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Message from Mrs Hird

It has been lovely to be back in school this week, spending time with the children and finding out about all the exciting learning they have been doing. This week the children enjoyed dance lessons with our specialist teacher and Acorn class had a very interesting visit to Danby fire station.

We will soon be advertising for an additional teaching assistant to work in our Acorn class, as Miss Wilson is planning to reduce her hours from January in order to focus some of her time on an exciting new venture. Miss Wilson will still be in school three days a week and will be continuing to lead our fabulous choir.

Our Year 6 pupils are getting ready for their forthcoming visit to Peat Rigg and staff from the schools will be meeting up next week to make further plans for this exciting visit.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Hird

Attendance: This week's attendance was **88.66%**, so well below our target of at least **97%**.

News from the Classes

During their outdoor learning this week, the **Acorns** had some fun with clay and conkers and created an escargatoire of snails! We think they look lovely in the garden 🐌🐌🐌🐌.



Apologies for the amount of mud that came home with the children on Wednesday but they had lots of fun in the school garden! Please could they all bring in a large wipeable or plastic bag in with them each week as well? Thank you.

It was really lovely to see some of Reception children taking the lead with their phonics learning on Tuesday morning. Mrs Barber is slightly worried that she may have competition for her job though!



Acorns enjoyed a fantastic visit to Danby Fire Station on Thursday morning. A huge thank you to Steve Tindall and the team at the fire station for showing us around and teaching us all about fire safety. I think we have inspired some future firefighters! Each child has a fire activity booklet to enjoy at home and I am sure that they will be great at giving fire safety tips to ensure bonfire night is enjoyed safely.

The **Acorn Star of the week** is **Alfie F-T** for writing a super 'Firefighter' advert. Great ideas and he has been working on his letter formation. Well done Alfie!



It was lovely to welcome **Oak** Class back this week. We have started reading 'The Egyptian Cinderella', by Shirley Climo. Everyone enjoyed using drama to bring the characters to life; we look forward to using this experience to help us write direct speech next week.

On Wednesday, we had a bracing outdoor session at the cricket field. The rain lashed and the wind howled yet it didn't stop the pupils enjoying some great wide games. There was lots of opportunity for them to display leadership, tactical thinking and teamwork.

It was great for Mr Sellers to be able to spectate this morning as Oaks began to learn some new dance routines with Hannah Verity, our dance coach. As well as working up a sweat, they had great fun practising their moves.



Well done to the Oak pupils who have entered the Whitby & District Rotary Club Young Writer Competition with their writing on the theme 'Environment.' We have an astonishing 20 entries and we wish them all the best of luck. They will be competing against children from across the Whitby area.



The **Oak Star of the Week** is **Ryan** for determination in mathematics and for being ready to join in with class discussion, sharing his knowledge and ideas.

Individual/Family Photographs - Thursday, 11th November

All parents should have received an email on Tuesday letting you know that we have arranged for photographer, Richard Saltmarsh, to come into school next Thursday morning to take individual/family photographs. We realise these were only taken during the Summer Term but we would like to revert back to our usual routine of individual/family photographs in the Autumn Term and school group photos in the Summer Term.

Subject to any covid guidance updates in the meantime, you are welcome to bring younger siblings in this time and could we ask that you arrive from 8.45am so he can take your photographs first. We will, however, have to steer clear of lots of parents in school at the same time so you will need to wait outside and come in one family group at a time.

If you have any questions or specific requirements, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

PTFA News

Thank you to the PTFA for arranging a Halloween Party which was a huge success, enjoyed by all the children and also raised £219.76 for PTFA funds! 🎃👻

Also, many thanks to Alix Lillie for organising the Halloween Trail in Park Wood to find 'Winnie the Witch's Washing' which raised a further £82! This was enjoyed by many and the lucky winner of the Halloween Hamper was Ivy Horton.



There will be a PTFA meeting on Tuesday, 16th November, 7.30pm at the Downe Arms to which everyone is very welcome.

Whitby Rugby Club Sessions on Sundays

All children, aged 5 to 12, are welcome at Whitby Rugby Club on Sundays at 10.30am. All abilities and levels are welcome.



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Outdoor Learning and PE

Please note that only Acorns will be doing outdoor learning on Wednesdays and should come dressed in appropriate clothing. Oaks are going to be having a second PE session now on a Wednesday and should come in uniform. All pupils continue to have PE on Fridays and, for this half term, we have a dance teacher coming in. Please make sure that PE kits are in school.

Next Week

All pupils are to come dressed smartly in school uniform on Thursday for the photographer but later in the morning they will be walking to the War Memorial on the Howe so will need to bring wellies with them!

There is no Choir after school on Thursday due to staff training. However, there will be a Choir practice in school on Friday afternoon instead.

Tuesday

Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.
"Signing" after school. Finish time 4.15pm.

Wednesday

Outdoor learning for Acorns.
PE for Oaks.

Thursday

Individual/family school photos first thing.
Walking to War Memorial for Remembrance Day. **Please bring wellies.**
NO Choir after school due to staff training.

Friday

PE (Dance) for all pupils.
Year 6 Booster Club after school. Finish time 4.15pm