



NEWSLETTER

15/11/2024



Dear Families and Friends,

Farm/Fire Safety Visit

We enjoyed a fantastic farm and fire safety visit the Lillies' Forest Farm on Tuesday! The children learnt how to keep themselves safe in our rural areas, especially around farm machinery and animals. The local fire brigade also taught us about what do if there was an emergency on a farm. A massive thank you must go to the Lillie family and Danby firefighters who arranged this fantastic and very important afternoon for all our children.

Forest School

As a reminder, our forest school sessions are curtailing for the season, to allow us to focus on Christmas preparations and allow our site to recover. Year 5/6 have had their final session. Year 3/4 will have their final session on Tuesday 19th November. Acorns will have their final session on Wednesday 20th November.

We aim to recommence sessions after the Christmas break, subject to the suitability of the grounds. Year 5/6 will be the first group to have a session.

Acorns Fryup Forge Visit

As part of their science learning on materials, Acorns will be visiting Fryup Forge on Monday 18th November. They will need to come to school in their usual uniform and sensible school shoes with a warm coat. They will be transported by coach and be inside for most of the afternoon. There will be no PE session on this day.

Stay and Play – 11th November

It was a pleasure to see all the new starters at our first Stay and Play of the school year! We are looking forward to getting to know you further at future Stay and Plays, with our next one scheduled for Thursday 12th December. If you have any questions about your child starting school or require support with application, please do not hesitate to contact us.

PTFA Information

We have a number of requests from our hard working PTFA. They will be wrapping hampers for raffles to be drawn at the school nativities and Carols Round the Tree. If you would like to make a donation of a raffle prize please can these be brought to school by Friday 29/11/24. In addition to this donations of mulled wine and mince pies for Carols Round the Tree to be brought to school by Thursday 19/12/24 if you wish and Christmas jumper donations by our Swap Shop by Monday 02/12/24. Thank you.

Meeting Danby Village Hall Saturday 30/11/24 12 noon – 1:00pm – Secondary school transport

Alison Hume MP will be at Danby Village Hall to respond to concerns regarding transport issues for secondary school and potential secondary school children (i.e. current Y6's). The meeting is open not just to current Y6 parents/carers but to all future secondary school parents/carers.

Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions

There will be no Chance to Shine cricket sessions next week due to our coach being nominated for an award and attending a ceremony in London! Our remaining sessions will take place on: Thurs 28th November; Friday 29th November; Thurs 12th December. Please can all children come to school in PE kit on these days.

Error

Many apologies there was an error on last week's newsletter. Just to confirm, the Christmas performances are Monday 09/12/24 (1:30pm) and Tuesday 10/12/24 (6:00pm) – **Not** Monday 09/12/24 (6:00pm) as previously stated.



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Rotary Music competition

We wish Maggie, Katie and Martha B lots of luck this evening as they compete in the Rotary Music Competition.

Mental Health and Well-being

This half term we will be learning all about the biology of how our brain works in our first module 'Meet your Brain.' Please ask the children what they found out this week! We invite you to download the Parent App for 'Myhappymind' so that you can see what we are learning in class and gain information about how you can help to support your child's mental health and well-being. Parent App Video link: <https://myhappymind.lpages.co/myhappymind-parent-app-introduction/> You will need an authentication code which will be sent to you via e-mail.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 96.1%

Our attendance this year: 97.6%

National average for this year: 95.4%

Year Group winners: Year 2

We are currently ranked 7th out of 292 schools in North Yorkshire – well done!

Stars of the Week

Acorns: Beverley- for writing a fantastic story with a brilliant built-up, problem and resolution. We were gripped!

Oaks: James – for great descriptive ideas in English and incredible success in Question Time. He has shone very brightly this week!

Headteacher: Alfie – for going the extra mile to improve in all areas, especially in those he finds most difficult!

Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Connie

Headteacher timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	Castleton	Lythe
Tues	Lythe	Goathland
Weds	Goathland all day	
Thurs	Castleton	Goathland
Fri	Supporting school in Scarborough	

Next Week's Events

Monday

Fryup Forge Visit please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear (no PE)

Acorns Sewing/Needlecraft Club with Mrs Moore

Oaks Engineering Club with Mr Moore



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Tuesday	Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie Year 3/4 Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear Art Club for Oaks
Wednesday	Acorns Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear Signing Club Year 6 Booster Club
Thursday	Choir Club Cricket Sessions for Both Classes please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
Friday	Oaks PE please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Future Diary Dates

Please note: some of these events may still need to be confirmed.

November

18/11: Acorns Fryup Forge Visit
28/11: Chance to Shine Cricket
29/11: Chance to Shine Cricket

12/12: Chance to Shine Cricket
12/12: Stay and Play
13/12: Training Day
19/12: Christmas Jumper Day
19/12: Christmas Lunch
19/12: Carols round the Tree (6pm)

December

02/12: Christmas Jumper Swap Shop
03 & 04/12: Choir Singing to community/Abbeyfields
05/12: Panto Trip
06/12: Year 5/6 Basketball Event
09/12: Christmas afternoon performance (1.30pm)
10/12: Christmas evening performance (6pm)

Future Diary Dates

26/03-28/03: Y5/6 Peat Rigg
12/05-16/05: Y6 SATs Week
02/06-13/06: Y4 Multiplication Check
04/06: School photos
June: Y1 phonics screening

Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- Staff Training Day - Friday 13th December 2024
- Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 20th December 2024
- First Day of Spring Term – Monday 6th January 2025
- Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
- Staff Training Day - Friday 21st March 2025
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 4th April 2025
- First day of Summer Term – **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**
- Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May 2025
- Half Term - Monday 26th May to Friday 30th 2025
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 21st July 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.



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