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Dear parents and friends,

Isn't it great to be back after a lovely Easter break? I hope you all enjoyed the glorious weather over the Easter weekend. Thank you for all the lovely feedback about the special celebration assembly on the last day of term – we always enjoy celebrating our children's achievements and it was a lovely morning. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

This is really busy and extremely short half-term, which includes SATs for the children, another bank-holiday Monday, a trip to the theatre, and swimming each week for some children. Keep an eye open for regular updates and reminders as we pack all the usual activity into a much shorter-than-normal half-term.



We all hope that parents enjoyed receiving the letter about the reinstatement of a second class at West Burton; please contact me directly if you would like to discuss any issues relating to this.



Website and emailing

Please can I remind everyone that our only official website is www.b-a-wb.co.uk and alert you to an unofficial West Burton website that is not owned or managed by

school. The website also advertises an unofficial admin email address which should not be used to contact school – we have no idea who is receiving emails sent to that address. Please use the following email address if you wish to contact our schools: BAWAdmin@b-a-wb.co.uk (or any of the other familiar ones which you use to correspond with currently). Thank you



Receiving General Information – GDPR

Thank you to those of you who have responded to give consent for receiving the

weekly newsletter, amongst other 'general information' emails. If you have not already done this and wish to continue receiving the newsletter, please email us to let us know: BAWAdmin@b-a-wb.co.uk.

Mrs Robinson

It is with much sadness that I inform you that Mrs Robinson will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. She has decided to pursue some personal ventures with her husband and family, though we have managed to persuade her to maintain a supply contract with us for occasional work. We will of course say goodbye properly to Mrs Robinson at the end of the year but I for one will be extremely sad to see her leave. Mrs Robinson is a great asset to our federation: a highly skilled class teacher and an extremely effective base-leader – these will be difficult shoes to fill.

Welcome

We would like to give a warm welcome to Erin who has joined the Skylarks in year 5 at West Burton School. We also have three new nursery children starting this term Joey, Lizzie and Archie. We hope that they enjoy being part of our BAWB schools and all of the fun learning that takes place.



Reminder – Parent Forum



Parent Forum

The next Parent Forum will be held on **Wednesday 15 May**, 7pm at West Burton School. All welcome. Please send any agenda items to Kelly Boulton at Askrigg.

Summer Term Swimming Sessions

Years 3, 4 and Reception will be swimming on Tuesdays this term, commencing next Tuesday (7th May). Please ensure your children have their swimming kit and a water bottle. There are no changes to transport arrangements at the start of the day.

The cost of the swimming sessions is £10. Parentpay has been set up to enable payment. Could we also ask that if you have an outstanding payment from last term, that you pay this as soon as you are able.

Cluster Cricket – Friday 10th May

Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in a cluster cricket event next Friday morning, led by Mr Bullock. This will be another opportunity for our pupils to mix with their peers from other schools within our local cluster.

Please can we ask that children come to school in their PE kits (with warm layers and a waterproof coat) and bring a named water bottle.

As it will be forest schools for years 3 and 4 in the afternoon, we will ask them to put their PE kit back on for the assemblies at the end of the day rather than bringing additional school uniform to wear.

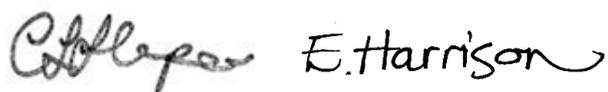
School Clubs

School Clubs recommence next week (with the exception of Cycle Club which starts on Monday 13th May). There are still places available for After School Sports at West Burton, Songbirds and Cycle Club at Askrigg. After School Sports at Askrigg on Monday has only one space available. Please contact school as soon as possible to let us know if you still wish to sign your child up for any of the clubs.

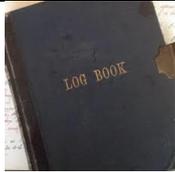
Weekly Class Attendance	
Owls @ Bainbridge– Mrs Harrison	96.1%
Golden Eagles @Askrigg –Mr Billingham	97.9%
Merlins @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	96.2%
Skylarks @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	98.7%

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Tommy Scarr
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Alice Metcalfe
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Erin Norton
Tidiest Classroom Award	Robins - EYFS
Best Class Attendance	Skylarks

We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday.



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's** log books.

3 May 1993: May day PFA Car boot Sale. £270 raised for funds to help buy comb binding machine.

4 May 1993: Elizabeth carter, Swaledale Festival, called to see D.J. about forthcoming visit of Christopher Awdry, author of the "Thomas the Tank Engine" stories.



West Burton's Newsflash

This week has been a bit different because we missed Monday.

We have welcomed Erin our new Y5 pupil, she has enjoyed her first few days at our school. Erin said, "Everyone has welcomed me and been kind and helpful." Elsie and Charlotte did practise Sat's tests in Maths. Elsie said, "I don't like them, they are hard!" Charlotte said "I found them hard and stressful!" However, they have been working hard so will do well in the real tests!

We are on the last chapter of 'White Dolphin' by Gill Lewis and it is very exciting, and next week we are going to be starting our next story 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.'

On Wednesday, Thia moved on to Earth on space mission and will get her certificate on Friday.

Chloe, Y5 journalist.



EYFS



So we have returned after a marvellous break. Wasn't that Easter weekend perfect! No doubt we are all full of chocolate and fully rested.

The tadpoles and plants are thriving. Many thanks to our parents and children who did such a super job of feeding and watering during the holiday. The outdoor area has had additional drainage and border edging added and the gazebo now has a new windbreak. The children never seemed to mind the howling gales and rain that formed a perfect wind tunnel but some of the staff struggled a little because let's face it, they are not getting any younger. Some of them can even remember the days when Reception was rather a lot of colouring in. Now we embrace a very full and engaging curriculum.

Google Development Matters to see the many objectives they are working towards.

I am sure that mud and water will still manage to break out into unwanted areas at times but we aim to keep on top of it (if only on Headteacher days!!)

In the last newsletter there should have been a joyous announcement: a new baby! And it's a

.....boy!!!! Yes, a brother for Fearn and Rosie. Isn't that marvellous! We can't wait to meet him. No doubt many of you have already. Our parents really must be congratulated on their valiant efforts to keep the school and community topped up with children. When we were at the Tournament (remember that?) a deputy head from another school came up and asked where on earth we had got so many children from? Mrs. Johnston was rather surprised because she teaches Y6 so you would think she knows all about the 'Growing Up' talk but of course it was a lovely moment to savour – all our fabulous children in our fabulous school being noticed in the community! I am sure we are the envy of many. With a Strictly flourish we shall finish with a robust, 'Keep delivering!'

Happy Bank Holiday xxxx



IT'S ALL JOURNALISM

Askrigg's Journalism Column

Easter holiday

For two weeks, the BAWB Federation have had their Easter holidays. Lots of students have gone on holiday and done things in the fabulous sun.

Ronan went to Manchester to see his cousin.

Ruby went rock climbing and completed one of the hardest walls!

Rosalyn went to Lenny's house and went to the river in the rain.

There are a few changes this term. Celebration Assembly is now on a Friday afternoon and will start at 3:00 pm. The Golden Eagles will be doing swimming with reception on Tuesday mornings. Because Merlins aren't taking part in swimming, they will be doing an extra PE lesson with Miss Collins on Thursday afternoons. This term our topic is Navigators. The Merlins are writing adventure journals and are reading the classic tale, Treasure Island.

By Eidur Pickard-Sparne and Lara Scarr.

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We have two items from the Easter Egg competition that need to go to the correct home – one is a melamine Emma Bridgewater mug that says 'Mice Like Dancing' and the other is an egg cup with a picture of a chicken and the work Cluck. If they belong to you, please contact the office.

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	
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Thursday			After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday			The Songbirds 3.30pm

Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
	Easter		
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	Pianist – Simon Chorley		
	Half Term		
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		