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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Miss Harper who returned from her maternity leave on Monday. It is lovely to have her back in our schools.

Miss Harper writes... "A very happy new year to you all and welcome back to the spring term. I hope you all had a great Christmas break.

It was lovely to be back this week and to talk to many of the children; hearing stories of their Christmas breaks and catching up with all of the staff. I would like to say a huge thank you for everyone who has done an excellent job in my absence. I have come back to some lovely developments and a continuation of all the good things we had in place before I went on leave. Particular thanks to Mrs Harrison and Mrs Price who have done an excellent job as co-heads. I am extremely grateful and this has helped me to have an extremely enjoyable maternity leave.

During this first half-term, I will be working on Monday and Tuesdays and my location will be equally distributed between our three schools, driven by the diary and where I am needed. As always, I am contactable by email or phone in any location and am happy to arrange meetings with any parents who wish to discuss anything in particular or catch up on things.

Wishing you all a very happy and successful 2019."



Welcome

A very warm welcome to **Lizzie Bowen** who has joined the Owl Class in year 2. Lizzie's home school is West Burton, we hope she has enjoyed her first few days in our schools.

We would also like to welcome our new Nursery children who have joined us this term: **Noa Carlisle** and **Aidan Percival**.

Federation Fridays

This term sees a change in timetabling on a Friday for our key stage 2 pupils. The children had a fantastic term of forest schools with Mrs Civil, working on some great projects. This term Mrs Civil is going to be providing forest schools sessions for the Early Years children at Bainbridge.

Friday afternoons will now be PE for years 3 and 4 this half term and years 5 and 6 will have either Art with Mrs Robinson or Computing with Mr Crabtree (working in smaller groups). The groups will rotate next half term.

Dance Workshop

As part of our Cluster sports with other local schools, we are hosting the year 3 and 4 dance workshop in West Burton village Hall on Friday 8th February.

Cluster sports events are a great way for our children to meet and get to know other children within our local cluster of schools. We would like to thank Mr Bullock for organising the event.

More information to follow.



RESPECT Code Ambassadors

As we start the new term, we would like to introduce you to our new RESPECT Code Ambassadors:

- Robins:** Jacob Peacock
- Owls:** Jasmine Wood
- Golden Eagles:** Alice Metcalfe
- Merlins:** Lara Scarr
- Skylarks:** Charlotte Wood

These children have been chosen to represent their class as role models for our RESPECT code and will have a duty to welcome visitors into our schools.

Swimming

Next Tuesday (15th) Reception Year 1 and 2 are swimming at Richmond Pool. Please email in your consent if you haven't done so already and a reminder to send children with Swimming costume/trunks and towel in waterproof bag together with a water bottle. Swimming will be added to Parentpay in the next couple of days.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to Mrs Donno-Fuller's father, Martyn, for once again assisting with the transportation of the stage that was used for the Christmas Production from West Burton to Askrigg and to the children who helped out at both schools.

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Lily-Anne Percival
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Jasmine Wood
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Lizzie Bowen
Tidiest Classroom Award	Robins

We hope you have a lovely weekend

Charlotte L. Harper and *E. 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's log books.

1879 – Jan 20 – School reopened after the Christmas holidays. The Rev Whaley read prayers and took the first class for arithmetic – He said "I find the children intelligent but the second class arithmetic is very poor". The attendance, no doubt due to the severe weather, was only moderate



West Burton's Newsflash

This week on Tuesday, everyone was tired after Christmas and the holidays. However, in maths, we started fractions and everyone worked hard and learned a lot in the lesson. On Wednesday, we read the story of The Turtle That Danced with the Crane and made a story plan, because we are going to re-tell the story of it on Thursday in our own words. In the afternoon, we did PE with Mr Bullock, for an hour. We danced and then we played bench ball and everyone enjoyed it a lot.

Written By Benjamin Y4 Journalist.



EYFS



A super start to the New Year with all staff and children returning refreshed and eager, ready to learn.

Firstly, can we say a massive thank you to all your very generous gifts that were much enjoyed over Christmas. The eggs, jam and sloe gin were big favourites; gifts that probably once again reflect our wonderful location. The homemade gifts were received with particular joy. The decorations hung on trees alongside those from past pupils going back more years than we wish to admit. Mrs Johnston truly is several kilos heavier after so many delicious chocolates and homemade shortbread and buns. Mrs. Loughlin had her son's wedding so didn't overdo the calories quite as much. Maybe she'll be tucking into them now as you read this!

But all the Early Years staff have been put to shame by Mrs. Fawcett writing individual letters of thanks for all her gifts. I have seen several children come up to her beaming with thanks at having received a letter in the post. And yes, twins get their own individual letter. Well done Mrs. Fawcett for your time and manners. However let me say again that the rest of the staff are truly grateful for your kindness and warm messages even if they haven't put pen to paper. We do feel valued.

Learning wise this week we have been:

- mixing coloured waters with careful pouring
- counting in 2s
- reading and writing
- making pretend chocolates

and of course – loving the hairdressers. Writing appointments, styling, chatting. It really is a super place to be. In fact Mrs. Gamble keeps booking herself in daily! BUT DO NOT WORRY – NO REAL SCISSORS!

By the end of the week Christmas is a fond memory and 2019 is cracking on all guns blazing.

Happy New Year to you all! It's going to be a brilliant year xxxxxxx



Christmas Cards

This January, the Eco Group are collecting Christmas cards for the Woodland Trust. You can bring your Christmas cards into Askrigg village shop (Syke's house) or Askrigg School. The cards can be any type of cards: with words, just pictures and special messages. Don't worry, we won't look inside the cards!

The deadline for bringing the cards in is **Monday 21st January, 2019**. Once we have collected them, Mrs Fawcett will take them to Marks and Spencers. For every 1000 cards that are collected across the country, the Woodland Trust will plant a tree.

Christmas holidays

For the last two weeks our schools have had our Christmas holidays, which included Christmas Day. We are sure many people received lots of nice presents and had a lovely Christmas dinner!

A lot of people also did fun activities over the holidays, including things like: going to the cinema, taking a holiday, playing with new presents and celebrating New Year.

Here are some quotes about the holiday:

Harvey said, "I got a LASERX, Alexa and a Nintendo Switch. I saw my grandad and granny and just chilled."

"I went to my nana and grandad's house and got lots of chocolate," said Eva.

Ruby said, "In Christmas time I went to Sandcastle Water Park and on the new slide. I got a computer and a Google Home Mini."

"I got a Nintendo switch and a Chelsea shirt with Loftus-Cheek on the back," said Eidur.

Lara said, "The holidays were really exciting and I got a kindle and a color-changing bluetooth speaker."

Happy 2019 to everyone!

Written by Lenny Blowes Y6 and Ronan Peacock Y5



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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			
Tuesday		After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Tuesday Team 3:30pm
Wednesday			
Thursday			After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday			The Songbirds 3.30pm
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
08.02.19	Y3 and 4 Cluster Sports Dance Workshop (West Burton)		
15.02.18	Dark Skies Presentation (am at Askrigg School)		
22.02.19	BAWB Day		
	Half Term		