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*'To love, live and learn together'*

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Trust'

**Welcome back to the summer term** It is good to have everyone back; we are hoping for more summer sunshine! We hope you had a good Easter break and are ready for a busy summer term ahead. A special welcome to the families of 2 new children who have joined us in Reception and Year 1. Also to **Mrs Joanna Veale** our new School Administrator.

**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 today and we will receive school copies to display in our entrance area. Next week you will receive an email link to the class photos and you may choose to order them. School receives commission on any orders.

**Class Curriculum Letters and Diary Dates for the Summer Term in book bags tonight** A full list of key diary dates for the Summer Term have been sent home today in book bags and are on the website. Further details about these will follow. Each class teacher has sent a letter outlining key routines and topics for the term. **Our Summer term topic for Class 1 and 2 is 'Transport; for Class 3 'The Ancient Egyptians' and for Class 4 'Ancient Greece'**. Class curriculum letters show key learning for each class in each subject. Reception children will receive separate information next week from Mrs Reynolds.

**Sporting success**– Congratulations to our Gymnastics Teams who competed in the area competition before Easter. Our Y5/6 Team finished in 1st place and our Y3/4 Team finished in 2nd place. This is a great achievement!



**Farewell to our school caretaker after 36 years** Next Friday 19th April we will say farewell and a huge thank you to Mike Hurworth who has been our school caretaker for the past 36 years. He will be much missed. His post is currently advertised on the North Yorkshire Council website.

**Clubs this half term** - clubs start back next week and will run for the remaining 6 weeks of this half term. The last SATs Club will be Wednesday 8th May. **Please view and book your clubs on Parent Pay.** All clubs are free and are open to children in Y1 to Y6 (some age variation in each club). **All Clubs run to 4.15pm** (apart from SATs Club with a 4.30pm finish).

**Tuesday: Choir and Cricket (KS2)**

**Wednesday: Y6 SAT's and Dance (Y2-4)**

**Thursday: KS1 and KS2 Eco Clubs**

**Friday: Recorders**

### **Assessment and National Statutory Tests**

**Year 6** complete their SAT tests in the week beginning Monday 13th 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 10th June. **Year 1 children have a phonics pack sent home before Easter which they can use to practice.**

**Year 4** will complete the National Times Tables test in the week of 10th June. Thank you for continuing to practice tables to x 12 with your child. Regular practice really does help.

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.

### **Year 5 Bikeability/Cycling Proficiency Course**

Year 5 children will take in a cycling safety course during school time in May. They will need a working bike and cycle helmet. They will complete the cycling course in 2 groups and dates and further information will be sent home next week. 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.

**Instrumental lessons with Mrs Jameson** These lessons start next week. You will have received a text notifying you of your lesson day. Please remember to bring your instrument and music on this day.

**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 Tuesday**

**Class 3 children swim on Wednesday**

**Class 4 children swim on Thursday**

**Children should wear PE kit on their swimming days.**

**PE kit days from next week:**

**Class 1: Monday and Tuesday**

**Class 2: Monday and Tuesday**

**Class 3: Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Class 4: Tuesday and Thursday**

**Theatre Performance of 'The Secret Garden'** The whole school enjoyed this 'live' theatre experience before Easter. Once again Class 4 children also took part in a theatre workshop. **A big thank you to Friends of School who fund this and to everyone who supports their fundraising efforts.**

**Comic Relief Charity fundraising** Thank you for your support; we raised **£130** for this charity.

**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 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

**Photos on the next page are highlights from World Book Day and our reading activities together.**



# World Book Day and Reading Activities in school– reading together

