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Dear parents and friends,  
 We would like to start by saying thank you to our wonderful Governors who made themselves available to show people around on our Open days. It was great to see so many parents visiting the schools and becoming familiar with the other sites within our federation.



It was great to hear such positive feedback from everyone that visited, thank you to the staff for their hard work and the pupils for their exemplary behaviour.

**The future**

You may be aware that the Governors and the local authority are carrying out a due diligence project to address the request for WB school to leave the federation. This work has three categories

- *The financial position of the 3 schools as a federation as well as a two school federation and a stand-alone school.*
- *The legal, Governance and HR implications associated with defederation.*
- *The federation from an educational perspective and what value it gives to every child.*

Obviously each of these elements is critical but as educationalist we are passionate that we deliver the best possible opportunities for every one of our young people. The governors are engaging with certain 'experts' in order that we are fully informed as to the best possible future for the schools. Senior members of Strategic services are investigating financial aspects and Senior HR officials, Governance experts and Legal representatives looking into legal and staffing aspects. We also felt that an independent Educational consultant would give us an informed and accurate view on the educational provision. The Swaledale Alliance were able to recommend such a person and Ex HMI James Kilner visited the schools on Tuesday to make an assessment of our provision. He accessed the latest Ofsted and Siams reports as well as some of the latest documentation regarding the future proposed changes at the schools. His report

will feed into the Due diligence project that is presently being compiled. He was very complimentary about our Federation and appreciated being able to see the schools functioning and not just read about them on paper.

**Art BAWB Day**

Mrs Robinson – Art Curriculum Leader (West Burton) writes: *An explosion of colour and creativity for the last day of the 1st half of the summer term as we all enjoyed painting, printing, drawing and tie-dyeing! This was a great opportunity for children to share their ideas, work cooperatively and work on skills and techniques in Art. It was also good fun to have a picnic lunch together in the outside space at Askrigg School. Thank you to everyone, children and teachers for all your enthusiasm and hard work.*



**End of Year Graduation Worship**

As we prepare to say goodbye to our year 6 pupils, arrangements for our end of year services have begun. It has been decided that the whole Federation will join together in



celebration of their time in our schools and award achievement trophies and awards. The service will be held at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 2pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Friends and family are welcome to join us. There will be a normal Friday celebration assembly in each of the three schools at 9am that morning to give all the pupils a final assembly in their home school.

**Freaky Friday**

We raised £64.10 across the Federation from the donations from children who dressed up for BAWB 'Freaky Friday' at the end of last half term. We were also delighted to receive a cheque for £60 from Shape Services Ltd. Phoebe's Dad has served in Afghanistan and so his company Shape Services was keen to support this project – thank you! We will be able to twin 2 toilets now with a little bit of money left over! Thank you to everyone for your support.



### **The Daily Mile**

Miss Collins writes: 'Have you heard about the Daily Mile? Some of our children certainly have! A couple of pupils suggested that it would be a good idea for us to get involved and - once I had found out more about it - I had to agree! The Daily Mile is a really simple idea to help children improve their fitness. Every day, in all weathers, they go outside and run, jog or walk around the school field for 15 minutes. Other schools that have taken part say that their children noticed a dramatic improvement in fitness levels after just a month of this daily exercise. It costs nothing, can be accessed by all and is great fun. So, I signed us up! We did our first ever Daily Mile on Tuesday.



The children are now planning to write to fitbit to ask if they can donate some pedometers (well, it is worth a try!) and we thought we would also measure our recovery rates now and again in a month to see how they've improved. We will let you know how we get on!'

### **School Uniform**

Our suppliers of school uniform are School Trends and they deliver to your door. They have said that their delivery during busy periods can take up to two weeks so it may be worth ordering in good time if you need new uniform for September. Please visit [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk) to place your order. Alternatively please ring 0114 251 2501.



### **Term Dates 2018-19**

The term dates for the next academic year accompany this letter.



### **Carlton Lodge – Y5 and Y6 – Next Week**

Please remember we have an early start on Monday – please be at Askrigg by 7.45am, Bainbridge 7.50am and West Burton

8.10am. You will need to bring a packed lunch for Monday and it might be a good idea to put suncream on before coming to school. On Thursday we will be back after the end of the school day – the plan is to be at West Burton at 4pm, Bainbridge at 4.15pm and Askrigg 4.20pm. Let's hope we get a fine, dry week!

### **Weekly Class Attendance**

Class 2 @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	96.2%
Class 3 @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	88.5%
Class 4 @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	94.7%
Class 1 @ West Burton – Mrs Williams	96%
Class 2 @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	93.6%

### **This Week's Awards from the Headteacher**

Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Sasha Calvert
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Jack Dalton
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Mary Cooper
Best Class Attendance	Mrs Eastwood and Mrs Harrison
Tidiest Classroom Award	Mrs Johnston & Mrs Loughlin

We hope you have a lovely weekend

*E. Harrison* and *M. Price*



## 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.

1973 – June 5<sup>th</sup> Annual School fair was held from 1.30-3pm but inclement weather meant that all the out of door amusements had to be cancelled and all stalls set up in the hall. Despite this £70 was raised for school funds

1888 – June 8<sup>th</sup> The duplicate examination schedule has been received and class have begun their work to the next higher standard. Attendance has improved this week which pleased the inspector.



## West Burton's Newsflash

Last Monday it was the May Fair and some children volunteered to do the Maypole dancing. There were three dances. We had a big audience, the entire village and more. Everyone enjoyed our dancing and the whole Fair was well supported. We raised £4,500 altogether, it was a great start to everyone's half term after working so hard.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND

Grace Dent Y6 and Josie Guy Y4

**EYFS**



## EYFS News

Panic over! We've checked our tadpole diary book and they are not due to be frogs until the end of term. So now we have to focus on being patient. They are still very active, fat and healthy looking and are being well looked after. Many thanks to Rafael, Nico and Rocco who took care of them over the half term holiday. And extra thanks to mum who took care of 3 boys under 5 near water.

Lovely to see new and familiar faces at our open afternoon. Thank you to governors who did a wonderful job of showing people around. It is especially exciting to see families we didn't know about out of catchment area choosing our school. I wonder if it is because we have been practising hoola hooping at playtime? It is very tricky but judging by the agony Mrs. Johnston was in the following morning it must be good for your tummy muscles so we shall keep trying. It makes for really good counting practice which is why we need to keep trying as our highest score so far is only 18 and we really love using numbers up to 100 and beyond.

We currently have a beautiful wildlife habitat area for our role play that Mrs. Loughlin and Nursery children made last BAWB day. It is very scenic and the children are making a wide variety of bugs using different media (including photography) to add to the woodland puppets that have appeared. A very pretty place to be in class, feel free to come and sit awhile.

Our mark making snail shell activity has been a big success with all ages. Super swirls and squiggles with gold and silver, spiralling around and around with some very good pencil grips.

This week we have also been reading and writing riddles and using our reading skills to read maths problems all about sharing. We then recorded in different ways using pictures or just getting straight down to writing the answer out in sentences using our phonics. Well done children for such hard work.

Oh and our youngest children at balance bike sessions are all just taking off and starting to pedal. They are amazing. Even more amazing are the younger siblings who are biking to school. You are an inspiration to us adults. Here's hoping to good biking weather for the weekend. Enjoy!



## Askrigg's Junior Reporters' Column

### Quad kids

On Wednesday a group of us went to a sports event called Quad kids. The reason it is called Quad kids is because it has four sport activities, long distance running, short distance running, standing jump and throwing. It was at Catterick Stadium.

All the children who went did brilliantly in all the races. The boys were Jack Dinsdale, Ben A, Jack Dalton, Fred, Peter, Ben C, Eidur, Charlie, Willis, Ronan, Coen and Edward. The girls were Phoebe, Chloe, Anna, Ruby P, Rosalyn, Charlotte, Grace, Elsie, Daisy, Alicia, Magda, and Josie.

Thank you to Mrs Fawcett and Mr Bullock for going with us and Mrs Eastwood for organising it.

**By Ben and Peter Y6.**



## Community News

### **Macbeth – The Castle Players**

Macbeth will be performed by The Castle Players in the grounds of Bowes Museum from 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm. Our very own Peter is performing! More information, tickets etc can be found at [www.thewitham.org.uk](http://www.thewitham.org.uk) or by phone 01833 631107

#### **BAINBRIDGE NEWS**

Bainbridge C of E Primary and Nursery School, Bainbridge, North  
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#### **ASKRIGG NEWS**

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### **Yoga – After School Club – Spaces Available - KS2 only please**

There are still spaces available at the after school club for children in Y3,4,5,6. (Although there will not be a club next week). Please contact us if your child would like to join.

### **After School Clubs Next Week – IMPORTANT Please Read!**

As the Y5/6 children are at Carlton Lodge next week there is a change to the after school clubs. After school yoga on Monday is CANCELLED – but cycling will be on. After School Sports on Tuesday is CANCELLED. Thank you, please contact us if this affects end of day

**Lost Property** – Isaac has lost his grey school sweatshirt – it has his name on – can you check if its gone to the wrong home by mistake

### **Property Found**

A pair of navy jogging bottoms age 6-7 years found in Early years at Bainbridge – please contact the office to claim.

#### **West Burton School News**

West Burton CE Primary School, West Burton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 4JY  
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**50s Club – May Draw:** Congratulations to the winners! First Prize – Mr & Mrs Weston, Second Prize – Mr & Mrs S Hill, Third Prize – Mr & Mrs S Rookcroft.

**May Fair:** Sally Stone thanks everyone who took part in the Maypole dancing and to the teachers who arranged it all and taught the dances. Also many thanks to Mr Stanley for erecting the Maypole for us.

### 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		Cycle Club (from 23.4.18) – 3:30pm – 4:30pm Yoga – after school – Nic Scarr	
Tuesday		After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm	
Wednesday			
Thursday			After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday			The Songbirds 3.30pm
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
Tuesdays from 24.4.18	Reception, Y1 and Y2 swimming		
Mondays from 14.5.18	Balance bike sessions at Bainbridge (for children unable to pedal independently)		
11-14.6.18	Y5/6 Residential to Carlton Lodge and Y3/4 taught at West Burton		
14.6.18	After School Yoga - CANCELLED		
14.6.18	After School Cycling – is ON		
15.6.18	After School Sports is CANCELLED		
15.6.18	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability - Level 1		
19, 20, 21.6.18	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability – Level 2		
25.6.18	Swaledale Festival Performance by Aurora (Askrigg 9:15am; Bainbridge 10:45am; West Burton 1:15pm)		
26, 27, 28.6.18			Y5 and Y6 Bikeability – Level 2
3.7.18	Last swimming session for Reception, Y1 and Y2		
12.7.18	BAWB Sports Day		
13.7.18 – 5pm	Summer Fair at Askrigg School		
Wc 16 <sup>th</sup> July	No After School Clubs		
18 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 End of Year Production		
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service – 2pm – St Oswald's Askrigg		

### Forest School Dates

Please remember your child will need warm, waterproof clothing and footwear that will get dirty / smokey

May 25 <sup>th</sup>	BAWB Day – no session	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Askrigg
Half Term		July 6 <sup>th</sup>	West Burton
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Askrigg	July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bainbridge
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	West Burton	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Askrigg
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bainbridge		