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Week 21 Newsletter

Monday 7th February 2022

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Two more weeks to go until the next school break but so much to cram in before we pause for breath!

School News: This week we will be visited by our School Evaluation Officer, Mrs Bentley, to help us to prepare for our next Ofsted inspection and ensure that we are providing pupils with all that they need to make good progress and achieve well. Mrs Bentley will be working with staff and pupils on Tuesday (tomorrow) and she is keen to be out on the playground as parents and carers arrive to find out your views on our school, especially linked to phonics and reading. Please note that you may be approached about your views directly. If you have something you wish to share with our visitor you are very welcome to approach her directly or email any feedback through to myself or the school office. A huge well done to our pupils at the latest PGS event-basketball, they came in 3rd and 5th place out of the 8 teams present. The standard and pace of the competition was outstanding and the children did a great job. It is lovely to see them all enjoying basketball club with Mrs Mayston too each week.

How to Help Your Child at Home: As it is Parents' Evening this week we thought it would be timely to share our special video 'How to Help Your Child at Home' which has features from all of the key leaders in school with guidance and top tips. The video was very well received and it could just be a good time to re-engage with it after talking to your child's teacher. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Mdylyh3rWG4> A reminder that we also have all of the phonics videos featuring each sound to view which are really useful for pupils in Reception or Key Stage One. <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UcKBWwCIm2TSQ4TyP4yyTT2w> Please be aware that, as always, for parents' evening our appointments on Thursday will be in the school hall. If you would like to discuss something more privately or feel that 10 minutes is not enough time to discuss your child's needs, please arrange an appointment on a different day.

Dress Down: Next Monday is Valentine's Day so we are suggesting a dress down to make a start on our fundraising efforts for the school's own defibrillator! A £1 Suggested donation per family is welcomed. The dress down is themed around Valentines so red or heart themed but it doesn't have to be. No fancy dress please! We will have some class discos in the afternoon in the hall and a little disco for AM nursery too.

Reminders:

- Punctuality: please ensure, as much as you possibly can, that pupils are in school and ready to learn on time.
- Lego competition reminder: just one more week to go until our Lego competition! Entries need to come to the school hall before school on either Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th February. Good luck and enjoy!
- Car Park: please remember that the staff car park should not be used by any parent or carer unless they have a disabled access badge or have been given express permission due to safeguarding reasons. This includes for club drop off or collection.
- Safe collection systems: please ensure that school is aware, in advance, whenever your child is being collected by someone not on your safe collection list. Where this is not the case the child will stay in school until we have made contact with the parent for permission.
- One way system: A reminder that the one way system is still in operation between 8.40-8.50am and 3.10-3.20pm and the importance of coming at the correct time to collect. The one way system can be relaxed now at club drop off and pick up as the numbers involved are far fewer than the peak times of the school day. We know that some parents have pupils in both the EYFS and around the back of school which makes things tricky so, again, we are happy to relax the system where this is the case. We just want to avoid large groups of people forming and walking against the tide in terms of the one way system.

Have a great week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 20

Attendance: 97.2% Classes of the Week: Y4 with 98.8% Late marks: 5 GOOD to be GREEN: 99%

Mini Diary- Week 21

(Well-being theme: Stay Safe Week /Music of the week: Ladysmith Black Mambazo)

Dinner menu: Week 3

Monday 7th: School Council meeting at lunchtime

Tuesday 8th: KS2 Yorkshire Water workshops, Safer Internet Day (special assembly) SEO visit (reading and phonics)

Wednesday 9th: extra-parents' appointments for F1 (new starters) PM

Thursday 10th: Parents' Evening (1.30-7.30pm) some Y6 young leaders helping (email reminder sent!)

Friday 11th: Star of the Week Assembly

