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*'Developing the whole child'*

Newsletter Friday 8th November 2019 Our Christian value this half term is 'Hope'

**Farm Africa Charity Thank you** A huge thank you to all our parents, carers and friends who supported the children in raising money for Farm Africa both in school and in our church service collection. In total we raised £250 for the Farm Africa charity.

**Friends of the School Thank you** Our Harvest refreshments following the service were much appreciated. Thank you for your cake donations. We raised £100 for school funds.



**UK Parliament Week** Class 4 have been focussing on British Values and Democracy. They planned and researched for a parliament style debate on the issue of 'Plastics and their use'. We have had lots of great discussion - especially as an Eco School.



**Preparing for Remembrance Day and the Annual Service Pupils Service in Ripon Cathedral** On Monday morning 11th November we will have our own Act Of Remembrance in school with Rev Mary. On Friday 8th November our school will be represented by our KS2 service pupils and Y6 representatives at the Annual Service Pupils Service at Ripon Cathedral. This year our school has been invited to lead the prayers. Pictured below: we are preparing Art work for the service, soldier's footprints and boots to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the D Day landings.

### Working in Partnership with parents

Thank you for your support and attendance at Parental Consultation meetings, both before half term for Reception and this week for Years 1 to 6. It was an excellent opportunity to share learning progress and targets and for you to see your child's work. Communication is really important so please don't hesitate to speak to us with any queries.

**Great homework support** goes on regularly in our school with reading, spellings, maths and times tables.



**Special homework mentions** for Class 3 and their amazing Viking boats and Class 4 for their in depth research on The Battle of Hastings. Well done everyone.

**Class Assemblies this half term** Pictured below are Class 2 who are preparing their 'Class Band' for their assembly, complete with their instruments. All parents and carers are invited to join us for these.

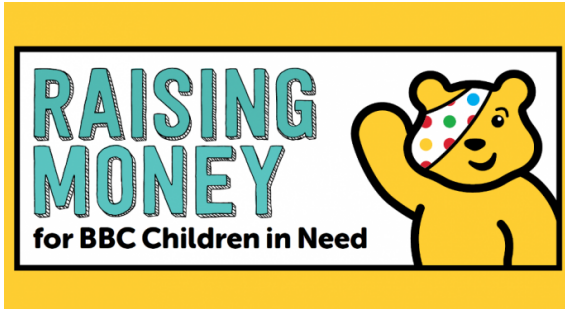


**Class 2 Parental Assembly- Thursday 14th November at 9.30am**

**Class 3 Parental Assembly - Thursday 21st November at 9.30am**

**Class 4 Parental Assembly Thursday 23rd November at 9.30am**

**Children in Need Friday 15th November**



School Council have planned our Fund Raising. This year they will be selling wrist bands for £1. On Friday 15th November please pay £1 for our non uniform day and wear something 'Sporty'. The whole school will take part in the 'Big Morning Move with Joe Wicks'.

**Special Mentions Assembly will be as normal on Friday 15th November.**

**Working in partnership with Durham University Teacher Training Students** Once again we have a number of Durham University students on placement with us. This is excellent professional development for our staff also. Miss Wright is in Class 3 for the next 3 weeks; Miss Clarey is in Class 2 each Tuesday and Miss Vasey and Miss Griffin are in Class 1 each Thursday.

**Clubs this half term** Clubs will run as normal next week, finishing in the week of 2nd December.

**Class 4 Crucial Crew Safety Event** Letters have gone home today about this important Safety event which all our Year 5/6 children will once again attend on Wednesday 20th November. It is run by North Yorkshire Police and highlights a range of important issues; including internet safety, hate crime, fire and water safety.

**Online Safety for children at home** A reminder that there is a link to the CEOPS website on the homepage of our school website. This contains lots of advice for parents about issues such as ensuring you have parental controls on all devices accessed by your children and most importantly, monitoring and supervising your child's online activity to keep them safe. *Parental Control* is a service offered in O2 shops to help parents to protect their children while they are online.

**Friends of the School Christmas Cards** Your child's Christmas card design went home this week. If you would like to order cards this must be done online this year. **The deadline for orders is 18th November.** Please check the detail of your child's name and class when you return your order.

**Friends of the School Halloween Disco Friday evening 8th November** It is still possible to pay on the door for this. All children must be accompanied by an adult throughout. Please enter by the main office door. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children 6-7pm. Year 3 to Year 6 children 7.15-8.15pm. A huge thank you to Friends of the School for organising this event.

**Friends of the School AGM Tuesday 19th November at 7pm in school** Please see the letter from Friends of School and plan to join us for the AGM. Think about joining our committee - look at the Friends notice board in the KS2 entrance area.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email please email the admin address above. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Your sincerely,

Nicola Dobson