



Dear Parents and Friends,

This week has seen our pupils in KS1 and KS2 complete standardised tests in reading (PIRA), grammar and spelling (GaPS) and maths (White Rose). We have been very impressed by the children's attitude while completing these. The data that these tests provide is used to inform future planning and provision across our schools.



Headteacher Appointment

Governors are delighted to announce that an interim headteacher for my maternity leave has been secured (please find further details in the letter from our co-chairs).



During this time Mrs Harrison will be increasing her headteacher commitment to two days (Thursday and Friday). We are pleased to confirm that Mrs Middleton will be teaching the Owls/Herons each Friday.

Arrangements for Christmas Productions

Just to clarify, the following arrangements are in place for Christmas productions:



- Wednesday 11th December – EYFS/KS1 production
- Friday 13th futuristic fair for all KS2 held at West Burton (pm)
- Tuesday 17th December (pm) - Christmas service at Aysgarth church - KS2 to lead songs and readings
- Friday 20th Dec (pm)- Christmas themed assembly at West Burton with singing from the children.

We have distributed roles and opportunities throughout the season so that all children have something special to be part of but that no children are overwhelmed by Christmas activities.

Admin Appointments

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed two excellent people to our administration team:

- Mrs Lucy Wilman (new to area), to be based at West Burton
- Mrs Gemma Gurden (a current parent), to be based at Bainbridge

Both will start officially in January as Mrs Raven leaves us at Christmas, though I am sure you will see them periodically during December as part of a handover period. We interviewed from an extremely strong field and are thrilled with our appointments.



Community Engagement Project

The Governors and Miss Harper held a very positive and successful meeting on Tuesday 19th November with representatives from our Parish Councils, National Parks, Low Mill, Wensleydale Sport and Yorebridge Education trust, as well as our District and County Councils. The purpose of the meeting was to find out from community leaders their views on the primary school education in the Dale, and to update them on the current BAWB schools' position, aspirations and challenges. The outcome was very positive with everyone committed to working together more effectively and future meetings are being planned. We also intend to open our target audience to our whole parent community – this was the first of many meetings where we hope to engage purposefully with our stakeholders and transparently share information as part of effective ongoing liaison.

Tree Planting – Saturday 22 November

Please come and help plant trees at Askrigg School on Saturday, from 10am. You will need to bring a spade with you. Remember to wear stout footwear and warm clothing.

David Allen, Wensleydale tree services, will be there to also give advice on planting - so as many people can benefit from his expertise. We



can then watch our saplings grow into a big hedge!
We look forward to seeing you there!

PTFA Christmas Fair

Come and join the festive fun at the PTFA



Christmas Fair on Saturday. Setting up and decorating the hall will begin at 7.30am. Any help and any donations of lights for the event would

gratefully be received (please remember to put your name on the lights!!!). There will be lots of interesting stalls, **plus.....**

Caelan will be manning his own stall at the PTFA Christmas Fair to raise funds for the **Bumblebee Conservation Trust**. He will be there all day selling bee merchandise.

Come along and support him and buy a bee – we all know how important bees are for the environment!



Yorkshire Burger Day

It is Yorkshire Burger Day on Thursday 28 November and we will be providing this to our children for lunch, served with a homemade bun, fried and veggie sticks. Dessert will be a homemade warm chocolate crinkle cookie with ice-cream. If your child usually takes a packed lunch but would like to join in and have a burger, please let the school office know on Monday.

Children in Need



We had a fantastic day last Friday. The children had a variety of great costumes and enjoyed making their own Pudsey head-dresses, ears etc, as well as making and icing buns to sell on the day. It was also a successful fundraiser – see if you can spot the sum we raised elsewhere in this Newsletter! Thank you for all your support.

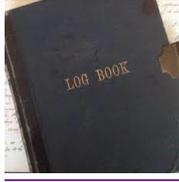
This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Daisy
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Alyssa
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Benjamin
Tidiest Classroom Award	Merlins
Best Class Attendance	Robins

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you at the tree planting and Christmas fair!

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Weekly Class Attendance	
Robins @ Bainbridge (YR only) – Mrs Johnston / Mrs Loughlin	98.9%
Owls @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	97.6%
Golden Eagles @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	97.3%
Merlins @ Askrigg – Mr Greenway	97.1%
Swallows @ West Burton – Mr Scrafton	94.3%
Skylarks @ West Burton – Miss Collins	94.3%



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

16th November 1896: Miss Johnson was 10 minutes late this morning

23rd November 1896: Attendance of members of two or three families is very irregular, one or more of the children being always absent. Sam Foster again truanting.

30th November 1896: W.H Metcalfe late this afternoon.



West Burton's Newsflash

This week we have been busy with our Pira, GaPS and White Rose Maths tests. We found them tricky but got through them all. There is one for reading, one for grammar and spelling and two for maths. We also had a fun session in swimming.

Here are some quotes from the Skylarks:

Maeve said: "I enjoyed swimming on Tuesday because it was fun week and after that we did a grammar test. It was fun!"

Josie said: "In swimming, we practiced rescuing each other by pulling each other out of the pool with pool noodles. And we were in our PJs!"

Ben said: "Swimming was very fun. I liked the big blue floaty!"

Thomasina said: "I liked swimming because we got to have 20 minutes of fun time and when we got back to school we did a grammar test!"

Swallows

The Swallows told us what they have been doing this week. They said it was so cold that the water tray was frozen so they learned about ice.

On Federation Friday, they bandaged each other and learn about Florence Nightingale - a very important person in the war.

The Library

The Library is looking very good because Miss Collins and a group of children have been tidying the library up and have put it into order. The books have been put in alphabetical order. We have also sorted out some books that the Swallows can read! Ben and Benjamin are our Librarians.

Forest schools last Friday

Lizzie said: "It was really muddy and my bottom was muddy!"

Abigail said: "It took ages to get there but it was worth it. I held on to a leaf when we were going up the hill and then I fell backwards and rolled down the hill! I got up and I was still laughing so I got a housepoint!"

By Chloe and Erin.



We have had a fabulous week in Early Years with beautiful frosty mornings and song rehearsals taking precedence. We have been doing lots of lovely counting and reading and fascinating RE. Amongst our favourite activities this week has been the role play phonics and the obstacle course in the big playground. The teachers kept a very close eye on the children as they flew around the equipment moving in lots of different ways, stopping only to adapt and add to the course. The phonics role play can make for very amusing and sometimes embarrassing viewing as the children take on the role of teacher. Is that what we really look and sound like?!

Probably a question we don't want to dwell on. Parents have said that the children like to take on this role at home

as well. I'm sure some of them will be teachers and won't we be proud! It's all very good for their reading development.

The only area that we are not making progress in is the concept of impossible promises. This week the children are sure that they could promise to always eat all their lunch at school every day for ever and that Mrs Johnston could keep a promise to always use her little voice every day for ever. However, it is lovely that they are so positive and have such faith in themselves and others.

The children are very busy as always and they literally run into school eager to start the day. It certainly makes our job worthwhile and rewarding. Hope you have as much fun with your children this weekend as we do during the week,

Love Robins xxx



On Monday we completed assessments, we did English and Maths.

On Tuesday it was the last day of swimming and we had a fun session.

On Wednesday we did art, we sketched designs for Mayan clay models. We also did more assessments in Maths and Grammar.

All of the children have been sent home with free family swimming cards for Catterick and Richmond pools.

We are looking forward to the Christmas fair at Askrigg.

Breaking News! We are also very proud to have raised £160 towards **Children in Need** last week! Well done everyone!

"I am looking forward to the Christmas fair and I think it will be very good!" says Daisy.

"I absolutely loved assessment week!" said Clari.

By Willow and Olivia

ASKRIGG NEWS

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Lost Shoe: If anyone has found a stray black school shoe that was mislaid at or after Forest Schools at Askrigg school last week, could you please return it to either Askrigg or Bainbridge Schools.

Community News

Upper Wensleydale Sunday School Services

24 Nov 10:30 Family Together Praise, St Oswald's, Askrigg

Upper Wensleydale Christmas Services

Sun 1 st -24 th Dec	Advent Windows	Askrigg Village	Advent window trail map available in St Oswald's Church or Sykes Shop, Askrigg
Sun 1 st Dec	The Gathering Family Communion and Toy Service	St Margaret's, Hawes	10.30am
Sun 8 th Dec	Sunday School -Making Christmas Lanterns	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	4.00pm
Fri 13 th Dec	Christmas Tree preview – BIG SING -Carols	St Oswald's, Askrigg	7.00pm
Sun 15 th Dec	Carols by Candle Light (Bring a Lantern)	St Margaret's, Hawes	4.30pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Hawes School, Christingle	St Margaret's, Hawes	10.30am
Tues 17 th Dec	BAWB Schools Carol Service	St Andrew's Aysgarth	2.00pm
Sun 22 nd Dec	Carols by Candlelight	St Oswald's, Askrigg	4.00pm
Sun 22 nd Dec	Carol Service	Gayle Chapel	6.00pm
Mon 23 rd Dec	Christingle Service	St Mary and St John's, Hardraw	4.00pm
Tue 24 th Dec	Christingle Service	St Oswald's Askrigg	4.00pm
Tue 24 th Dec	Holy Communion followed by Carols by Candlelight	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	7.15pm Carols at 8pm
Tue 24 th Dec	Holy Communion	St Mary and St John's, Hardraw	10.00pm
Tue 24 th Dec	Midnight Communion	St Margaret's, Hawes	11.30pm
Tue 24 th Dec	Midnight Communion	St Oswald's, Askrigg	11.30pm
Wed 25 th Dec	Family Communion	St Oswald's, Askrigg	10.30am
Wed 25 th Dec	Ecumenical Family Communion	St Margaret's, Hawes	10.30am
Sun 5 th Jan 2020	Service of Promise for the New Year	St Margaret's, Hawes	10.30am

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	Craft Club
Tuesday		After School Sports	
Wednesday			
Thursday		Homework Club (Lunchtime)	Homework Club (Lunchtime)
Friday			Songbirds

Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
23.11.19 (Saturday)	PTFA Christmas Fair and Askrigg Tree Planting Festival		
26.11.19	Nursery Taster Day (1)		
28.11.19	Nursery Taster Day (2)		
29.11.19	Y1/Y2 Skipping – Catterick – CANCELLED		
4.12.19	KS2 Sports Hall Athletics – Richmond - TBC		
11.12.19	BAWB EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production- Bainbridge 2:00pm and 6:30pm		
13.12.19	Futuristic Fair – West Burton		
	Christmas Jumper Day		
17.12.19	BAWB Christmas Church Service – St Andrew's, Aysgarth – 2pm		
18.12.19	Panto – Aladdin – Tenants, Leyburn, 1.00pm		
19.12.19	BAWB Christmas BAWB Day with Buffet Lunch – West Burton Village Hall		
20.12.19	Christmas lunch and class parties in taught schools		

FOREST SCHOOLS

Friday 29 November	Kingfishers Y5/Y6	Askrigg
Friday 6 December	Curlews Y3/Y4	Askrigg
Friday 13 December	Hérons Y1/Y2	Askrigg -due to futuristic fair (KS2) at West Burton