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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Community'

End of term thank you and farewells A huge thank you to everyone for all your fantastic support for our school this year. Thank you on behalf of all the teachers and myself for all your kind, thoughtful and generous words, cards and gifts. We have enjoyed a wonderful end of term with a whole host of activities.

Farewell to our Year 6 children and their families We wish our Year 6 children the very best as they move on to their Secondary Schools in September. They shared their favourite memories of their time with us in an emotional Leavers Service on the final afternoon, attended by the whole school, their parents, governors and representatives from the parish. They have been a remarkable Year 6 group and we are very sad to see them go. They have given so much to our school community; excellent academic achievements, music, drama, sport, leadership skills, and been incredibly kind and thoughtful buddies to our Reception children, to mention just some of their achievements. We are also full of hope for all that we know they will achieve as they move on. Thank you so much to their parents and families for all that they have given to our school community also. For some families this year marks the end of a long association with our school.

Thank you to our Year 6 Leavers for the generous gift of a new sandpit for the playground. A huge thank you also for your kind gifts to the teaching staff. It has been an absolute pleasure seeing your children develop over the past 7 years into the talented individuals they all are.

Thank you and farewell to Mrs Parr. We said a sad farewell to Mrs Parr as she retires after 18 years. She has been wonderful and we wish her every happiness in her retirement. We also said farewell to Miss Crabbe as she moves on to further develop her career.



Year 6 pictured outside Ripon Cathedral following their Year 6 Leavers Service for the Diocese. With ice creams to follow!



Fun Run at Richmond School for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. We enjoyed competing against other schools in the Fun Run. Our Reception children in particular, won a selection of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals competing against children from other schools in the area, in their age group races. Well done!



Sports Day for everyone Thank you to everyone who came to support our Sports Day. We enjoyed working in mixed age teams, practicing our athletics skills and earning points for our house colour team. The flat races were very popular with an exciting Y5/6 relay sprint finish. We had lots of fun despite the weather! **Please see our website Gallery/Sports for more photos soon.**



Summer Music Concert A huge well done to everyone who performed in our Summer Music Concert. There were some excellent performances on cello, violin, piano, recorder and from our Choir.



Thank you to Friends of School and all our parents for your amazing fundraising efforts this Summer term

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting school so generously. Everything raised goes to support your children in school providing many of the activities and resources which enrich their learning. We were able to purchase many new reading books; enjoy our annual theatre visit to school and extras such as our Planetarium visit.

A total of £1,822 was raised this summer term from the Sponsored Walk, Raffle and Summer Fair. Many thanks to everyone who helped us in whatever way they could. This is a fantastic total!



Summer Fair Success A huge thank you to Friends of School; everyone who ran stalls, baked cakes, set up gazebos, sold and donated raffle prizes. Thank you to Charlie Land whose company sponsored the bouncy slide; to those who organized our tractor, military vehicle and police car. And to everyone who came and supported us.

Pictured. Class 1 enjoy their Teddy Bear's Picnic with Mrs Parr and the whole school on the field.

Staff organisation for September 23

We will be welcoming Miss Cooper to work as a Teaching Assistant in Class 2 and Mrs Smith to work as a Teaching Assistant in Class 4. Both bring with them a wide range of experience across the primary school.

**Class 1 Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Saward,
(Mrs Moodie part time)**

Class 2 Mrs Dutton and Miss Cooper

Class 3 Mrs Wright and Mrs Brooks

Class 4 Mr Ramsbottom and Mrs Smith

Summer Holiday Activity Reminders:

Shelly's Summer Holiday Club in school Shelly is running her very popular holiday club in school each Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am to 5pm for the first 4 weeks of the summer holiday. Please book directly with Shelly. Email: shellyschildminding7@gmail.com

Before and After School Care in September Please contact Shelly directly to book your place.

Mike Layfield Sports run Summer Holiday Camps usually based at Richmond School. These include cricket, football and multi sports. Please book directly.

High Greenbury Farm Holiday Club with Lucy Atkinson. Based in the woodland farm on Mondays and Thursdays during the summer holidays. To check availability please get in touch by email with the dates you'd be interested in booking. Please contact Lucy directly through her website.

<https://sites.google.com/view/highgreenburychildcare/>

**Free Summer Holiday Activities with the Parish–
Summer Puppet Club**

For children aged 7 upwards on 3 mornings:

**Mon, 21st, Tues 22nd, Wed 23rd from 10.00-12noon
at St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale**

To book email: admin@esbb.co.uk



Summer Reading Challenge 2023 at your local library all free! Ready Set Read

Register for the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library or online. Books are free to borrow and children receive activity packs and stickers and prizes.

As well as visiting your local library you can also click on the link: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/home-zone-src>

Here you can access all kinds of reading advice, book recommendations, digital incentives for reading.

Please check the flier which went home in your child's book bag for free activities based in local libraries: Catterick, Colburn, Richmond. They include Lego Club, Marvellous Music, Puppet Show, Detective Mystery Event. Booking is required and activities are for all ages, 3-6, 4-11 and 7-11 years.

Remember– Reading for pleasure is possibly the single most important activity your child can do to improve achievement in school. Research has shown that reading helps cognitive development; a recent IoE study revealed that students who read at home do 'significantly better' across the curriculum – including 9.9% better in maths – than students who don't read.
Make time to read this summer!

Keep Safe We reminded the children about water safety and the particular dangers of swimming in rivers and quarries. We are having some building work on our roof during the holidays. Children were reminded about building site safety and not playing on scaffolding.
Finally, online safety. Please monitor your children carefully during the holidays. Please see the attached flier at the end of this newsletter with reminders.

We hope you enjoy a relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Wednesday 6th September.

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

Holiday Club!

We will be offering a summer holiday club based in Bolton-on-Swale School. The club will be running on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am till 5pm. If you are interested in sending your children, please book in advance, by emailing shellyschildminding7@gmail.com



Dates of the club

Tuesday	Wednesday
25/07/23	26/07/23
01/08/23	02/08/23
08/08/23	09/08/23
15/08/23	16/08/23

Prices:

Full day £36

Half day 4.5 hours £18

Activities

Our holiday club will include lots of different activities, utilising the indoor and outdoor space at the school and the beautiful village. A loose example timetable below shows what a typical day will look like:

8-9	Breakfast (if needed) – free flow outside, reading, colouring, HAMA beads etc
9-10	Walk around the village
10-12	A small snack - crafts and board games (free flow to the outdoors)
12-1	Lunch (A packed lunch will need to be provided by yourselves)
1-3	Organised games on the field (football/rounders/water fights etc)
3-3.30	A small snack (I will provide a light snack (sandwich/wraps etc)
3.30-4	Chill out time (children can bring in tech toys if they wish to use them during this time for a limited amount of time)
4-5	Free time – Free flow outdoors, indoor activities (reading/crafts etc)

Your child would need to bring a packed lunch a water bottle, sensible shoes, sun hat, sun cream, a waterproof coat, and a spare set of clothes.

We will provide sugar free drinks and healthy snacks, but feel free to bring your own too. If they have a scooter/bike, they can bring it in to use on the playground, please bring a helmet.

Please email to book your places! shellyschildminding7@gmail.com

Thank you, Shelly, Ann, and Cally

STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS **SUMMER**

