAWB Christmas BAWB Day with Buffet Lunch – West Burton Village Hall		
20.12.19	Christmas lunch and class parties in taught schools		

FOREST SCHOOLS

Friday 13 December Herons Y1/Y2

Askrigg - due to Futuristic Fair (KS2) at West Burton