



Dear Parents and Friends,

This is my final newsletter to you all before I embark on my maternity leave. I am ready for a little bit of a rest now before the baby is born (hopefully I manage to get the two weeks as planned before his arrival). I know that I leave our lovely, thriving, and successful schools in the good hands of our leadership team, with Mrs Harrison at the helm, and I wish Mrs Geraldine Lindley the very best as she gets to know all of our children, parents, members of staff, and governors.

Since I returned from my previous maternity leave I have enjoyed reacquainting myself with the fast-paced world of education and picking up some of our challenges, as well as enjoying the many successes and wonderful moments created by working with young people. I shall enjoy my leave, and will equally enjoy returning after (the best part of) a year. I look forward to announcing the birth of baby Harper 2, and also to hearing all the wonderful news from Christmas life in BAWB Schools and beyond. Keep in touch and thank you for all the well-wishes.



This weekend sees the official crossover into the festive season, and so we can legitimately start to enjoy the sound of Christmas songs throughout our schools. A time of year that is much loved by all who work in schools (apart

from cleaners and caretakers who have to deal with considerable excesses of glitter)!

Christmas Plans

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

- Wednesday 11th December – EYFS/KS1 production
- Thursday 12th December – EYFS/KS1 - Singing at Sycamore Hall
- 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.

A separate Christmas newsletter will be coming out shortly with details of all our festive events.

School Photos

Richard of Impressions will be collecting any orders of school photographs on the morning of Tuesday 3 December. Parents have until then to hand any orders into school to receive them in time for Christmas. Alternatively, you can order on line until 19 December to receive before Christmas.

Tree Planting – Saturday 22 November

What an amazing feat at the weekend! In excess of 400 young saplings were planted to form a hedge against the southern boundary fence at Askrigg. Armed with their spades, wheelbarrows, waterproofs, and lots of determination, a committed team of parents, children, and community members completed the entire hedge in approx. 1 hour. A tremendous achievement which will go down in history! Thank you to all who gave time on Saturday to help. Those who did signed their name on a little leaf so that we can make a collage of contributors to keep a record of this accomplishment for years to come.

Huge thanks also to the people who baked exceptional cakes for the volunteers and for Vanda in the fitness centre for organising refreshments. What a super community event.



Photo by Betsy Everett

PTFA Christmas Fair

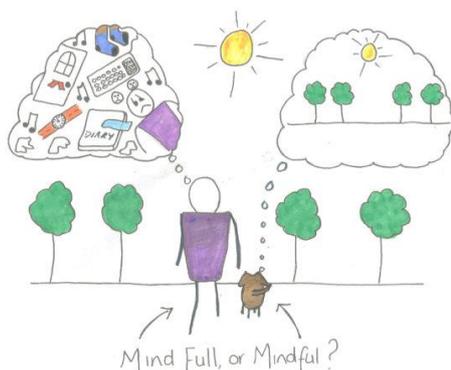
Thank you to all members of the PTFA for an absolutely fantastic event on Saturday in Askrigg village hall. My little girl and I thoroughly enjoyed attending ourselves – what a fabulous array of stalls: treats, decorations, gifts, competitions, etc. It was wonderful and really got us all into the Christmas spirit. The cup of tea and bacon sandwich was delicious too and much needed after being in the rain for a while with the hedge-planters! This is a super fundraiser for the PTFA and I am so delighted to see how positively the parents and families of all three of our communities are working together – a real showcase of collaborative work in the best interests of our children.

A special mention to Lizzie and Caelan who organised and ran their own stalls with tremendous enthusiasm and dedication. Well done all!



'The Haven' opening

Thank you to all those who came to the grand opening of 'The Haven' last week. It was wonderful to see everyone's faces as they saw the unveiling of a wonderful space that was once a lowly cupboard. At a time when the mental health of children and young people is a real concern, it is critical that we are able to offer some carefully planned provision to meet early needs, in the



hope that we can support children to have a greater awareness of their own mental health and be able to develop resilience and coping strategies for the future. Huge thanks to Julia Clark, Charlotte Reilly, and Nicola McCreadie for their time, expertise, and enthusiasm in the development of the room: they have managed to turn a challenging internal space (with no windows) into a wonderful haven for relaxation, mindfulness, and calm. Also to Jo Cromarty (mindfulness therapist) who came to speak at the opening assembly and to train staff on Wednesday this week. We are also extremely grateful to the PTFA for recognising the worth of this space and agreeing

to support its development financially. What a wonderful space which we hope to continue to develop and use to great effect.



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Open Days – for your diaries

In advance of the 31st January deadline for primary school applications, we will be holding some open days in our schools which will be informal in nature (drop-in, meet the staff and pupils, see learning in action; ask some questions).



We would love to welcome lots of existing and future parents – please tell your friends! Our schools will be open for visitors between 10:00am and 2:00pm on the following dates:

- Monday 13th January – Bainbridge
- Tuesday 14th January – Askrigg
- Wednesday 15th January – West Burton

Governor Information

Mrs Heather Limbach (co-chair) has recently ceased being a 'foundation governor' in preparation for Revd Tom Ringland to take on this role from the Penhill Benefice (though this is yet to be confirmed). Heather is now officially our LA appointed governor. For more information about who is who on our governing board, please visit our website:

<http://b-a-wb.co.uk/school-community/governors>



Bike Club

Please note that we are at the end of the outdoor sessions for Bike Club due to the failing light. The last 2 sessions will be held indoors concentrating on basic first aid. You will not need to bring bikes into school.

Sports Hall Athletics -

CANCELLED

Due to concerns about the ongoing Norovirus outbreak in the Catterick area, it has been decided to cancel our participation in the Sports Hall Athletics event on Wednesday. This will reduce the chance of exposing our children to the virus.



Weekly Class Attendance	
Robins @ Bainbridge (YR only) – Mrs Johnston / Mrs Loughlin	98.3%
Owls @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	93.8%
Golden Eagles @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	97.3%
Merlins @ Askrigg – Mr Greenway	95.7%
Swallows @ West Burton – Mr Scrafton	96.0%
Skylarks @ West Burton – Miss Collins	100%

This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Sasha
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Katie
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Lizzie
Tidiest Classroom Award	Skylarks
Best Class Attendance	Skylarks

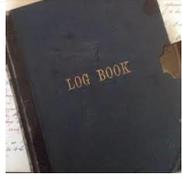
Have a lovely weekend and a great Christmas. I shall do my best to visit our schools to see everyone before you break up in a few weeks.



Season's greetings to you all!

Charlotte Harper and Eleanor Harrison



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

2 December 1968: Mrs McDonald, Secretary of the Road Safety Committee supplied yellow PVC material to be made into band for all the pupils to make it easier for them to be seen by motorists during the hours of darkness.

30 November 1994: Whole day art session brilliantly organized by Wendy Nevill involving all the school and some parents, to decorate the panels in the hall and foyer for Christmas.



West Burton's Newsflash

On Monday, Year 6 went to Crucial Crew at Carlton Lodge. We did lots of activities and learnt how to stay safe. There was a woman there and her phone battery blew up! Here are some quotes:

Erin said: "It was fun because we learnt about many different things, my favorite one was how to escape from a fire."

Mary said: "My favorite part was learning about the LGBT community."

Then, on Tuesday, Mrs. Cannon came to teach us. We all enjoyed having her in our class because in the afternoon we got to make advent calendars. At first, we got a piece of green card and drew a Christmas tree and cut it out, we made little baubles to go on the tree and it had a little Christian quote on every one of them. Here are some quotes:

Maeve said: "It was very fun because we had wrapping paper to make the baubles!"

Kirsty said: "The advent calendars were really fun because you got to make card trees and make baubles with little words."

In PE, we are doing gymnastics, and Thia won when we were jumping off the obstacles! We do music after as well.

By Chloe and Thomasina



What a busy week we've had in Early Years. We've had so many songs to learn but have done so with such enthusiasm and our audiences in a couple of weeks' time are in for a real treat. We've been painting wintry frosty pictures after studying ice and have worked out that we can make spiky patterns by painting with rulers and glue sticks! Not a paint brush in sight.

Can we remind parents that the two Early Years and key stage one performances will both take place on Wednesday 11th December at 2.00 p.m and 6.30 p.m. However we do understand that the evening performance may be too late for some of our younger children in Early Years and if you would prefer that they only take part in the afternoon, please let us know. If your child doesn't usually attend nursery on Wednesdays please bring them to school for 1.30 p.m. All children need to be at Bainbridge school for the evening performance at 6.00 p.m.

We will be dressing our Early Years children in white and need as many white pillow cases as we can find. If you have any old ones spare that you don't mind us cutting a head and arm holes in please can you send them to school as soon as possible? We also need enough tinsel for all the children if you have any you could donate, that we could upcycle.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be performing their songs at the coffee morning at Sycamore Hall on Thursday 12th December.

The children that will be starting in Nursery came to visit us this week. Every one of them settled in as if they'd be coming for weeks. Not mentioning any names but we did hear one child saying "when are you going home Mum?"! Just goes to show what happy confident children live in the Dales. Gillian prepared a lovely lunch and some of the children were very proud to receive their first clean plate sticker.

Love Robins



On Tuesday we learnt how to safely jump off the equipment in PE. It was bike club on Monday and after school sports on Tuesday. On Monday we go up to the library to change our library books and we did music with Mrs Gamble, we played the recorder and played hot cross buns. On Wednesday we learnt more about the Mayan alphabet and thought more about Mayan Gods. On Wednesday we retold the story of The Hero Twins.

In YR 3 and 4 in science we are moving onto space. In English we are writing our own story with a historical setting, our setting is the Ancient Mayan Empire.

On Monday, Year 6 went to Crucial Crew, they learnt lots of good things. Willis explained that when they arrived at Carlton Lodge, we all stood in the hall with the other schools and split in to groups, there was 8 different scenarios that we went to. One of them was about drugs and alcohol and how to stay safe in that situation, there was lots of good activities to do.

QUOTES

Willow said: "I'm excited for the Christmas holiday".

Eva said: "I'm excited for Sunday so I can open my calendar".

Finley said: "I have enjoyed this week at school".

Willis said: "I really enjoyed our trip to crucial crew".

By May and Clari

BAINBRIDGE NEWS

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BumbleBee Conservation Society: if you missed the opportunity to purchase a bee from Caelan's stall at the Christmas Fair, we have some merchandise for sale in the Bainbridge and Askrigg offices – bee key ring £2, wild flower seed boxes £2, bumblebee tree decorations £2 and bumble bee strings (for tree decoration) £6. All proceeds to this very worthwhile cause.

Community News

Childrens Christmas Crafts at Thoraby Village Hall - why not join us on Saturday 7th December 2019, 3 – 5pm!

Come along – all welcome. We will be making bauble decorations! Christmas cards! plus our usual bun decorating. There will be Christmas themed games. Don't forget our "bring and share tea" with girls to bring savoury and boys to bring sweet. Entry is £3 – siblings £2. Please contact Mel on 07817016318 for further info. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 - 1pm - CANCELLED		
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	Herons Y1/Y2	Askrigg -due to Futuristic Fair (KS2) at West Burton