



Dear parents and friends,  
 Happy New Year friends and families! I hope you all had a restful and special Christmas break and took advantage of the longer break after new year to rest and recuperate. I know we all did. Thank you all for helping us to enjoy a really lovely final week of the year with much festive activity making for a great way to end the term. I would be interested to hear your feedback from the Leyburn panto. Did any of you go as a family? Our staff and pupils gave very mixed reviews and we would like to work out where we go next year. I certainly thoroughly enjoyed it, though it did seem as if ~~Les Battersby~~ Bruce Jones would rather have been anywhere else!



This Monday saw the staff hard at work with two important aspects of training/staff development:

- RPI training (Restrictive Physical Intervention) – statutory
- Planning for disadvantaged learners

Teaching assistants also took part in some training around 'Reading Eggs', delivered by Mrs Gamble. It was a really busy and productive day; an important opportunity for us to train together and make sure that our practice is really up-to-date and focussed on the needs of our pupils.

**Welcome back Mr Stokes!**

We are all delighted to be welcoming back Mr Stokes this term. He will be spending 4 weeks in a transitional return where he will have the important opportunity to handover effectively with Mr Billingham and with Mrs Frew-McGill who has been covering for him. He will therefore be back full-time towards the end of January. We are really glad he is back and that he is recovered from a lengthy illness.

May I also take this opportunity to express my thanks to Mrs Frew-McGill who has supported us commendably during his time off. Thank you very much!



**Congratulations...**

...to the Wood family (Teddy, Jasmine and parents) on the safe arrival of baby Ethan. Mum and baby doing well and we wish them

well for their first few days together. Well done and congratulations!

**Y3 and Y4 Marrick Priory Residential – Information Evening**

A reminder for Y3/4 children and their parents that we are holding an information evening about this residential on Monday evening (15<sup>th</sup>) at 5:30pm at Askrigg Primary School. Jim (from Marrick) will be there to give more information about the trip, as



well to answer any questions you have. We will also talk about pupil groupings, dormitory arrangements, and staffing. Please can you let school know directly if you will be unable to attend? Many thanks.



**Declan Peacock – Boro Celebration!**

During the holiday, one of our pupils, Declan Peacock, was lucky enough to be invited with the Hawes United Junior Football Club, who he trains and plays for, to act as Guard of Honour at the Middlesbrough v Aston Villa game on Saturday December 30<sup>th</sup>! There were 26

of them, all wearing the team's new strips for the first time, and they got the chance to experience being on the pitch on match day as they walked the pitch and waved Boro flags to welcome the first teams on for kick off! It was a fantastic day out and a wonderful experience for them all! Eva and Isaac Sleightholm were also there. Hawes Juniors train every Wednesday at 6.15pm currently on the MUGA at Askrigg during the winter months and then during summer on the football pitch at Hawes. They play tournaments on Saturdays as well. This is open to anyone from age 5 upwards. What a wonderful experience for Declan and his family!



**KS2 Swimming**

A reminder that all our KS2 children (Y3, 4, 5, 6) will be starting a 10 week course of swimming from next Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup>). Any individual needs should be brought to the attention of your child's class teacher. The following staff will be accompanying the sessions: Mr Billingham, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Fawcett, Mrs R Alderson, Mr Stokes, Mrs Donno-Fuller.

**Y6 Science Curriculum Day at TWS**

Miss Collins writes... "A small group of Year 6 children from a range of local primary schools have been invited to take part in a curriculum enrichment day at The Wensleydale School in Leyburn on 19th January, 2018. There are only enough places for 9 of our children so we have offered the opportunity to all the Year 6 children who did not take part in the maths competition this year (another event with a limited number of participants).



The activities during the day offer some really exciting hands-on science!

- BIOLOGY – dissection of heart and lungs.
- CHEMISTRY – measuring the effect burning iron has on its weight.
- PHYSICS - looking at and making telescopes.

Details about transport (there is an early start) have been sent out in a separate letter (attached)."

### **BAWB Parents' Forum – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – West Burton**

The next parents' Forum will be held at West Burton on 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. If there is anything you would like adding to the agenda, please send details to any of the school offices.

Reminder re applying for school place in Sept - deadline is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January website is

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)

**Caelan McCreadie** wishes to thank everyone who bought his Christmas chocolates. He raised £120 for the RNLI which will help to save lives. Well done Caelan – what an achievement!



### **Bear & Butterfly Trip – TOSH**

Mrs Harrison writes....

*"The Early Years and Key Stage 1 children from all three schools are attending the Hullabaloo theatre production of Bear and Butterfly at The Old School House (TOSH) in Leyburn next Thursday afternoon (18<sup>th</sup> January). We are in for a treat with puppetry, live music and storytelling of a tale about friendship and love.*



*It is within the school day (leaving at 12.45pm and returning at 3pm). If your child has a nursery session that afternoon, a place has been booked for them to attend the production with the reception children. We are really looking forward to our first school visit to TOSH, and hope there are more opportunities like this in the future."*

### **Class Timetables**

Your child's class timetable accompanies this newsletter. Please note that (from next week) the Y5 children at Askrigg will spend Thursdays in Mr Billingham's class in order that the Y6 children from the federation can come together and have a focussed day on aspects of the challenging Y6 curriculum in preparation for their end-of-year statutory assessments. For this reason, the Y5 children are also bringing home a copy of Mr Billingham's timetable.

### **Key Policies**

Please take a few minutes to read and digest two key policies accompanying the newsletter this week:

- **Behaviour:** our RESPECT code is critical in ensuring consistently good behaviour and underpins the expectations we set out in every aspect of school life. Our RESPECT code has been recognised and cited by both the SIAMS and Ofsted inspection teams as highly effective practice. It is really important that you are aware of this at home.
- **Uniform:** this time of year is usually a good time to remind everyone about uniform expectations as children may be growing out of previous clothing; please refer to this policy before buying new. Just one particular reminder: earrings cannot be taped

over for PE as this can prove as great a risk as wearing earrings themselves. Children must remove their studs for PE. Unfortunately, the alternative is that they will not be permitted to take part; the risks associated with jewellery in PE are not insignificant.

These policies are attached electronically to your email; if you would like a paper version, please ask at the school office and we will be happy to provide one.

### **Community Engagement Project**

As promised, the postponed community engagement day regarding the future of our schools has been rescheduled provisionally for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. More details will follow (including a supporting document) in due course but please take this opportunity to put this new date in your diaries. It is more than likely that it will take the same format as previously published: drop-in sessions at National Parks, Bainbridge (morning), Askrigg Primary School (afternoon), and West Burton Primary school (evening).



### **Maternity Cover**

I have spent a really productive and positive two days this week with Mrs Price and Mrs Harrison as part of the preparation for handing over my role when I go on maternity leave at February half-term. As promised, more details will come separately nearer the time but Mrs Eastwood will be covering Mrs Harrison's class on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays as Mrs Harrison spends a day in each school as part of this role. Mrs Price will oversee the more strategic aspects of the role and so will have more flexibility in terms of which days she is in school, though she will of course distribute her time between all three and ensure that she spends time getting to know staff, pupils, and parents. I am really reassured that our schools will be in safe hands.

### **After School Clubs ...**

... start again next week.

Weekly Class Attendance	
Class 2 @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	97.1%
Class 3 @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	99.2%
Class 4 @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	98%
Class 1 @ West Burton – Mrs Williams	80%
Class 2 @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	95.7%

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Tommy Scarr
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Willow Oliver
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Darcy Doubtfire
Best Class Attendance	Mr Billingham's Class
Tidiest Classroom Award	Mrs Robinson's Class

Have a lovely weekend.

Charlotte Harper

**Policies**



## 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 books.

**20<sup>th</sup> Jan 1896:** *'On Mrs Fenwick leaving school this morning during Recreation Interval, I requested her not to do so in future without asking leave of me. At 12 o'clock she left her cupboard key – detached from the ring – upon the mantelpiece in her room, and is absent this afternoon without any explanation.'*

**21<sup>st</sup> Jan 1896:** *'Mrs Fenwick has sent word that she is detained from school through illness; and also that she was absent from same cause yesterday afternoon.'*

**23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1896:** *'Mrs Fenwick returned to school this morning.'*



## West Burton's Newsflash

This term we are learning about the Victorians and their inventions. The first few days we have been learning about Alexander Graham Bell. Did you know Alexander's two brothers died of tuberculosis and he and his father moved to Canada because he thought the air was fresher?

Next week we are going swimming to Richmond, so KS2 don't forget your swimming kit!!

GRACE DENT, Y6 and ANNA DENT, Y4



## Askrigg's Junior Reporters' Column

### Christmas Holidays

All sorts of things were going on over Christmas. Lots of people have been going to see the new movies, such as Star Wars, Paddington 2 and Jumanji.

Lots of children got some really good presents for Christmas. For example, Jack Dalton got a snowboard, Ruby P got a speaker and Fred got a 3-string guitar and a busking amp. Ben Alderson was very happy with his presents: he got a drone and a fat suit!

We also asked everyone what they did during the Christmas holidays. Lenny went to Ireland for the New Year and Eidur ate turkey and brussel sprouts. Miss Collins said she had a lovely Christmas with her family and was very excited about her new book.

Next week we will be going swimming at Richmond and the Year 6 children are also doing SATs boosters. Some children had mixed feelings about the boosters. Phoebe said, "I feel calm but a bit scared."

Ellie said, "I'm a bit nervous."

Thanks for reading!

**By Jack Da. and Fredric N., Year 6**



## **EYFS**

### Happy New Year!



Hope you have all had a super holiday. All the Early Years staff have enjoyed their holiday. Which was made all the more special with your lovely gifts, cards and kind words of appreciation. Not been that good for our waistlines though! But many Thanks.

It may seem a long time ago now but we wanted to share with you how the Xmas party went because it was the perfect example of how delightful the Nursery, Reception and Y1/2 children are. They were so beautifully behaved despite being very excited little dynamos. They applauded each other's successes and did not get upset when they were out. They danced together in all sorts of combinations. They shared and cared all the way through. The RESPECKT code was in full evidence with an additional K for Kindness. The only hint of a fleeting frown was when Mrs. J realised that she could not win 'Best Dancer' after seeing the moves that Otis made – they put John Travolta in the shade. It was a fabulous party and really made us appreciate our jobs.

This week the children have eagerly returned and warmly welcomed our new starters: Maisie, Matilda, Aaron, Riley, Caleb, Louisa and Fearnie. The children have settled very well and are already learning routines and making new friends.

New for 2018 is our Number Table and Shape Table. Each week we will have a new number and shape. Please bring in examples from home to put on the table. On Monday we will be on **no.2** and **rectangle**.

Have a super weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.



## Community News

### Coffee Morning – Tomorrow!

Coffee morning, tomorrow in Askrigg Village Hall. All welcome 10-12. £2.50. Tea, coffee, cakes, chat, wrapped tombola! Proceeds to St Oswald’s Church.

### Askrigg & Bainbridge PTFA Events:

CURRY NIGHT - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

Upper Wensleydale Sunday School – 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Stalling Busk church 4pm, Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Benefice Service Askrigg

#### BAINBRIDGE NEWS

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#### ASKRIGG NEWS

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### PTFA 200 Club Draw

The third and final draw was made at the meeting on Wednesday and the results are as follows:

1st: Jean Sleightholm - £35; 2nd: John Wood - £25; 3rd: James Peacock - £20; 4th: Chris Tennant - £15; 5th: Becky Calvert - £10; 6th: Janet Lewins - £10; 7th: Stephen Allison - £10; 8th: Abby Alderson - £5

Congratulations to all the winners. The PTFA won't be running the 200 club next year as they have lots of other exciting events planned – watch this space!

### After School Clubs

Membership of the after school sports on Tuesday and yoga on Thursday at Askrigg is as shown below – if your child hasn't yet signed up there are two places available for sports and one for yoga.

<b>After School Sports - Tuesday</b>
May, Alicia, Connor, Hollie, Eva , Isaac, Fred C, Teddy, Jasmine, Ronan, Ben A, Olivia, Henry, Declan, Rosalyn, Lenny, Fred N, Alice, Daisy A, Eidur, Coen, Willow, Willis, Dylan, Jack Dinsdale, Charlie, Jack Dalton, William Dalton.
<b>Yoga - Thursday</b>
Rosie, Ralph, Alicia, Connor, Ellie, Rosalyn, Lenny, Fred N, Gracie, Eidur, Coen, Ruby P, Jack Dalton

#### West Burton School News

West Burton CE Primary School, West Burton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 4JY  
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**Wigton Moor – 8 February:** The whole school will be visiting Wigton Moor Primary School in Leeds. The bus will depart school following registration and will return to school at approximately 4pm that day. Please could you sign and return the consent form accompanying this letter as soon as possible.

### 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	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		
15.1.18	Y3/4 Information meeting for Marrick Priory. 5:30pm Askrigg School		
18.1.18	Y6 Science Event at Wensleydale School – 8 pupils (separate letter)		
18.1.18	EYFS and KS1 – Hullabaloo at The Old School House, Leyburn		
22.1.18	RESPECT code information evening for parents, 5:30pm, Bainbridge		
24.1.18	Parents' Forum – West Burton – 7pm		
30.1.18 – 2.2.18	Y3/4 Residential to Marrick Priory		
7.2.18	Growth Mindset (in maths) session for parents, 5:30pm, West Burton		
8.2.18			Visit to Wigton Moor Primary School, Leeds
27.3.18	Last swimming session – KS2		
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 clothing and suitable footwear for these sessions.

January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bainbridge
19 <sup>th</sup>	Askrigg
26 <sup>th</sup>	Bainbridge
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	West Burton
9 <sup>th</sup>	Askrigg
Half Term	