



NEWSLETTER



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Message from Mrs Hird

On Monday I had a very productive day working with Mrs Ward (headteacher at Lealholm) and our governing body to plan our priorities for the next four years. The discussions took account of opinions gathered from pupils, staff, parents and governors and we were all excited to finish the day with a clear vision for the coming years, including further developments in the Arts.

Have a lovely long weekend.

Mrs Hird

Attendance: This week's attendance was **95.37%** so below our target of at least **97%**.

News from the Classes

This week the **Acorn** children have worked really hard and produced some outstanding pieces of creative writing inspired by the Anansi story. Work has showcased their super use of descriptive language, a range of punctuation and speech marks. In fact, all of the Acorn team have been so impressed that we had to show off these stories to Mrs Hird.

In Maths, year 2 have completed their unit on fractions (halves, quarters and thirds) and started measuring using a ruler. Any opportunity to practise drawing straight lines using a ruler would be appreciated as this is quite a difficult task! Year 1 have continued work on dividing.

Gymnastics took place in the Village Hall, using equipment safely and Lewis has continued with cricket. In Science we have been looking at the offspring of different animals and noticing how similar or different they can look from their parents. Work in Geography has continued with further research into Africa, focusing on Kenya.

Reception children have been learning all about how to select and rotate shapes to fill a given space. They enjoyed using the Numicon shapes and boards to fill all of the spaces. It was sometimes quite tricky to flip and turn the shapes to make them fit!

The Acorn **Star of the Week** is **Ted** for some wonderful self-initiated writing.

The **Oaks** have been learning about Tsunamis and the devastating impact that they can have on the coastline. They also learnt what warning signs to look out for and what action to take to keep safe if needed. They enjoyed filming a short news report with interviews and the safety advice included.

In English, they have begun to write the biography of Prince Philip from their memory and have edited their writing too. Can they begin to search out some facts about the Queen to help them with their writing next week?

In Maths, the Y5/6 have learnt about area and perimeter. They have moved onto working out the area of a triangle. The Y3/4 children have battled this week with finding fractions of amounts. They have finally grasped it and are using a bar model approach to help them divide the amount into the correct number of sections and, if needed, to times each section by the numerator. Keep practising Y3/4!

The Oak **2 Stars of the Week** are:

Stella for fantastic focus and independent working this week.

Fynn for a great attitude to want to develop her learning and work further.



School Council - Diversity Books



Members of the School Council have recently chosen some new books for the library, reflecting the diversity of the society in which we live and promoting awareness and positive images of people with a range of different abilities. Also in the picture are a range of new books related to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which sets out the human rights of children everywhere and supports our work towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award.

PE/Jewellery

All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons. Children whose ears have recently been pierced must have a letter from their parents giving their permission for earrings to be left in. Parents are expected to provide sterile tape to protect the ear.

Breakfast Club ("Early Birds")

As the national restrictions are gradually lifting, many of you may be returning to work or enjoying a trip out with friends and family. If you need an early start, remember that you can book your child into breakfast club any day of the week, either as a regular booking or a one-off. The club runs from 8am every day and includes a range of fun activities. Please contact Mrs Blacklock in the office if you wish to book a place for your child.

Transition for September 2021

New starters joining Reception Letters have been sent out to parents of our new starters and staff visits to pre-school settings will be starting this month. We are hoping that, as the restrictions continue to ease, we will be able to invite our new starters and their parents into school before the end of the summer term.

Children moving from Year 2 to Year 3 We will have transition days during the week commencing 12th July, where those children moving from Acorn class to Oak class will spend time with Mr Sellers and their new classmates. Mr Sellers will also be in school at other points during the summer term so that he and Mrs Walley can spend time on handover plans.

Children moving to secondary school Staff from our school and secondary have made contact to discuss the current Year 6 pupils and some in-school visits have taken place with secondary staff. Transition days will take place during the week commencing 12th July, where Year 6 pupils will attend their chosen secondary school.

NSPCC Number Day - Friday, 7th May

We are having a non-uniform day next Friday for NSPCC Number Day. Children can come to school dressed in clothes relating to numbers, e.g. a football shirt, something with spots on that can be counted etc. We will also be doing number based activities. Please remember that Oaks have PE so they will be changing into PE kit.

Week Commencing Monday, 3rd May

Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed

Tuesday

PE for Acorns

"Signing" after school. Finish time 4.15pm.

Wednesday

All pupils Outdoor learning. Children can come to school dressed in appropriate clothing. Gardening after school (Oaks). Finish time 4.30pm.

Thursday

PE for all pupils.

Football after school. Finish time 4.15pm.

Friday

NSPCC Number Day (non-uniform)

PE for Oaks.