



Dear Parents and Friends,
 Thank you all for coming to the lovely Harvest service on Tuesday. The atmosphere was one of genuine gratitude, celebration, and reflection – I felt very proud of our children and their thoughtful approach to the meaning of harvest festival. The singing was also wonderful! Thank you very much to Dave and Sarah Clark for organising the festival, plus their ongoing outstanding support within all of our schools.



Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings

A reminder that if you haven't already requested a time slot for your meeting with the teachers/Headteacher, to please do so as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty with the link that was

sent to you, please call one of our schools and the Admin team will be happy to complete it for you. Please note that Mrs Johnston is now completely booked on Tuesday 22 October. The alternative is Thursday 24 October.

Aldi's Kits For Schools



Mr Stokes writes:
"As we approach the halfway point of Aldi's kits for schools promotion, we have collected an amazing 159 stickers so far. Well done shoppers, and keep those stickers coming in. The promotion finishes on the 3rd of November, and I am hoping we will have completed 2 posters by then. The more posters we fill, the more equipment we will be sent for the Federation. Thank you, and keep shopping".

BAWB Halloween Disco – Friday 25th October!

PTFA writes: *"Come along to our gruesome and ghoulish Halloween disco at Carperby Village Hall from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. There will be a £1 entry fee which includes a hotdog and drink. Pre-school (under 5) children must be accompanied by an adult please. There will be a prize for the best fancy dress – so get that fake blood out! Everyone is very welcome at this event – please tell your friends!"*



PTFA Meeting

Please remember next week's meeting at 7:00pm on Tuesday 15th at Aysgarth Falls Hotel where key roles will be nominated and decided, plus updates given on progress so far with some of the key events in the new PTFA diary. Thank you to all of you who have expressed an interest in having one of the key roles:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Wear a Woolly Day

On Wednesday 16th we will be having a 'wear a woolly' day where we turn the heating off for the day and reduce our oil consumption. This goes some way to reducing our carbon footprint and really raises awareness amongst the staff and pupils of how much fuel we use each day. Children should come in normal school uniform but with a thick or woolly jumper on top to keep them warm.



Distinctive Christian Vision

Rooted in the message of the Good Samaritan, we provide an aspirational education for all. We flourish academically, spiritually, and socially.



Matthew 22v 37-39 (NEB): Love the lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. Love your neighbour as yourself.

We would be grateful if you could answer some short questions in order that we can gather your views on this proposed vision statement, reshape if necessary, and consider the perspectives of all of our stakeholders.

[Click here](#) to complete short survey.

During Federation Friday on 25th October (the last day before we break up for half-term) we will be focussing on the development of our vision. The children will be invited to take part in a competition to design a winning 'icon' / 'logo' for our vision; they will learn a special song written by Sarah Clark; they will dramatise some modern representations of 'The Good Samaritan'; and share thoughts and insight into our

Christian direction. Mrs Johnston is busy organising the day which promises to be rich and purposeful. We look forward to updating you.

GNAA Collections

Remember to drop your bags off at school on Monday morning for collection. From 14 October we will have boxes in school where you can dispose of your used ink/toner cartridges from home. The GNAA will collect them periodically for recycling.



Parent Survey Results

Thank you for the 81 returns on our parents’ survey – an excellent rate of contribution which makes the



data we collect all the more meaningful. I will be in touch with individuals in due course if you have

asked for personal contact – or where I feel we need the opportunity to address something. Please find a summary report attached. Please be mindful that this covers the whole community (all three schools) and we will be able to unpick those separately in more detail.

You will note that most parents would prefer for celebration assemblies to be held first things in the morning (rather than last thing in the afternoon). We will therefore look to amend the timing for the spring term with a view to possible alternation between terms. Your contribution to this survey is much appreciated.

The outcome of the survey will also be shared with governors in order that we can pick out some key themes and address any issues.

Thank you once again for your time.



Lavender!

Mr Billingham writes: *"In all of Key stage 2 this week, we have, in DT, been designing our lavender bags and learning techniques to make them; we*

have some very interesting ideas! We do however have a lack of lavender. If you are able to donate some, we would really appreciate it. Please could you bring this into school, however much you may be able to donate, before the 18th October. Thank you!"

Cover for my maternity leave

A few people have started to ask what arrangements will be in place for when I start maternity leave at the end of November. Please be assured that this is being very carefully planned for. We are aiming for Mrs Harrison to be co-head for two days per week (allowing her to remain in class for the biggest

proportion of the week and therefore minimising disruption). Governors are putting much care into organising a selection process to appoint an interim co-head for the remaining three days. We will keep you informed as soon as we have concrete information to share. Thank you.



School Administrator Vacancy

The vacancy for a new School Administrator/s has now been advertised and details can be found on the School website:

<http://b-a-wb.co.uk/homepage/current-vacancies>

If you require any further information please contact Kelly Boulton in the first instance.

Tree Planting at Askrigg

Heather Limbach, Co-Chair of Governors writes... *"On Saturday 23rd November we are planning to plant the trees which we have obtained from the Woodland Trust, at no cost to us, around the new stock fencing at Askrigg School. We hope that this will be a community event and that a lot of people will come from the village to help out especially as we have over 400 trees to plant! David Allen from Wensleydale Tree and Horticultural Services will show us how to plant them and then will help out for a while afterwards. We also hope to have a bit of a celebration as well. Planting will begin at 10.00 am, and the area to be planted will be marked out so that we don't encounter any asbestos which was found buried by the wall. Please come whether you are a pupil, parent or village resident, we'd be delighted to see you. More info nearer the time."*

YR5/6 Football – Friday 18 October

On Friday 18th October we will be entering 2 teams in the Cluster Football Event at The Wensleydale School. Please could Year 5 and 6 children come to school in their PE kit ready to play. The event is taking place during the morning, with the children back at Askrigg for lunch. Please pack uniform for normal Federation Friday lessons in the afternoon. RS

Class Attendance	
Robins @ Bainbridge (YR only) – Mrs Johnston / Mrs Loughlin	97.8%
Owls @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	98.6%
Golden Eagles @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	92.3%
Merlins @ Askrigg – Mr Greenway	97.1%
Swallows @ West Burton – Mr Scrafton	94.3%
Skylarks @ West Burton – Miss Collins	97.9%

This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Caleb
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Elsie
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Harry
Tidiest Classroom Award	Skylarks
Best Class Attendance	Owls

Have a great weekend.



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 **West Burton:**

9 October – some time between 1965-86! A Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in school this morning. The children read and conducted their service and made an attractive display of garden produce. The gifts were then given to the vicar for distribution to the old people at Thornton Rust Hospital. A new addition to the climbing frame arrived today, purchased from a fund arising from the sale of Cross Lanes School. New doormats were delivered.



West Burton's Newsflash

On Thursday 10th October, it was World Mental Health day. We all dressed up as someone we admire. Lizzie dressed up as her mum, Abigail dressed up as a farmer and Chloe dressed up as a Bryony Frost, the champion woman jockey!

In the afternoon we had P.E. and afterwards we made a distraction box for when we need to calm down. We also made stress balls to go in our distraction box. Some people didn't have time to make a stress ball but Mrs Middleton said the ones that didn't have time to make a stress ball could do it next week. World Mental Health day is all about your feelings and worries and how to cope with them. Here are some quotes from the children.

Chloe said, 'I enjoyed making distraction boxes.' Thomasina said, 'We all dressed up and made distraction boxes. We all loved making distraction boxes.'

Erin said, 'It was very fun because we didn't have to wear school uniform and we made distraction boxes.'

Abigail said, 'I didn't finish my distraction box but I spent a bit of time on the bottom of the box because I was putting in some carpet and sieved a bit of flour on top.'

Kirsty said, 'It was really fun dressing up as someone you admire and making the distraction boxes.'

By Abigail and Kirsty

EYFS



It was World Mental Health day on Thursday. Rather a lot of unicorns, footballers and firefighters in class. Some exciting astronauts and powerful princesses. Many great role models for our aspirational children. Although I do feel sorry for parents with two or more children having to source outfits. Mrs Johnston was very stressed searching for her Super Teacher mask, cape and outside underpants. It very nearly tipped her mental health over the edge but she was so excited when she discovered she could breathe fire if anyone forgot to put their pen lid on! Good job there were several firefighters in school!

We have had a lovely mindful autumn walk looking, listening, touching and smelling – no tasting you will be pleased to hear! We had to look for all sorts of things and tick them off but our favourite was “Something that makes you happy” and Fearne said “Well that’s easy...all my friends here!”

We have been very impressed with how the children are getting to grips with the concept of capacity. We have been having some great sessions in the shop using money language and taking on different roles. We continue to explore autumn and have cut open our various vegetables to find they are full of seeds – who would have thought it?!

Thank you to parents who have returned their slips for the phonics lessons. Please remember to send them in on Monday. If you can’t make any of the dates please let Mrs Johnston know and she will make an alternative arrangement with you.

Next week we move towards Halloween and all things spooky! Whooooo!

Have a fab weekend
Love Robins xxx



Askrigg's Journalism Column

Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 8th October we went to church for the Harvest Festival. We sang songs and we brought in tinned foods such as soup, sardines and pasta. We were also allowed to bring in fresh bread. We walked to church through the fields and when we went in and sat down. We sang 'Big Red Combine Harvester'. We also sang the H-A-R-V-E-S-T song, 'Thank You for the Trees' and 'God Gives Good Gifts'. All the children enjoyed the singing and placing the food at the front and now here are some quotes about the festival:

Harvey said “It was very loud but it was fun”

Ronan said “I enjoyed that we were celebrating the Harvest”

By Charlie and Ralph

Community News

Upper Wensleydale Sunday School Services

13 Oct	10:30	Harvest Praise, St Margaret's, Hawes
20 Oct	16:00	Sunday School, St Matthew's, Stalling Busk
27 Oct	10:30	Family Together Praise, St Oswald's, Askrigg
03 Nov	10.30	The Gathering, St Margaret's, Hawes
10 Nov	16:00	Sunday School, St Matthew's, Stalling Busk
17 Nov	16.00	Sunday School, Gayle Chapel
24 Nov	10:30	Family Together Praise, St Oswald's, Askrigg

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
10.9.19 – 19.11.19	KS2 Swimming Lessons, Richmond Leisure Centre		
16.10.19	Wear a Woolly Day		
18.10.19	Y5/Y6 Football - TWS		
21.10.19		Parent Consultation Evening	
22.10.19	Parent Consultation Evening		
23.10.19			Parent Consultation Evening
24.10.19		Parent Consultation Evening	
25.10.19		Flu Immunisations	
25.10.19	Christian Ethos Development Day		
28.10.19	BREAK FOR HALF TERM		
7.11.19	Flu Immunisations		
8.11.19	Y5/Y6 Netball - Askrigg		
13.11.19			Flu Immunisations
29.11.19	Y1/Y2 Skipping - Catterick		
4.12.19	KS1 Sports Hall Athletics - Richmond		
9.12.19			Christmas Production
10.12.19	Christmas Production	Christmas Production	
11.12.19	Christmas Production	Christmas Production	
18.12.19	Panto – Aladdin – Tenants, Leyburn, 1.00pm		
19.12.19	BAWB Christmas Lunch – West Burton Village Hall		