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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Creation'

Welcome back to the summer term It is good to have everyone back and enjoying the summer sunshine. We hope you had a good Easter break and are ready for a busy summer term ahead.

Easter Celebrations A big thank you for all your support before Easter. The children enjoyed their egg and bonnet decorating and their traditional egg rolling. Thank you to Friends of School for organising the Easter egg tombola and for donating prizes for the competitions. Thank you for baking cakes and supporting our refreshments at the egg rolling. Thank you also to Charlie's mum for bringing her lambs into school to share with us once again.

Easter Service in St Mary's Church It was good to have everyone together in St Mary's Church for our Easter Service which the children led so well. Thank you to Rev Mary and everyone who supported us.

Class and group photographs These were taken before Easter and the proofs went home in book bags. School receives commission on the orders. You can order photos through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. The closing date for free delivery back to school is Tuesday 2nd May. You can return your orders to school if you prefer; please do this by Thursday 27th April.

Summer term dates for the diary A full list of key dates for the term have been sent home in book bags tonight and will be on our website. Further details about these will follow.



Clubs this half term - clubs started back this week and will run for the 6 weeks of this half term. The last SATs Club will be Tuesday 2nd May.

Assessment and National Statutory Tests

Year 2 complete statutory assessments during May. These support our teacher assessments and the children complete these as part of their work in class.

Year 6 complete their SAT tests in the week beginning Tuesday 9th May. The children are very well prepared for these and have been working hard. Thank you for your ongoing support from home.

Year 1 complete their Phonic screen check in the week of Monday 12th June.

Year 4 will complete the National Times Tables test in the week of 12th June. Thank you for continuing to practice tables to x 12 with your child.

Your class teacher regularly shares information on what you can do to help your child with their learning.

Reading, learning times tables and completing all homework tasks carefully remain top of the list. If you have any queries at all please do speak to your child's teacher.

Class Curriculum Letters and Diary Dates for the Summer Term

A full list of key diary dates for the Summer Term have been sent home today and are on the website. Each class teacher has sent a letter outlining key routines and topics for the term.

Our Summer term topic is the 'Seaside'. Class curriculum letters show key learning for each class.

To support their learning, Class 1 and 2 will visit the Aquarium at Tynemouth and Class 3 and 4 will visit Whitby. More details will follow.

Year 5 Bikeability/Cycling Proficiency Year 5 children took information home about this before Easter. They will need a working bike and cycle helmet. They will complete the cycling course in 2 groups; please check the dates. If you need to borrow a bike or helmet or have any concerns, please speak with us asap. You may leave your bike at school overnight on the days of the course if this helps. The bikes will be brought into the hall overnight for security.

Marrick Priory Outdoor Education Residential visit November 2023

Children who are currently in Year 4 and Year 5 received information about this before Easter. We will be hosting an information evening for parents and children later this term. Details to follow.

Swimming this term All children in Y1-Y6 will have swimming lessons this term at Richmond pool with instructors. They will swim in ability groups. Please see the information sent home. Thank you for returning your consent slips. Payment can be made in ParentPay.

Swimming starts next week:

Year 1 and Year 2 children swim on Thursday
Class 3 children swim on Wednesday
Class 4 children swim on Tuesday

Children should wear PE kit on their swimming days.

PE kit days from next week:

Class 1: Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2: Tuesday and Thursday
Class 3: Tuesday and Wednesday
Class 4: Tuesday and Wednesday

Entitled to Free School Meals If you think this is something you may be entitled to, you can check on:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Please speak to Mrs Newton or me if you need any help with this.

Open Pantry in the Parish Food/toiletry items are freely available to anyone who might need them. Please visit St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale or St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday where you may freely select your own items.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries. With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson

Pictured below: the KS2 Eco team, ready to plant!

