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Newsletter - Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe we are heading into the last week of the school year! What a year it has been! We are hoping that we see the week through and can enjoy some fun times with the children next week before the summer holidays. Despite the planned national lifting of restrictions on Monday, the advice to schools from the DfE and NYCC is to maintain our precautionary measures in school until the end of term. As I am sure you are aware, there is a worsening situation locally and we are keen to see the week out with our children and enjoy the remaining activities and events we have planned if we can.

Next Friday, 23rd July is the last day of this academic year and school finishes at 3.30pm as normal.

New Starters

We have managed to have our new starters in school this week in EYFS. They were unable to meet the other children but have enjoyed getting to know each other, the staff and their new classroom. We are really looking forward to working with them in September, they were a super bunch who settled with no tears! Well done!

Leavers Service

At the time of writing we fully intend to go ahead with our Leavers Service, however with regret we will be limiting attendees to just the families of Year 6 pupils this year and not parents of other year groups. Further details to follow via email to Y6 parents next week.

PTFA News

Film Night

We had a wonderful film night on Wednesday evening after school and the children behaved impeccably. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event. We raised £60 for PTFA funds which is very welcome indeed. Thank you to Mrs Orland and Kate Graham for being chefs for the evening and to all the staff who made the event possible.

Non Uniform Day

Next Friday 23rd July, we will be having a non uniform day in school. If children would like to take part, please could you send £1 into school for PTFA funds. Thank you!

SEND Review

North Yorkshire County Council, Parent carer voice, and local Clinical Commissioning groups are developing a joint strategy for North Yorkshire that covers education, health and care, for children and young people with SEND up to the age of 25 years. They are asking for input from professionals, parent carers, children and young people, and anyone else who wants to share their experiences of SEND services in North Yorkshire. Information about how to share your views is here www.northyorks.gov.uk/sendreview There are a number of ways that you and interested parties can participate - the Council for Disabled Children is hosting online events starting w/c 28 June, there is an online survey, or you can email send@northyorks.gov.uk or call 01609 780780.

Read Wild Summer Library Challenge

Children can find out all about looking after the natural world this summer when North Yorkshire libraries and the Reading Agency invite them to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. The Challenge is aimed at children aged 4 to 11, encouraging them to read six library books over the summer holiday period. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes, and is all about what they can do to make a difference to the environment and stand up for the planet.

To take part and be a Wild World Hero, children just need to sign up at their nearest library. They'll be given a colourful fold out map of an imaginary place called Wilderville. As they read their chosen books, they will receive stickers (some scratch & sniff!) and can use the stickers to fix an environmental problem and make Wilderville a better, greener place to be. There are more free incentives to collect along the way and those who complete the Challenge will receive a medal and a certificate to celebrate their achievement.

The challenge is open to all children aged four to 11, and they can choose from a vast range of books at the library or download them as an eBook from the catalogue. There are loads of fantastic new books about protecting the planet and our wildlife but they don't have to stick to that theme – any library book they want to borrow will count. It's a great way to encourage children to keep up their reading skills during the long break.

A brilliant programme of online events for families will also support the Challenge, including a cartoon workshop, a story hunt, finding out why rubbish isn't rubbish and how to be a North Yorkshire Rotter! Look out for more details of the events and great reading recommendations on the @nycclibraries Facebook page and local library pages too.

The challenge starts in libraries on Sat 10th July and finishes on Sat 11th September.

Diary Dates

Y6 Leavers Service - Friday 23rd July - 9.30am

Next week, I will be at Danby on Tuesday all day and Thursday and Friday Mornings and Egton School on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and Friday afternoons.

With best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

REMINDER - Covid Guidance

We have updated our parent guidance which you can find [HERE](#).

We now have a [Face Covering Protocol](#) in place.

REMINDER - Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff

On Sunday 28 February, the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including child care and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test centre
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit on-line

This [guidance](#) provides information on who can be tested and how you can get a test.

REMINDER- Covid testing

If your child starts to show any symptoms of Covid or you have taken them for a Covid test please let us know via the admin email, even at the weekend. We are still required to report all cases of Covid linked to our school and monitor our emails for covid notifications daily. Thank you.

REMINDER - Term Dates

Friday 23rd July - Break up for Summer at 3.30pm

REMINDER - Whitby Food Bank

We continue to act as a local collection point for the village and immediate areas for Whitby Food Bank. There is a collection box at the front of school should you wish to make a donation of essential items to the food bank at any time. We are working to be Covid safe, the box is located beside our sanitising station and items will be quarantined before being exchanged with

the bank. Do check out their website to see which items are greatly needed at the moment.
Thank you. www.foodbank4whitby.org.uk