



Dear parents and friends,

We are heading unnervingly quickly towards half-term! In contrast to the very long autumn term, this one is very short but we still have loads of wonderful things to pack in to the spring term!



RESPECT Code Review

Regrettably, we were unable to go ahead with the RESPECT code review on Monday evening as the session was only attended by two parents (Mrs D Peacock and Mrs Cartwright).

We appreciate that everyone is very busy and some parents had sent their apologies, though the planned session needed a bigger group for it to really work. We will attempt to reschedule potentially for a later time or different day. Please see separate email as we try to canvas your views about the timings of such sessions. Many thanks.

Parent Forum

Similarly, only one parent (Mr Cartwright) attended the parent forum at West Burton on Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Alderson for organising the meeting.

We will keep the parent forum going, especially in light of the impending community engagement project, though may have to review if attendance continues to be very low. On the upside, we hope that non-attendance is a symptom of general satisfaction with things at school; please do let me know if there is anything you wish to raise.



Internet Safety – Tuesday 6th February, 2018, 6:30pm

Please see an accompanying flyer about a session for parents at The Wensleydale School which will explain how and why children use social media and how you can help to keep them safe. Please be assured that this session will be entirely appropriate for primary aged children. I strongly encourage you not underestimate your child's current access to various forms of social media, and potentially your own unawareness of the extent of the risk that this poses to them on a daily basis.



Community Engagement Project

Thank you for your patience as much work has been undertaken to ensure the accurate financial projections of a number of future models. Please see a separate letter detailing the rescheduled community drop-in sessions on Monday 26th February 2018.

Collaborative Pupil Premium Review

At the time of going to press, we are taking part in a Swaledale Alliance Collaborative Pupil Premium Review. This involves a small team of trained headteachers visiting our schools for one day to explore and challenge the quality of provision we have in place for children who attract Pupil Premium funding. If your children speak of visitors to their classroom this week, they are likely referring to this team. We hope that this review will be good preparation for an Ofsted visit where the way in which we spend our Pupil Premium funding may be closely scrutinised.

Wensleydale Tournament

In light of my not being here from half-term, we have decided not to take part in The Wensleydale Tournament of Song this year in any big way. I believe Mrs Loughlin is entering our Reception, Y1 and Y2 children into one or two of the singing classes and will liaise with parents about this separately. Though we are not entering school groups this time, we are still entirely supportive of the tournament (and will return to it next year). If you wish to enter your child in anything privately, we will of course support their absence from school to attend the event. Entry forms are available on the website (<http://www.dalesmusic.co.uk/2.html>). If you do enter your own children, please be mindful of the amount of time and skill needed to prepare children for taking part; we wish you luck with any entries and apologise for any disappointment for this year.



Headlice

A parent has informed us that their child has headlice. Please can you check your child's hair this weekend, and treat as necessary? Once you believe your child is free of headlice, please continue to check every week as it is very easy to miss one and then the cycle starts again. The NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> has some useful advice.

After School Cycle Club – Restarts Monday 26th February

We are very grateful to Mike, Helen and Kirsten of Stage 1 Cycles for offering this club again. The club is open to children from Reception – Y6 inclusive. However, children must be able to cycle without stabilisers in order to take part. Attached is a letter (including a sign up slip) with more information. Please complete and return it as soon as possible if your child would like a place in the club.



Email

Please can I ask parents and community members to get into the habit of sending emails for my attention to headteacher@b-a-wb.co.uk (instead of c.harper@b-a-wb.co.uk) in order that they can be picked up by Mrs Price and/or Mrs Harrison after half-term?

All three of us also have a personal email account (see below) at which we can be contacted about matters which are not specifically for the headteacher, or which are confidential for the individual only:
c.harper@b-a-wb.co.uk
e.harrison@b-a-wb.co.uk
m.price@b-a-wb.co.uk

Thank You to The North Riding Dales Licensed Victuallers

We would like to say a very big thank you to the Licensed Victuallers (LVA) for their generous donation to our schools from the proceeds of their annual bike ride. Mrs Alderson and Mrs Raven went to the presentation evening on Tuesday to collect the cheques; £200 was donated to our federation and £200 to the Nursery.

***** Don't Forget ...**

... curry at The Wheatsheaf, Carperby – Tonight!

Going Paperless...

Most parents have regular access to email and our text service. As such, and in response to several requests from parents, we are going to stop sending paper versions of correspondence (including the newsletter), starting after half-term. However, if you do wish to receive a paper copy of anything, either regularly, or on occasion, please do not hesitate to ask in the office. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring ways in which to collect consent for trips etc and we welcome your feedback. We hope that this also goes a little way to reducing some of our costs and to taking better care of our environment.

Weekly Class Attendance	
Class 2 @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	97.1%
Class 3 @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	96.9%
Class 4 @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	95.9%
Class 1 @ West Burton – Mrs Williams	98%
Class 2 @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	94.2%

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Grayson Alderson
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Chloe Dent
Best Class Attendance	Mrs Williams's Class
Tidiest Classroom Award	Mr Billingham's Class

I hope you 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 Bainbridge's log books.

January 24th 1879: Received annual report of H.M.I. this afternoon. Average attendance for the week 33.7. The Rev. C. Whaley gave scripture lessons on the afternoons of Tuesday and Friday of this week.

January 30th 1879: There are still several of the children who have not attended school since it reopened. Although the weather has been intensely cold, the average attendance has slightly improved, it being 35.7.



West Burton's Newsflash

The Y3/4 from West Burton are very excited for Marrick Priory next week. Hermione said, "I am very excited because I have never been there before and I am also very excited about archery, I am not excited about making my own bed!"

Class 1 said, "we really enjoyed yoga, the bridge shape was really hard though. We got to do dragon breathing that was really fun."

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Grace Dent Y6



Askrigg's Junior Reporters' Column

Storm Georgina and swimming

Over the last few days, Storm Georgina has hit Britain bringing gusts of winds at up to 90mph and two inches of rain in some places.

The storm has also caused some damage with trees falling down which caused a man to crash his car in Waterbridge, giving him serious injuries. We hope he is OK. Miss Collins said she saw lots of branches on the road as she was coming into Askrigg.



KS2 have started swimming and they have done 2 sessions, here are some quotes from class four:

"I enjoy swimming and our teacher was funny," said Pjeter.

Phoebe said: "I like swimming because it makes me feel free."

Have a great weekend! Remember your swimming kit on Tuesday!

By Aylish F and Ellie P ~ Y6



Community News

Askrigg & Bainbridge PTFA – Curry Night - TONIGHT:

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!

Big Breakfast Fundraiser for Yorkshire Air Ambulance Saturday 3rd February 8.30am till 12.30pm

Ellie Peacock and her family are holding a Big Breakfast at The Corn Mill Tearoom in Bainbridge to raise money for The Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Ellie writes: *'Their services are very important in the rural area we live. The journey by road to James Cook Hospital takes around 1 hour 20 minutes; by air, it is a very swift 15 minutes. It costs them £12,000 per day to keep two air ambulances in the air. The fast medical response that the Air Ambulance service provides is vital to a patient who has received major trauma, especially those with head and spinal injuries, as the Air Ambulance can avoid traffic congestion and uneven road surfaces. The Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity relies on the generosity of*

individuals and organisations to help save lives across Yorkshire. On average, when a patient has been received by the YAA, they will always be only 10 minutes from the nearest hospital and 15 minutes from the most relevant treatment centre. In some cases, this can save people's lives.

At the event, we will be selling many breakfast items including Full English Breakfasts, Bacon and Sausage Buns or Baguettes, Scrambled Eggs on Toast, Beans on Toast, Toast, Teacakes ... all to eat in or take away. There will also be a selection of homemade cakes, biscuits and tray bakes available to buy.

Raffle tickets are available to buy on the day, the draw will take place at the end of the event and all winners will be notified.'

Pie and Peas Fundraiser – 9th February

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.

Nest Building at Gayle Mill

Gayle Mill Trust will be hosting their Annual Nest Box making event at Gayle Mill on Wednesday 14th 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 14th, 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

PTFA Domino Drive – 9th March

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

Upper Wensleydale Benefice Sunday School

Sunday 28th 4pm Candlemas at Askrigg Church -wrap up warm
Sunday 4th Feb – 9am Family Morning Praise Hardraw

BAINBRIDGE NEWS

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ASKRIGG NEWS

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West Burton School News

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Wigton Moor – 8 February: We still have a few consents still outstanding. Please could you return your slips on Monday if you haven't already. A reminder that all children will need to be collected from school on that day.

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
TONIGHT!	Curry at The Wheatsheaf, Carperby		
Tuesdays from 16.1.18	KS2 swimming		
31.1.18 – 2.2.18	Y3/4 Residential to Marrick Priory – 2 nights away		
2.2.18	Go Orange for Muscular Dystrophy		
7.2.18	Growth Mindset (in maths) session for parents, 5:30pm, West Burton		
8.2.18			Visit to Wigton Moor Primary School, Leeds
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		
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 clothing and suitable footwear for these sessions.

January 12 th	Bainbridge
19 th	Askrigg
February 2 nd	West Burton
9 th	Askrigg
Half Term	