



Dear parents and friends,  
 What a very busy week in our schools. I can't express how proud I am of each and every one of our Y2 and Y6 children who have approached their SATs with such a wonderful attitude. They have worked diligently and cared a great deal about achieving their very best, though they have also been calm, sensible, and even good-humoured. I think that all the staff will join me in suggesting that they all deserve a little treat this weekend and some much-deserved recognition for their tremendous effort and approach. Thank you to our governors who helped to invigilate the Y6 SATs (Derek Walpole, Martin Garside, Cathy Bergs, David Madley) – we couldn't have done it without you and we know that it isn't one of the most exciting parts of your role!



our federation is important, even beneficial, for a number of reasons:

- Staff development opportunities:
  - Keeps our staff up-to-date and experienced in different aspects / year groups.
  - Provides opportunities for staff who may otherwise look to apply for jobs outside our federation – supports retention.
- Meeting pupils' needs with staff strengths.
- Meeting individual schools' needs – ensuring that there is equitable experience across our schools.
- Responding to changing needs and priorities.

Some members of staff are really keen for a move and it is a privileged position we are in to be able to offer these opportunities. Well-managed change (within reason) can also be beneficial for children in terms of broadening and enriching their experiences and preparing them for the next stage in their education. I will of course keep you informed of any appointments we make and the staffing arrangements for September when these appointments are confirmed.

**Trip to 'Joseph' at Darlington Hippodrome.**

Please remember that we are all going to see Joseph on Wednesday next week (with the exception of nursery). Please can I remind all parents to complete their online consent sent last week via email. If you are not sure how



to do this, or are having problems, please pop into the office and someone will talk you through it there and then. Please remember the late arrivals back at school:

- West Burton at 5:45pm (approx)
- Bainbridge at 5:55pm (approx)
- Askrigg at 6:00pm (approx)

May we thank the PTFA and the West Burton 50's Club again for their most generous contributions towards the trip.



**Recruitment**

We are looking forward to Tuesday next week when we will be interviewing for our two teacher vacancies. Interviews, lesson visits, and school council interviews will take place at Askrigg Primary School. The

children of Owls class (Mrs Harrison's class) and Skylarks class (Mrs Robinson's) will be spending the morning at Askrigg in order that they can be part of the interview process (normal drop-off arrangements for parents apply. The Y3/4 children will be swimming as normal.

I attended the Parents' Forum this Wednesday evening to explain a little bit about staff deployment in September (see Parent Forum minutes and our responses when they are ready) though there will be more detail on this when we have completed our recruitment process. It is important to remember that some movement of staff (including teachers) around

## Sun Protection



Please can you remember to put sunscreen on your child in the warmer weather and send them to school with a sunhat and water bottle. Spare sunscreen is always welcome should a further application be required during the day and for outdoor sports club.

## Water Bottles

Water bottles are available to purchase in all of our schools. They cost £1.50

## Cincobrass

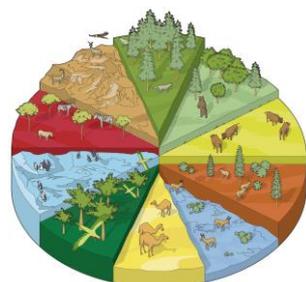
Cincobrass are coming in to school to play an hour of live music as part of the Swaledale Festival education



programme on Friday 24 May. Cincobrass is a talented brass quintet from London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama and includes the brilliant Simon Chorley, a former student from Askrigg School and The Wensleydale School! All children, including the nursery children, will be taking part in this event, which we feel very privileged to be part of.

## Skylarks

A special mention to Elsie in Skylarks class who, using her own initiative, contacted the RSPB to order some Skylarks pin badges for all the children in her class. She even paid for them out of her own money – what a lovely, innovative, and generous idea – thank you Elsie!



## Tuesdays after half term

On the four Tuesdays in June (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>), Mrs Harrison's class (Owls) will be spending the day at West Burton. To continue their science topic of 'habitats' the children will

be looking at some of the different plant and animal species that can be found in the West Burton environment, including a visit to the waterfall and its surroundings. Mrs Chapman will be cooking their

lunches, transport will be organised from our end, and there will be no changes to your drop-off or collection arrangements. Mrs Scarr will also continue her yoga sessions at West Burton so the children will not miss out. A lovely opportunity to explore science in a different setting, afforded by our federation.

Weekly Class Attendance	
Owls @ Bainbridge– Mrs Harrison	99.6%
Golden Eagles @Askrigg –Mr Billingham	98.7%
Merlins @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	87.5%
Skylarks @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	98.4%

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Alex
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Harvey
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Elsie
Tidiest Classroom Award	Golden Eagles
Best Class Attendance	Owls

We hope you have a great weekend and we look forward to an exciting final week of the Summer1 term!

 E. Harrison

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's** log books.

**May 17, 1901:** Considering that we have 63 on the register, the average for this week is not up to the usual. The absence has been due to colds largely.

**May 23, 1901:** Mr Stow and Mr Winn, two of the managers visited this morning and recommended that the school be closed tomorrow (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May), the anniversary of the late Queen's birthday. It was thus impossible to inform H.M.I. of this closure in the specified time. They also suggested that this be a yearly occasion.



## West Burton's Newsflash

Normal service will be resumed next week. We have been busy with SATS!

Have a great weekend.  
Skylarks



## EYFS



The glorious weather has been truly embraced in Early Years. There is a not unpleasant aroma of suntan lotion in the air and many very slippery children. We have been impressed with their sun safety strategies: hats on, water drunk, shade sought, swimming pool made (gosh we are prone to exaggeration aren't we. But then again a small pool to an adult can be huge to a 4 year old). Anyway, as a result of all that good practice we have ticked off several achievements in the Health and Safety section. The adults were particularly impressed with the two mini Jacuzzis the children created within the large (now established as humungous!) pool. Here the children noticed the theory of displacement first recorded by Archimedes. And would you believe we've got a book about that.

Many children went home without pants that day, but who cares. Which reminds me, **please could you return any borrowed items of clothing as we are running out.** This would be very much appreciated.

Another popular outdoor activity was the parachute games. We all came together with class 2 for the best PHSE lesson in the sun. Great fun with all our friends. So much better than years ago when Mrs. Johnston had to do parachute games with 9 children. This time we can really make it move!

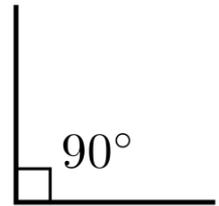
We have been focusing on addition and subtraction in Reception this week and writing using positional language about where the treasure is. Some messages have been written in invisible ink. No doubt those pieces of work have perfect handwriting and spelling! Who knows? Well, Mrs Iveson does, because when she irons it the writing appears. So yes, all in all a very science based week.

Please could you encourage your child to bring in an object beginning with the sound 'D' which is our sound next week.

Unfortunately, I think it may be anorak weather at the weekend but hey ho it means we have a gloriously green place to live. Let's give thanks for everything we have and endeavour to appreciate our lives and our children daily,

Love Robins xx





### Outside fun!

#### Explainer video

Year 5 have been making a video about maths and English. In English with Mr Billingham we have done a video(s) on grammar including parenthesis, commas, exclamation marks, and brackets. In the video we were told to make them quite funny but not too silly.

In the maths video we were doing angles, geometry, and shapes. We all made a video about a certain subject in maths. Lara and Willis did 'what is geometry' Rosalyn Charlie and Daisy did theirs about 'measuring irregular and regular shapes'.

#### Quotes

Rosalyn: "very funny and fun to do"

Charlie: "very funny and I liked doing them"

Ronan: "I liked doing them and they came out good"

By **Willis and Teddy**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**TONIGHT 7:30pm!** Fundraising for Askrigg Village Hall, dominoes and contract whist (you choose which you'd like to play). £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. Supper and raffle. Come along for a fun, social evening. Askrigg Village Hall at 7:30pm - TONIGHT!

#### **West Burton May Fair – 27 May**

The Annual May Fair will be taking place in West Burton on 27 May, from 1pm – 4pm. It is a brilliant afternoon out, especially if the sun is shining. Come along and join the fun. There will be Maypole dancing by the children of West Burton school, Morris dancing, a junior fun run and a dog show, to name but a few of the events.

#### **Upper Wensleydale Sunday School Summer Term**

Upper Wensleydale Sunday School would love you to join them for FUN FILLED Junior worship at the following locations and times:

19<sup>th</sup> May With Amazing Andy @ Gayle Chapel 4pm

26<sup>th</sup> May Family Together@ St Oswalds Askrigg 10:30am Praise and Create

#### WEST BURTON NEWS

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**50's Club:** The May winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £20 Mrs Betty Simmons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £10 Ms A Moorhouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £10 Dr B H Daley. Congratulations!

Letters will be distributed in the next few weeks regarding sign up to the 50's Club for the next academic year.

**Dates For Your Diary**

**Regular Clubs – All clubs are open to all children and are shown under the school where they take place**

	<b>Bainbridge</b>	<b>Askrigg</b>	<b>West Burton</b>
Monday			
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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bainbridge</b>	<b>Askrigg</b>	<b>West Burton</b>
	<b>Easter</b>		
10.05.19	Years 3 and 4 Drax Cricket @ Askrigg School		
13.05.19	EYFS Balance Bike Sessions Start Mondays @ Bainbridge		
15.5.19	Parent Forum, 7pm @ West Burton School		
22.05.19	YR – Y6 to Darlington Hippodrome matinee performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat		
24.5.19	Cincobrass - Brass Quintet @ Askrigg		
	<b>Half Term</b>		
7.06.19	Y1/2 Multi-skills @ Catterick Leisure Centre		
21.06.19	Reception Multi-skills @ Catterick Leisure Centre		
27.6.19	Wigton Moor Visit @ West Burton		
01/02.07.19	BAWB 'Moving Up days' and Y6 Transition Days @ TWS		
05.07.19	KS2 Rugby World Cup Event @ WRUFC		
09.07.19	BAWB Sports Day - Askrigg		