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*'To love, live and learn together'*

Newsletter Friday 17th September 2021      Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'

**Reception children settling in well** Congratulations to our Reception children who are settling very well. They have particularly enjoyed staying for school lunch this week and meeting their Y6 buddies. **Pictured below our Reception children with their Year 6 buddies.**



**Autumn Days, outdoor learning and PE** We are enjoying our autumn weather and the sunshine in our beautiful school grounds. All classes have had PE lessons outside. These have included, for this half term, Multiskills, Netball, Football and Fitness.

**Clubs** have all started well this week and children from Year 1 upwards have enjoyed a range of activities: fitness, football, eco work, multiskills and choir. Our Sports Premium funding supports some of these clubs and additional coaching for our PE lessons. We value sport and fitness for our health and well being as well as being lots of fun.

**Music in school** is all also very important to us. We have class music lessons each week and sing together each day in our whole school collective worship. Children in Class 3 all received their violin or cello this week and started whole class lessons with Mrs Jameson. After half term they will be able to take their instruments home. Instrumental lessons for individuals and small groups also started again this week. Well done to Choir who have made an excellent start.

**School Council Congratulations** Our new School Council for this year is: Aila and Bea (Y6); William B (Y5); Stan (Y4); Francesca (Y3); Leo (Y2); Henry (Y1); Connie and Simon (Reception). We discussed democracy and how everyone can work together to make our school a place to flourish.

### **Year 1/2 Multiskills Festival**

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have letters in their bags tonight about the KS1 Multiskills Festival at Richmond School on **Thursday 23rd September**. Please return consent and forms to school on **Monday 20th September**.

### **Class 3 visit to Danelaw Viking Village**

Class 3 children have letters in their bags tonight about their class visit on **Wednesday 6th October**. We hope this hands on learning experience will really bring history alive for them. Please return your consent forms promptly and pay in ParentPay. We realise this is an expensive visit; the children work with living history actors in role play, living in an authentic Viking village; the coach is expensive too. We have subsidised this visit from school funds as we always do. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are concerned about managing the cost.

### **Class 4 Marrick Priory Outdoor Education**

**Residential visit** A reminder to complete and return your paperwork for this. More details to follow including a date tbc for a parent's meeting.

### **Reminder: Year 6 Open Evenings at St Francis Xavier and Richmond Secondary Schools**

Year 6 children have already received information about these evenings.

St Francis Xavier Open Evening 21st September  
Richmond School Open Evening 23rd September

**Reminder to apply online for your child's secondary school place by 31 October 2021 at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)**

**NSPCC Speak out. Stay Safe Programme** We will be delivering this programme to all children in school once again. Speak out. Stay Safe. is a safeguarding programme to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise this in a child friendly way. Further details are on the letter sent home with children today. This letter has lots of online links to the NSPCC and ways to keep your child safe. [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout)

**Times Tables Rock Star** An online interactive programme to help children learn Times Tables. All our Year 1 and Year 2 children have logins in the front of their homework books. Please start by learning x2, x5, x10. There are lots of ways to learn your times tables– some children prefer to write them out or chant them. We say:  $0 \times 2 = 0$ ,  $1 \times 2 = 2$ ,  $2 \times 2 = 4$ ,  $3 \times 2 = 6$ ,  $4 \times 2 = 8$ ,  $5 \times 2 = 10$  etc to x12.

**Times Tables top tips:** always say all 3 numbers eg.  $7 \times 2 = 14$ . This helps with division later on. Practice with your child, little and often. By the end of Year 4 they will need to know all their tables to x12.

**Discovery Education Espresso** is an excellent learning resource which supports all areas of the curriculum. The weekly news is excellent too.

There is a generic school login

[www.discoveryeducation.co.uk](http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk)

Username: student23945

Password: bolton

If your child's class has a personal login your teacher will let you know.

**Parish News Open2All child friendly service - Sunday 19th September 10.30am at St Agatha's Church Easby, 'Up Close and Muddy'**. Rev Yvonne invites everyone to this service with an Eco theme and outdoor Eco activities for children in the grounds of the church. Hot chocolate and marshmallows too. All welcome, no need to book in.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

**Please see the next pages for photos and highlights of the week from each class and around school.**

## This week in Class 1

We enjoyed our lunches; our buddies met us and gave us their letters.; Y1 had fun in PE.



**This week in Class 2**  
**We used an atlas to find the countries of the United Kingdom; role play based on 'Not now Bernard'.**



## This week in Class 3

Developing our football skills and our class music with violins and cellos.



## This week in Class 4

Netball skills; improving our fitness and supporting our buddies in Reception

