



Dear parents and friends,

The end of this very short half-term is upon us and it is with very mixed feelings that I write my last newsletter for some time. I am **really** looking forward to the arrival of my baby in just a few weeks now, and I have managed to avoid being put off by the birth-related horror stories that so many of you feel compelled to share with me! There's no going back now! I am also finding it somewhat difficult to let go of the reins for the period of my leave because I absolutely love my job. I feel continuously privileged to lead three such happy, successful, and driven schools; I am enormously proud of the staff team we have in place; and every day the children's enthusiasm, hard-work, and relentless joy reminds me why I entered this profession all those years ago. I have no doubt that Mrs Price and Mrs Harrison will do an excellent job in my absence and I wish them both the very best of luck in doing so.

Lastly, I shall enjoy keeping in touch with everyone over the coming months: seeing how plans for next year are unfolding; learning about our young people's achievements and successes; and generally remaining part of the team from a bit of a distance. I shall come and visit soon and am sure I will bump into many of you out and about in the community.

**Ofsted**

We have been (eagerly?!) awaiting the Ofsted inspection phone call at West Burton for almost 2 years now and finally received it on Monday! I almost thought I had escaped my third Ofsted in this federation but this was not to be...

The inspection was a short, 1-day, section 8 inspection (which all 'good' schools receive now in the first instance instead of a full section 5 inspection over 2 days). The outcome of a section 8 inspection will be in the form of a letter, confirming one of three possible outcomes:

1. The school remains 'good'.
2. There is a recommendation to carry out a full section 5 inspection as there is concern that the school does not remain 'good' (this would take place up to 2 years from now).
3. There is a recommendation to carry out a full section 5 inspection as there are some signs that the school may have improved from 'good' (this would take place up to 2 years from now).

(N.B. Had there been any safeguarding concerns, or signs that the school may be 'inadequate', the inspection would have been converted to a full section 5 immediately).

The outcomes of our inspection remain confidential until the letter has been released from Ofsted (this will be after half-term) though I am pleased and proud to report that we had an extremely positive day and felt that we had every opportunity to share all our effective practice with the inspector. Huge thanks to you as parents for your continuous support (special thanks to those who took the time to complete the online survey via ParentView). One inspection for each of our schools is a lovely position for me to leave in, and hopefully a reassuring picture to support our community engagement process.

Special thanks from me to all of our pupils who are a credit to their schools at all times and Tuesday's inspection day was no exception to this. Also, many congratulations and thanks to the whole staff for an incredible team-effort on Tuesday, and always.

**Marrick Priory Photos**

There are some lovely photos of our Y3/4 children enjoying their adventures at Marrick Priory last week. Please visit the 'Gallery'



section of our new website under the 'News' tab at the top to see the pictures (or click [here](#) for a direct link).

**Community Engagement**

You will all have received our covering letter and information document this week, plus a format for providing your contributions to the process. As stated in the correspondence, if you wish to read any of the supporting appendices, they can be accessed via the 'Community Engagement' button on the home page of our new website:

[www.b-a-wb.co.uk](http://www.b-a-wb.co.uk)

or by asking in any of our school offices where we can print hard copies for you. Many thanks.

For clarification, following a couple of questions from our families:

**Nursery and Reception** = EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage)

**Key Stage 1** = Y1 and Y2 (sometimes called infants)

**Key Stage 2** = Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 (sometimes called juniors)

**A Wensleydale Christmas Carol DVD – Now Available**

Mr Billingham writes: "Apologies to all for the delay getting this released. The DVD for "A Wensleydale Christmas Carol" will be available from 22/2/18 Priced £7.50. Please find attached a pre order form (unfortunately, orders cannot be taken without payment). The DVD also includes an outtakes section as well as the film itself. All money raised will go towards developing school provision for computing and Media."

**Free Eye Tests - A Reminder from our SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) – Mrs Barber.**

Mrs Barber writes: "Just a reminder to all parents and carers that having your child's eyes tested is FREE for all children (up to the age of 19 if they are in further education) at ANY opticians. If you have a concern about your child's eyesight, you don't need to wait to be invited, you can make an appointment yourself. Having children's eyesight tested is a good check to do regularly as any issues can be discovered early and steps put in place to deal with them. Thank you!"



**An update from our Governing Board...**

Following a complete skills audit of the current Governing Board, in light of the community engagement we are about to embark upon, and under the advice of LA Governor Support, our Governing Board seeks to strengthen our existing skill-set in the following areas:

1. HR Policy
2. Change Management
3. Assessment and pupil progress / attainment

Though we are currently fully constituted (i.e. we don't have any Governor vacancies, including for co-opted Governors), we seek to invite interested persons to approach our Governing Board (via our clerk) if they believe they may be able to offer some expertise in any of the above areas, under the role of 'Associate Member'.

Associated Members do not have the same role as full governors as they do not have voting rights, and usually sit for a fixed period of time depending on their expertise, though they do bring specific and considerable knowledge and skills which help and guide the decision making of the rest of the board. If you feel you may be able to offer some expertise to our board in the areas listed above, please contact our clerk, Dominique Adams

([dominique.adams@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:dominique.adams@northyorks.gov.uk)) who will send you a skills audit to complete in the first instance. Following that, you may be invited to come and meet the board to discuss your interest in this role. We look forward to hearing from you.



### **We Went Orange for Muscular Dystrophy**

Ruby Cumpstone-Steward writes.... "I just want to say huge, huge thank you to everyone for going 'orange' last Friday. Together we have raised £450 for Muscular Dystrophy in Daniel's name. Fundraising in Daniel's name means the research we are funding (9 HOURS' worth!) will concentrate on the rare type that my little cousin has, which is harder because scientists don't know as much about it as other types. We appreciate it so much. You're all amazing! Love Ruby."



### **PE Kit – Be Prepared!**

Mr Bullock writes: 'Please can the children bring warm outdoor clothes for PE as well as shorts and T-shirts. I would like to do PE outside as often as possible, but to do so children need to be warm. Please make sure they have tracksuit bottoms, a warm sweatshirt and suitable shoes. Children are also welcome to wear a beanie style hat if they wish. We need to get some practice in for hockey – this will be best outdoors. Thank you.'



### **After School Cycle Club – Spaces Still Available**

There are still a few places left if your child would like to take part in the after school club which starts on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. If you have mislaid the original letter, which had the slip attached, it is available in the

News section of the website. Alternatively, please contact us and we will send a replacement.

### **Y6 Science Day – Rescheduled**

Some of our Y6 children were due to visit The Wensleydale School in January – unfortunately the day was cancelled as The Wensleydale School was closed due to snow. The date has been re-arranged to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February; a letter is attached for those children involved. Please complete and return the consent slip as soon after half term as possible.



### **Silver Smarties!**

From the PTFA: "We have allocated one tube of Smarties, kindly donated by Carrs Billington in Hawes, to each child today in the hope of filling these with 20p pieces to raise money for the Askrigg and Bainbridge PTFA and the 50's Club at West Burton. We would like to encourage the children to complete tasks/activities/chores in return for 20p or more from friends and family in order for them to be returned partially or fully filled the week prior to the Easter Holidays. As always any returns are gratefully received and all funds go towards benefitting your child/ren."

### **Eco Group News – Tree Count**

Peter, Eco warrior writes: "In Eco Group, we planted three trees this week (in theory). We asked everybody from the three schools to bring in old Christmas cards from home. We also had a collection box in Askrigg Village Shop. First, we counted one hundred Christmas cards then weighed them to see how much they weigh. Then, we recorded that weight and were able to go much quicker because we knew how much 100 Christmas cards weigh. We multiplied that weight by 10 so that we knew roughly how much 1,000 cards weighed. We simply put the cards in groups based on their weight, rather than counting them. We took all the cards to Marks and Spencers and they gave them to the Woodland trust. They then planted three trees."

### **World Book Day – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Mr Billingham writes: "World Book Day is on 1st March and it is our plan as a federation to come dressed in characters from books. So be as creative as you wish, all staff included! We will also be holding a sponsored read, more details to follow. World Book day tokens (one per child) are attached to this letter. If yours is missing please contact the school office."

### **Growth Mindsets Evening**

Thank you to those of you who attended the Growth Mindset evening at West Burton on Wednesday. It was a lovely evening

which enabled us to give a simple and empowering message to our parents about how to help our children with learning, especially in maths. If you wish to see the PowerPoint from the evening, please visit our website <http://b-a-wb.co.uk/news> where you can also find the handout from the evening (accompanying this newsletter as well). Many thanks again and also to Miss Collins who gave her time to prepare the session, as well as developing the Growth Mindset culture across our federation over time – it has had a real impact which was recognised by our Ofsted inspector.

Miss Collins is always willing to be contacted by any parents who have questions about how to support their children in maths, from any of our three schools.

### **Going Paperless!**

Please remember that we will cease sending paper copies of our correspondence by default after half-term. It will all be sent by email and will be made available on our website. If you do wish to continue to receive paper copies, please ask in the school office and we will be happy to print one for you.



### **The Big Breakfast raising funds for Yorkshire Air Ambulance**

James, Angela, James and Ellie Peacock write: "Just a little update on the very productive morning we had last Saturday. We weren't quite sure what to expect and we had an amazingly busy day; none stop from the minute we started. We are so pleased that it was a huge success and really well supported.

So far we have a total of **£3711.45** which keeps increasing. If you know of anyone else who would like to still donate please do get in touch, telephone 01969 650212 or email [james-peacock@btconnect.com](mailto:james-peacock@btconnect.com) or call in person.

This massive amount of money wouldn't have been possible if we hadn't have had the amount of items donated either by our suppliers or ourselves. We have had no costs involved which helped to raise such a high figure.

Thank you so much we are very overwhelmed from the support of everyone who got involved, from the donations of products and equipment, raffle prizes, money sent in, money spent and the volunteers who worked continuously all morning. We're pretty sure the amount raised will help The Yorkshire Air Ambulance funds. Ellie is keen to do more fundraising so watch this space.

Thanks very much indeed."

### **And Finally ...**

... please can I ask you to visit ParentPay to check on your child's account, and to make payments as necessary. Thank you.

Weekly Class Attendance	
Class 2 @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	98.6%
Class 3 @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	89.2%
Class 4 @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	96%
Class 1 @ West Burton – Mrs Williams	100%
Class 2 @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	92.9%

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Eidur Pickard-Sparne
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Aylish Fiskin
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Ben Calvert
Best Class Attendance	Mrs Williams's Class
Tidiest Classroom Award	Mrs Robinson's Class

I hope you have a great half-term and I look forward to keeping in touch with you all over the coming months.

Thank you for all your kind words and well-wishes.

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 West Burton's log books.

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 1921:** The carter's son has just delivered a load of coal (1:30pm). He informs me that he brought this load from the station on Friday night (Feb 11<sup>th</sup>) so evidently it has been laying in their cart shed till now.

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 1965:** William and David Wilkinson left school today. They are returning to Malaya. 26 children on roll. Very poor attendances due to chicken pox, measles and one case of whooping cough.



## West Burton's Newsflash

This week West Burton went to Wigton Moor School. Grace went in with Y5 as she is the only Y6 and Kirsty went in with the Y2 as she is the only Y1.

These are some Quotes from class one. Abigail said, "It was really fun and we enjoyed making fortune tellers."

Beatrice C said, "I enjoyed the dinner"

Thia said, "I made a new friend"

Maeve said, "I enjoyed meeting and playing with the children"

These are some Quotes from class two. Darcy said, "I enjoyed the activities"

Anna said, "I liked making the instruments"

Alice said, "I had to imagine that I was in China and how it would smell and what it would look like"

Elsie said, "I enjoyed doing the Chinese new year activities"

Ben and Benjamin said, "We enjoyed making Chinese dragons"

Chloe said, "I enjoyed making pam pipes"

Grace said, "I enjoyed doing printing in the afternoon"

HAVE A GREAT HALF TERM

**Grace Dent Y6 and Chloe Dent Y4**



## EYFS News



Next week is 'Give Your Child an Extra Hug Week'. What a spot of luck that it falls at the same time as half term when Love will be high on the agenda with Valentine's day. Oh all right, it isn't really 'Give Your Child an Extra Hug Week' but why not do it anyway - they deserve it they have immersed themselves in learning as always this half term and are possibly exhausted.

This week has been no exception as we have been exploring Chinese New Year. We have cooked noodles and rice and are making our own fortune cookies with good luck mottoes. Our dragons have been spectacular and so versatile that they have transformed into dog kennels as soon as the thought has entered someone's head. Well either that or the dragon has swallowed the dog. Just in case you were wondering, it is the Year of the Dog. And on Friday we have a very special visitor that I am sure the children will tell you all about. They are very excited and wait with anticipation as the newsletter goes to press. How many of them remembered to pass on the fire safety tips that the visitor from the fire service gave us? I know some children have given highly detailed instructions and are monitoring their parents' routines and habits. If they haven't mentioned it, please ask them and pop on an episode of Firefighter Sam.

The weather doesn't look too bad for next week so catch the moments and get outside, have loads of fun eating pancakes and saying how much you love each other xxxx



## Askrigg's Junior Reporters' Column

### Swimming

If you are in stage 4, please remember your pyjamas after half term because lots of people forgot last week. You need them for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### P.E.

In P.E. we have been inside for the half term due to bad weather. So, your child needs to bring warmer clothes because, after half term, we are going to be doing our P.E. lessons outside in the school field. We need to practise our hockey skills because Class 3 are going to be doing a hockey tournament.

### Craft Club

Thanks to Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Alderson because, on Wednesday lunch times, they are running a brilliant craft club. Last Wednesday, we decorated glass jars. We chose a picture and tried to draw it on a glass jar. If you put a light in it, it makes it look beautiful.

**Jack Dalton and Ben Alderson Y6.**



## Community News

### Pie and Peas Fundraiser – TONIGHT!

There will be a pie and pea supper for Askrigg children's activities on Friday 9th February at Crown, Askrigg from 6pm -8:30pm. Adult pie - £8 and Junior pie / sausage - £5. Tickets are available from Cheryl Burton 01969 650086 or The Crown Inn 01969 650387.

### Coffee Morning – Tomorrow – Askrigg Village Hall

St Oswald's Church, Askrigg are having a coffee morning tomorrow from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm at Askrigg Village Hall. Cost is £2.50 and includes coffee, tea and cake. There will also be a wrapped tombola. Everyone is welcome to go along.

### Nest Building at Gayle Mill

Gayle Mill Trust will be hosting their Annual Nest Box making event at Gayle Mill on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 10am until 1pm. All children under 16, accompanied by an adult are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served and each Nest Box only costs £7. We look forward to welcoming everyone to this event. More details from Claire Lambert, Manager, Gayle Mill Trust. Tel: 01969 667320

### Astrocampus event at Northallerton Library 14 Feb

At Northallerton Library on February 14<sup>th</sup>, visitors will be able to explore the wonders of space in the Cosmodome: an inflatable planetarium. Discover the stories behind the constellations and take a tour of the night skies; fly past the planets and find out about stars exploding! Shows last for 20 minutes and are suitable for all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the session are £1 per person, available in advance from Northallerton library. Advanced booking essential as spaces are limited. 01609 533832 or 01609 535016 (ext 5016) [victoria.sauron@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:victoria.sauron@northyorks.gov.uk)

### Hey Samba! – 3<sup>rd</sup> March

If you like making music but don't necessarily have any previous experience (or indeed talent) then Samba drumming might be for you. BlueBoxt Productions and Runaway Samba are hosting a Samba day at Askrigg Village Hall on Saturday March 3rd from 10.45am - 4.30pm. It promises to be a great day of young and older people working together, drumming and shaking and getting feet tapping with the Brazilian carnival-rooted rhythms. Come on your own or bring your family. You honestly can be a complete beginner and yet achieve something amazing by the end of the day, as well as having a good time.

The day will be suitable for children age 9 upwards and adults of any age. The cost is £5 for children and £10 for adults. You will need to bring a packed lunch.

To book your place call 650984 or Google 'BlueBoxt Productions Box Office'.

### PTFA Domino Drive – 9<sup>th</sup> March

Askrigg Village Hall. More details to follow – watch this space!

### Upper Wensleydale Benefice Sunday School

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – 4pm Gayle Chapel

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Family communion Askrigg

#### BAINBRIDGE NEWS

Bainbridge C of E Primary and Nursery School, Bainbridge, North  
Yorkshire, DL8 3EL  
01969 650336  
[admin@bainbridge.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bainbridge.n-yorks.sch.uk)

#### ASKRIGG NEWS

Askrigg VC Primary School, Yorebridge, Askrigg,  
North Yorkshire, DL8 3BJ  
01969 650331  
[admin@askrigg.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@askrigg.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### LOST PROPERTY – At Bainbridge we have the following items in lost property:

1 grey zip up hoodie (Nutmeg)  
1 grey cardigan Age 6 (Next)  
1 pair black tracksuit bottoms age 3-4 (George)  
1 green/blue zip up hoodie age 5-6 (Mountain Warehouse)  
Please contact the school office to claim any item

### Lost Property – At Askrigg ...

... we have too much to list! The lost property is in Mrs Alderson's office – please call in and have a rummage!

#### West Burton School News

West Burton CE Primary School, West Burton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 4JY  
01969 663230  
[admin@westburton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westburton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

**Lost Property:** Please could you check to see if a PE shirt belonging to Hermione Doubtfire has found its way home with your child/ren. It does have a name in it. Please return to school if you find it. Thank you.

**Email:** Could you let the school office know if you feel you are not receiving Newsletters and other correspondence by email as soon as possible. We are going paperless after half term so need to ensure you are receiving communications from school.

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**'A Wensleydale Christmas Carol' DVD Order Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to pre-order \_\_\_\_\_ (please insert number) DVDs. I enclose £7.50 per DVD (Please make cheques payable to either Bainbridge School Fund or Askrigg School Fund).

We will also be making a contribution towards charity, if you have a preference for this charity, please indicate below.

Charity preference (if any).....

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

All rights reserved. No unauthorised copying, hiring, renting, public performance or broadcasting of the DVD is permitted.

Please return this form to school by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

### 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			
Tuesday		After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Tuesday Team
Wednesday			
Thursday		Chess Club – Mr Oliver – lunchtime Yoga – after school – Nic Scarr	After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday			The Songbirds 3.30pm
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
Tuesdays from 16.1.18	KS2 swimming		
w/c 12.2.18	Half Term		
19.2.18	School re-opens		
26.2.18	Community Engagement Day		
26.2.18	After School Cycle Club starts		
1.3.18	World Book Day		
27.3.18	Last swimming session – KS2		
24.4.18	Great North Air Ambulance Bags 2 School Collection: Askrigg 9am; Bainbridge 9:30am; West Burton 10:15am		
11-14.6.18	Y5/6 Residential to Carlton Lodge		
15.6.18	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability - Level 1		
19, 20, 21.6.18	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability – Level 2		
26, 27, 28.6.18			Y5 and Y6 Bikeability – Level 2

#### Forest School Dates

Please ensure your child has warm, waterproof, old clothes and suitable footwear for these sessions

February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bainbridge	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	BAWB Day - No Forest Schools
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Askrigg	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bainbridge
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	West Burton	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays