

## Message from Mrs Hird

Although I haven't been in school this week, it has been lovely to hear about all the exciting things that have been taking place, and I'm looking forward to being back soon to catch up with all the children. I was very excited to hear about the woodland knitting project and can't wait to see some fabulous creations taking up residence in our woodland reading area! I know that Mr Sellers and the team have been doing a fantastic job in my absence and feel proud to have such a flexible and positive group of staff.

Have a good weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Mrs Hird

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was a fantastic **98.33%**, so above our target of at least **97%**.

## News from the Classes

**Acorn:** Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a journey to Whitby last Friday afternoon to attend an afternoon of multi-skills games at Caedmon College. After the initial shock of being in a huge games hall, full of many other children, they enjoyed participating in a carousel of different activities led by the sports leaders. The children were a credit to the school, demonstrating good listening skills, perfect manners and supporting one another in relay races and games. What an enjoyable afternoon and well done to all the children.



The Whitby Gazette is planning on having a supplement in their 14<sup>th</sup> October edition of new starters in the local Primary Schools and here is a lovely picture of our 7 Reception pupils!

The Acorn **Star of the week** is **Connie** for “Fantastic Phonics.”



**Oak** class saw their hard work come to fruition this week, as they completed the painting and labelling of their salt dough project and finished with some wonderful 3D relief maps.



Following a fantastic KS2 outdoor learning session on Wednesday, the woodland on the terrace is now safely guarded by a number of green men and women. As the story goes, they will watch over us, keep us safe and help us care for the environment.



Jocelyn gave a magical performance on her harp during Friday's celebration assembly. She played us in and out with her peaceful rendition of "Merry-Go-Round." It was inspirational for us all so we look forward to hearing more budding musicians over the coming weeks.



Well done to Emily from Year 3 who had her own stall at her village fundraiser recently. This was to raise money for a defibrillator for the Pavilion on the village green in memory of her neighbour who died two months ago. Emily was very fond of him and was very sad when he died. She sold lemonade, her home made flapjacks and cakes and had a hook a duck game and a name the dinosaur game. She also painted and drew lots of art work to sell for a donation. She played her recorder to entertain everyone and said she was the Pied Piper bringing a crowd to her stall! 🎵

Emily raised the fantastic sum of £60! 🎉🍀

We hope that the years 5 and 6 are representing us enthusiastically and enjoying themselves at the Rugby Mega Fest this afternoon at Whitby Rugby Club.

The Rotary Club Young Writer Competition is taking place again this year and the theme is "Environment." The Oak pupils will be writing entries for this in school before the closing date of 5<sup>th</sup> November. The top 3 winners from each age group will receive book tokens as prizes. The school that submits the most entries will win £100 of books for the school library.

If you would like further information about the competition for home/have older children who are interested in entering then please contact Mrs Blacklock for further information.



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

**Lilly** who has had a great week, working hard to learn her spellings and times tables and creating a fantastic 'green man' to keep an eye on the woodland area. Well done, Lilly!



**Jocelyn** has worked hard all week and took the brave step of being the first musician to perform in celebration assembly this year. Bravo, Jocelyn!

### **Appeal for Spare Clothing**

We would be grateful for donations of any used boys school trousers, joggers and outdoor clothes etc. suitable for age 6 to 7 years that can be kept at school for spares. Thank you.



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## Ainthorpe Educational Trust - Thanks

We are thrilled to have been awarded £200 by the Ainthorpe Educational Trust and would like to offer our thanks to the committee. We will be spending the money on Nurture resources.

## Whitby Rotary Club - Octoberfest Fun Run - Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October

It is the fun run on Sunday at Caedmon College Whitby (Scoresby Site). If you haven't got your Entry Form in, you are able to enter on Sunday from 1pm (the first race is at 2pm) and there is an entry fee payable of £2.50. Everyone who runs will receive a medal and there will be special trophies for the winner and runner up in each race

## PTFA Meeting on Monday at Downe Arms, 7.30pm

As mentioned last week, a meeting has been arranged for Monday at 7.30pm and it will be at the Downe Arms. Please come along and help to organise social and fun events raising money towards funding extra-curricular activities such as trips and residential visits to benefit all the children.

All parents are very welcome and any time/help you are able to offer, however large or small, is appreciated.

## Morrisons "It's Good to Grow"



Just a reminder that we have registered on the Morrisons "It's Good to Grow" programme to receive free gardening equipment! This is running until 24<sup>th</sup> October and a token is received for every £10 spent in store or online. The MyMorrisons app needs to be downloaded to take part.

## Holiday Dates 2021-22 - Reminder and Change

Please find attached updated list of holidays for this school year. The last day of this half term, **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, is a Staff Training Day.**

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falling during the May half term holiday next year, and an extra Bank Holiday added, we will now return to school a day later after Christmas so the **first day back is Wednesday, 5th January, 2022.**

Next week we will hopefully be able to give you a list of dates of events etc. up to Christmas!

## Next Week

<b>Monday</b>	<b>PTFA Meeting</b> at Downe Arms, 7.30pm. All welcome.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Music Lessons</b> with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments. <b>"Signing"</b> after school. Finish time 4.15pm.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>All pupils Outdoor learning.</b> Children to come to school dressed in appropriate clothing. <b>Gardening</b> after school. Finish time 4.15pm.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Choir</b> after school. Finish time 4.15pm. <b>Year 6 Stokesley School Open Evening, 5 to 8pm.</b> Parents have been emailed the details.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>PE for all pupils.</b> <b>Multi Sports</b> after school. Finish time 4.15pm