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*'To love, live and learn together'*

Newsletter Friday 3rd February 2023

Our Christian value this half term is 'Honesty'

**Working together - our whole school Chinese New Year Passport Morning** We had a wonderfully creative morning travelling around all areas of school and working with different teachers on our Passport morning. A special thank you to our Year 6 children who supported their Reception buddies with their activities. **Pictured below are some highlights from the morning.**



## **RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch thank you**

Part of our homework across school last week was to take part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch. Well done using your bird

Identification tally sheets to record the birds which landed in your garden or in a local park or fields. If you have time, have a look at the RSPB Big Bird Watch website too. There is lots of information and activities linked to birds and biodiversity.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

**Our Eco Team have been making bird feeders and totalling our bird count** Did you know? ... the most popular bird we counted was the Blackbird, followed by the Robin.

**Recycling Reminder** The Eco Team want to remind you to bring in tin foil, batteries, ink cartridges and crisp packets which they are sending for recycling. The tin foil raises money for Guide Dogs for the Blind.



### **Supporting your Year 6 child in preparation for SATs**

Thank you for attending the Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting a few weeks ago. **As with all areas of school work, children do benefit hugely from parental support from home on a regular basis.**

You can support your child in preparation for the tests by practising past papers on this website:

<https://primarytests.co.uk/> All Year 6 children have an individual login for this site. Mr Ramsbottom is also able to monitor your progress on this site. There are additional practice activities on our school website/Children/Class 4. **If you ordered SATs revision books from school, they can be collected from the office, please pay on ParentPay.**

**Y6 SATS Test Dates 2023 Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May 2023.** If children are absent for any reason they would take the tests on their return to school.

### **Parent Teacher Consultations after half term**

A reminder to sign up in the office entrance area or ring/email school to book your slot to see your child's class teacher and to discuss their progress and see their books. This is for all children in school on either Tuesday 21st February or Wednesday 22nd February from 3.40pm to 6.20pm.

**Class 1 and 2 visit Bowes Museum** All children in Class 1 and 2 have received a letter with further information and a consent form for this visit which takes place on **Thursday 9th February**. Please return the consent slips to school and pay for the visit on Parent Pay. **This supports our History topic on 'Toys from the Past'**. The children will handle old toys and make a peg doll. They will see the famous Silver Swan and **enjoy an exhibition by the illustrator of 'The Snowman' and other books, Raymond Briggs.**



**Class 1 to bring an old toy to school next Friday 10th February** Please can children in Class 1 bring an old toy to school on Friday 10th February. It could be an 'old' toy they had when they were a baby or a toy which is old in their family.

**Class 3 and 4 visit the Hindu Temple and Bombay Stores in Bradford** All children in Class 3 and 4 have received a letter with further information and a consent form for this visit on **Thursday 23rd February**. Please return the consent slips to school and pay for the visit on Parent Pay. **This supports our RE work on Hinduism and our Geography work on India.** The children will also take part in an Indian Dance workshop.

### **Shelly's Wrap Around Care Half Term Holiday Club**

Shelly will be running her holiday club on the school site on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February from 8am to 5pm. Please see the information at the end of the newsletter or book directly with Shelly.

**Mike Layfield Sports Half Term Football and Cricket Camps at Richmond School** Please see the details sent home or book through **Mike Layfield Sports website.**

<https://www.mlssportsandfitness.co.uk/>

**School Lunch Price Increase** We have tried very hard to maintain our school meal price of £3.00 per day. Sadly, rising food costs mean we have no alternative but to increase to £3.25 per day after February half term. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive their lunches funded by the government.

**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.

**Parish News: Rev Yvonne is retiring** After 10 years in our parish Rev Yvonne is retiring. Her last service will be at St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale on Sunday 26th February at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend. Our children have been invited to sing as a Choir in the service. I will be seeking volunteers from Y2 upwards and will send out consent slips shortly. Please check the date and discuss with your child.

### **Preparing for Confirmation for children in Y5 upwads**

Rev Mary is running a Confirmation preparation group starting after half term, on Shrove Tuesday 21st February at St Paul's, Brompton-on-Swale from 4-5.30pm. Please email: [revmarywilliams@esbb.co.uk](mailto:revmarywilliams@esbb.co.uk) for more details.

Highlights and photos from our classes are on the next pages.

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

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

**In Class 1** we loved working with our Year 6 buddies for Chinese New Year Passport morning and visiting other classes and teachers in school. We have enjoyed role play in our new puppet theatre. Outside we have set up our builders merchants. We have all been working very hard on our reading and phonics.



**In Class 2** we also enjoyed our Chinese New Year Passport morning working with different children and teachers in school. In Maths

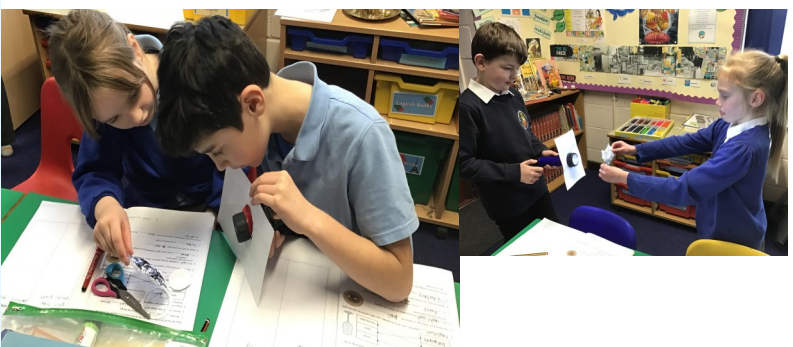
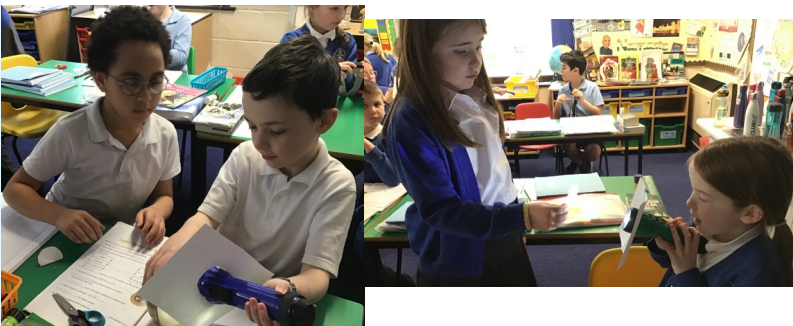
we have explored missing number problems and in English we have been writing our own openings and alternative endings to the Three Little Pigs. We have linked our Materials work in Science to our research on Victorian Toys. We have also enjoyed our Computing work using Microsoft Paint and linked to the artists Kadinsky and Matisse.



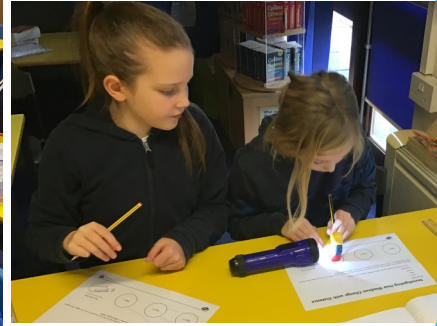
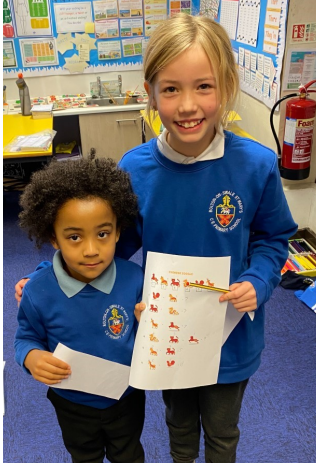
Well done to children from Class 2 who led Collective Worship and dramatised the story about Jesus calming the storm.



**In Class 3** we have explored the Hindu story of Rama and Sita by hot seating the characters in drama. In Maths we have been working on division and multiplication. In PE we completed our Dance work on the Hindu Festival of Diwali and are developing our skills in Tag Rugby and Gymnastics. In Computing we continue to learn to Code with Scratch. In Science we have looked at the formation of shadows and reflective materials.



**In Class 4** we looked at units of measure and revisited multiplication and division facts. We also looked at the Maya number system. We worked hard to complete our adventure stories. In Gymnastics we refined our vaulting techniques. We enjoyed designing and making our Mayan glyph tiles in Art. Working with our Reception buddies was great fun on our Chinese New Year Passport morning. In Science we carried out investigations into shadows,



**Congratulations to our Y3/4 and Y5/6 Hockey Teams who competed so well in the recent tournament at Richmond School finishing in 2nd and 4th places.**





## February half term holiday club 2023

We are very happy to be able to provide a Holiday Club at Bolton-on-Swale St Mary's School, on the following dates:

The club will be open from 8am to 5pm.

Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> Febru-
Wednesday	15th Febru- ary

Please e-mail or ring to book your place:

[shellyschildminding7@gmail.com](mailto:shellyschildminding7@gmail.com) phone 07955952794

**Please drop/pick up your child at the reception office in school, ring the bell for the hall. If there is no answer we will be outside, please ring our mobile 07955952794.**

### Prices:

Full day (8am - 5pm) - £36

Half day (9am-1pm/1pm-5pm) -£18

### Activities

The children will have the full use of the school playground and field and we will be providing indoor games and crafts. We will also aim to go for a walk around the village, visiting the. village parks.

**If your child has a scooter, they can bring it to use at school**

They will need to bring:

- A packed lunch
- A water bottle
- Sensible shoes
- A waterproof coat

We will provide breakfast, picnic tea, sugar free drinks and healthy snacks.