



Dear Parents and Friends,



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back after, what I hope was, a peaceful and joyful Christmas break. With that being said we would like to welcome everyone back to a busy Spring term and have got a few reminders and a bit of news on the weeks ahead.

Baby Harper

We are excited to announce the safe arrival of Jude. Mum and baby are doing well and we are really looking forward to meeting him soon when Miss Harper will be calling into our schools.



KS2 Assembly – Friday 17 January – 09:30am

On Friday 17 January at 09:30am there will be a KS2 Assembly at Askrigg when representatives of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter will be presenting the prizes to our children who were winners in the recent story writing competition. There will be **no** Celebration Assemblies in our other schools on that day.

Read Write Inc training



On Monday we had our first day of Read Write Inc. phonic

training. It was a very productive and informative day being taught how to deliver their phonic sessions using their resources but it was also great fun being the pupils and taking turns to play teachers! The next stage in the training is a development day when our leader comes into classrooms to observe and support with phonic sessions and then a second training day on Friday 14th February.

New Nursery Children

We would like to give a huge welcome to the nursery children who have joined us this term: Rocco, Eli, Ben, Emma, Ada, Rosie, Edward, Libby, Aimee and Oscar. They have had a great start to their time with us and it has been wonderful to see the older children in the Robins class helping them to learn routines and support them.

Nursery start time

Please can nursery parents be reminded that the nursery start time is **8.45** and not 8.30. Your cooperation in adhering to this time would be appreciated.

Admin team

We would also like to welcome our new admin team members, Mrs Wilman to West Burton School and Mrs Gurden to Bainbridge School. We hope they have both enjoyed their first week in our schools. There is an admin timetable attached to the newsletter.

Base leader for Askrigg

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Alderson is the new base leader at Askrigg School. Mrs Alderson is a familiar face to many of our families, working as a teaching Assistant in the Merlin class. We have attached information about the base leader role and how this works across the federation.

Reminder: After School Clubs

We will resume clubs week commencing 13th January for the Spring Term. An electronic form regarding clubs has been sent out to parents. Please complete this as it gives your consent and also confirms which club your child would like to do. (Don't forget it's on a first come, first served basis – so don't delay!)

Reminder: Swimming – Spring Term - KS1 and Reception

All KS1 and Reception children will be swimming in the spring term. The first session will be Tuesday 14th January and will run for ten weeks, at Richmond Leisure Centre.



A few reminders about swimming for this term:

- Please can children arrive at school promptly to ensure that the bus can leave on time.
- Please pack a healthy snack for your children as they will be away from school for first break.
- Attire: girls - swimming costumes
 boys – swimming trunks
- There is a £10 contribution requested towards the swimming lessons, payable via Parentpay.

Reminder: Open Day

Timings

Mon 13th January -

Bainbridge

Tues 14th January – Askrigg

Wed 15th January – West Burton



We hope you had a fantastic break and we are happy to welcome you back ready for spring term!

Handwritten signatures of Geraldine Lindley and Eleanor Harrison in black ink.

Geraldine Lindley and Eleanor Harrison

We would like to invite you to visit our schools on the dates shown, during the following times: **9:30am-10:30am or 10:45-11:45am**

There will be refreshments available and our school council members and RESPECT code ambassadors will be available to give guided tours. We are looking forward to seeing you.

RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch



Each school will be taking part in the RSPB big schools birdwatch (between 06/01 – 21/02). The activity is about counting the number of birds in our school grounds and the results contribute to Big

Garden Birdwatch – the world’s largest wildlife survey. It can be done as part of a Wildlife Challenge that is available to families via

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/families/family-wild-challenge/> for those looking for some outside activities for their children.

Head Lice

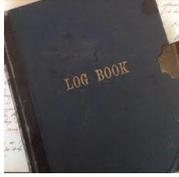
There has been some confirmed cases of Head lice in both Askrigg and Bainbridge. Please can parents check their children’s heads weekly and treat when found to ensure there is no further spread.

Forest School

please see timetable at the end of the newsletter for Forest school dates to ensure your child has their kit with them on the correct day.

This week’s awards from the Headteacher:

Headteacher’s Award, Bainbridge	May
Headteacher’s Award, Askrigg	Micheala
Headteacher’s Award, West Burton	Toby
Tidiest Classroom Award	Skylarks



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:

8th January 1940 – Re-opened school this morning 51 present – 33 Local & 18 evacuees

12th Jan 1940 – Two children have this afternoon been excluded for 2 weeks, owing to being in contact with a case of spotted fever.



West Burton's Newsflash

The first day back was great, we had normal lessons but every day at school we have fun and learn so much.

The first thing Skylarks did was guided reading and there was a surprise because Beatrice Quinton-Bottley from Swallows was going to be coming up to our classroom for 20 minutes each day to read and do the activities with us. The book we are reading is called Greek Myths and it is very interesting, the first myth was 'The Gift of Fire', then it was 'Pandora's Box' and the one we just read was 'Persephone and The Seasons'.

Before all that Mrs. Collins asked everyone what they did for Christmas: Chloe said, "I got a hamster called Charlie for Christmas."

Josie said, "I got a crazy drone that flew in the fire, but my dad grabbed it before it burned."

Mary said, "I got some cool figurines called amiibos treasure hunt with no clues!"

Also, on Wednesday, Swallows (class 1) went on a walk and this what they said about it:

Toby said, "It was very good!"

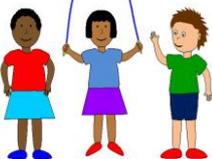
Beatrice QB said, "I enjoyed looking around."

Callum said, "I liked ticking things off on a checklist."

It sounds like they had fun on their walk

That's all from Mary and Josie! We hope you had a merry Christmas! 🎄 😊 😎

EYFS



Welcome back! It is so lovely to see you all again after a delightful festive break.

Firstly, a massive thank you for all our magnificent gifts. I think dipping our biscuits into our beautiful new mugs whilst lying in the bath with our bath bombs fizzing was very relaxing and gave us ample time to appreciate your support and thanks.

However, we needed to be sure to keep our eyes up and not glance down at our expanding tummies. Yes, we loved the chocolates and numerous goodies and didn't hold back on our appreciation of them.

So, Miss Harper has welcomed baby Jude into the world and is filled with glorious joy and love. Isn't that just so wonderful? Not too dissimilar to the feelings EYFS staff have on welcoming their new nursery starters. What a lovely bunch of children. And how beautifully our established children have welcomed them.

If I had children the right age I would definitely want them to come to our school. The learning, kindness and behaviour is just so captivating. Our children flourish in this environment. Thanks for the team effort everyone.

Happy New Year.

Love Robins xx



Askrigg's Journalism Column

Blogging.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Billingham taught Merlins how to blog. We used a website on purple mash to get us started on blogging. Everyone chose different subjects about what theirs was about, Magda did her school life, Daisy did baking and Willis did what he thought about natural disasters. Here are some quotes:

Ralph said that he really loved it.

"It's a good way to learn and put things into our own words," Daisy said.

Lara said, "This has inspired me to write my own blog."

The new topic.

New term, new topic! This term Askrigg's new topic in geography is...Famous Explorers! It is very exciting learning about the amazing people who founded different countries and some different places that we have never heard of. Here is a quote from Willis "I enjoyed learning about the famous explorers including Captain James Cook."

Golden Eagle's computing.

Golden Eagle's, in computing, have been learning about using different fonts and colors as they were writing.

Here are some quotes:

Eva enjoyed using the different font sizing and it was fun making different colored titles.

"The best thing about the lesson was changing the font and colour," Alice said.

Willow said, "My favorite part about yesterday was the computing."

Sounds fun!

By,

Lara and Willis.

BAINBRIDGE NEWS

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Please see the notice regarding Head lice in Bainbridge school on page 1.

WEST BURTON NEWS

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ASKRIGG NEWS

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Please see the notice regarding Head lice in Askrigg school on page 1.



BAWB PTFA NEWS

The next meeting of the BAWB PTFA will be held on Tuesday 21 January at 7pm, Falls café, Askrigg. All are welcome. Please join us.

Community News

22.01.20 - Community meeting – Askrigg

Bainbridge Badminton Club

Badminton will start again on Tuesday 14th January from 6pm - 7pm at The Village Hall, Bainbridge. Any questions, please contact Stephen Peacock on 01969 650465 or 07969 491251.

Forest School

The timetable for this term is as follows:

January 10th Askrigg – Kingfishers

January 17th Askrigg – Curlews

January 24th West Burton - Herons

January 31st Askrigg - Kingfishers

February 7th Askrigg – Curlews

February 28th Askrigg - Kingfishers

March 6th Askrigg- Curlews

March 13th West Burton – Herons

March 20th Askrigg – Kingfishers

March 27th Askrigg - Curlews

April 3rd West Burton – Herons

Please ensure the children have appropriate clothing for the weather as 'forest school will take place whatever the Dales weather throws at us!'

- Mr Stokes

Dates For Your Diary

Regular Clubs – All clubs are open to all children and are shown under the school where they take place

<u>Resuming 13.01.20</u>	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
13/01/20	Open day		
14/01/20		Open day	
15/01/20			Open day
13/01/20	All clubs on offer this term to resume		
14/01/20	KS1 and Reception begin Spring term swimming		
14/02/20	Training day		