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Week 25 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! We have had two new COVID cases this week in Y3 and Y4 respectively. Last week our fantastic Y6 group went to PGL in Grantham and had a blast. It was a pleasure to visit them on Thursday and see their enthusiasm, their team work and their zest for tackling challenges. We must thank our staff who gave up their family time to support the children across the three days- we really appreciate it Y6 team! In sad news we are saying goodbye to Mr Parker as a Governor after 20 years of incredible service. Mr Parker has been a regular visitor in school over the years supporting pupils and encouraging them with reading, times tables, sporting events, etc. He was a regular on our Y5 visit to Scarborough too- he'd go anywhere for fish and chips! We will miss him so much for his skill, friendship and kindness. We will be recruiting a new Governor soon but they will have big shoes to fill! This week in school we have the Y5 South Yorkshire Boccia finals and the Y5/6 girls footballers go to North of England finals at Liverpool FC! Good luck to both teams and our Y1 multi-skills pupils for Thursday! There is so much sport to enjoy this week!

School Budget: Our initial school budget has been sent through recently and it is very tight indeed. Over the last few years we have been able to use additional revenue streams or surplus funds from previous years to subsidising fun events and visits, like at Christmas for example. There is a long way to go until the budget is completely confirmed and organised but we are going to be seeking feedback from families on the manageability of school costs (clubs, visits, residential, uniform requirements, etc) through some anonymous Twitter polls. Following this feedback, we will plan carefully to ensure that we supplement the curriculum but also don't ask too much of families, especially with rising energy/fuel bills and the general cost of living.

Ofsted- Parent View: Thank you so much for all of your supportive feedback and glowing comments over the last 12 months. Our recent school improvement work is looking very positive indeed and we continue to impress visitors and external evaluators with our standards of behaviour, teaching, learning and curriculum experiences. Everyone comments on the ethos and the way in which pupils settle down to learn and the high expectations on show. Our recent external evaluations in reading/phonics and maths have demonstrated that the subject leaders have made giant strides in implementing the curriculum well and that they have clear and exciting plans for the future. Whilst we regularly have internal and anonymous feedback/surveys for parents, when Ofsted come they will look at the Parent View results to judge us. We would love parents to share their views using the link below to give your views. As always we would ask that any parent with a concern would book an appointment to speak with myself or the class teacher about anything of note. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

News Nuggets:

- For the next few weeks we are encouraging bikes, scooters and walking to school- this week we will have a random 'Golden Bike Lock' winner each day- please take the bike lock to Mr Venus if you win!
- The Y5/6 children played a match this Friday and the score was 2-1 to the Y6 team! The players were all fantastic and it really helped some of the girls to prepare for next week! Thank you to everyone who came along to watch!
- Please continue to ensure that pupils complete their ongoing 'homework' by reading their school reading book and logging their reading and a parent comment each week. The reading expectations are on the front of the learning log and a short, daily read is the best way to ensure good progress with language development. Thank you for your ongoing support with this vital part of our ethos of partnership.
- Our dinner menu will be shared very soon on emails! If your child has a special diet you will receive this first. Please fill it in and return it ASAP so that we can get it across to the catering team ASAP. Thank you.
- Please remember to log your child's attendance at the musical showcase on Thursday 28th April!
- Please save the date for family wellbeing event (online) on Wednesday 4th May between 6-7pm.
- The Y5 residential to Scarborough is now a day visit on Thursday 12th May. We will refund a significant chunk of the money paid for the visit and keep an amount to cover the day out and associated costs. We will have a school sleep over for Y5 to make up for missing out on the residential aspects- this will be held on Friday 15th July 2022 (6pm).

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 24

Attendance: 94.9% Class of the Week: Y3 with 97% Late marks: 7 GOOD to be GREEN: 100%

Mini Diary- Week 25

(Well-being theme: People Who Help Us and Diversity/Music of the week: Mike Oldfield/Pink Floyd)

Dinner menu: Week 2 All clubs on this week!

Monday 14th: KS1 Wise Owls experience in the hall Thursday 10th: Selected Y1 pupils at Multi-sports (PGS) 4-5pm

Friday 11th: Red Nose Day- Wear red or sports clothes

Y5 swimming session, Y5 South Yorkshire Boccia finals, Y5/6 girls North of England football finals (back at 4.30pm)

