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*'To love, live and learn together'*

Newsletter Friday 4th October 2024

Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'

**Congratulations to our Year 3/4 Tri Golf Team** who finished in 3rd place in the area tournament. More news to follow on our amazing cross country team who all completed the course at Richmond School yesterday.



**Class 1** are practising for their first **Parental Assembly on Thursday 10th October at 9.30am in the school hall.** All parents and carers of Class 1 are welcome.

**Reception Parental Consultations** are on Wednesday afternoon 16th October with Mrs Reynolds. **Please sign up for an appointment in the office entrance area or email/ring school.** Time slots are available from 1.30pm to 6pm.

**National Poetry Day 2024 Thursday 3rd October** We had a wonderful day focussing on Poetry in our English work to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of National Poetry Day. The theme is Counting Poems and we have been learning poems as a whole class and for some groups as a homework challenge and sharing these with one another.



**Whole School Music Concert** The whole school enjoyed a concert by North Yorkshire Music Service featuring different instruments of the orchestra; brass, woodwind and strings. We were all great listeners and the children were very knowledgeable about the instruments of the orchestra. We offer violin, cello and piano lessons in school. It is possible to learn other instruments with North Yorkshire Music Service. More information is available here and contact Mrs Dobson,

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-music-service/music-lessons-and-instrument-hire>



**In Class 1** We have been making good progress with our Phonics, Reading and Maths. In Science we have explored animals and their offspring. In Art we have investigated colour mixing to create autumn pictures. In Music we have used instruments to maintain a steady beat. We have explored our school grounds on our autumn walk. We are also preparing for our Class Assembly.



**In Class 2** we have enjoyed using our new school laptops to develop our computing skills and use of the mouse. We have been developing our use of the number line in Maths. In Science we have learnt about animals and their offspring and collaborated together to discuss, match and sort these.



**Wedding in Year 1 and Year 2** All our Year 1 and Year 2 children from Class 1 and 2 are working together to plan a wedding as part of their RE work on celebrations. **Please see the letter sent home in book bags last Friday.** The wedding will be in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale on Thursday 10th October. We have asked in the letter that children bring some 'wedding' clothes to change into on that day.

**STEM Club** in Year 1 and Year 2, after school on Thursday with Mrs Dutton and Miss Cooper, is proving a great success. The children have enjoyed Science investigations using sweets to explore colour mixing, dissolving and chemical reactions.





**In Class 3** we have been improving our knowledge of Times Tables. In Science we have been excited to explore circuits in our Electricity topic. In PE we are developing our Tag Rugby skills and in Design Technology we have developed our 3D sculpture skills. **Class 3 took home a letter last Friday in their book bags about their Stone Age Workshop morning on Tuesday 8th October. We are requesting a contribution on Parent Pay to fund this and asking children to come dressed in Stone Aged themed colours for their role play activities.**



**In Class 4** we have developed our place value in Maths by partitioning numbers up to 10 million and counting in powers of 10. We have been editing and improving our descriptive writing and researching the life of Winston Churchill, his leadership style and impact on the Second World War. In Science we have studied the theories of Copernicus and Galileo and the heliocentric system. **Class 4 took home letters in their book bags last Friday about their visit to Eden Camp Second World War Museum on Friday 11th October. We are requesting a contribution on Parent Pay to fund this.**

**Green Howard's Regimental Museum, Richmond** As part of our work with the North Yorkshire Service Community our Class 4 children have been invited to sing once again at the Annual Service Pupils Service in Ripon Cathedral on Wednesday 6th November ( more details to follow). In preparation for this we were invited to send 4 pupils to research our nominated Second World War soldier. The whole school will be learning more about this person and a framed photograph of him will form part of the Ripon Cathedral Service as well as our whole school Remembrance work. **Pictured below on our visit to the Green Howard's Museum, Richmond**







**Parish News** We are enjoying working with the Parish Open the Book Team each Monday morning in Collective Worship when the children take it in turns to dramatise Bible stories and lead a reflection on the worship.

**Parish Harvest Festival** This will be held on Sunday 6th October in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome and the service is child friendly. Donations of food for the Parish Open Pantry Food Bank.

**Pre loved uniform sales** Thank you to Friends of School for organizing this and for your donations. A date will be set for another one after half term. **A reminder to name your child's uniform** - thank you to those who do!

**Date Reminders:**

Key dates can also be found on our school website diary dates.

**Tuesday 8th October: Class 3 Stone Age Workshop morning** - see letter sent home in book bags

**Thursday 10th October: Class 1 Parental Assembly 9.30am** in the school hall. Parents and carers of Class 1 are invited. Afternoon **Year 1 and 2 Wedding in St Mary's Church** - see letter sent home in book bags

**Friday 11th October: Class 4 visit Eden Camp Second World War Museum**— see letter sent home in book bags

**Wednesday 16th October: Reception Parent's Consultation afternoon with Mrs Reynolds 1.30pm to 6pm.**

Please sign up for an appointment in the office entrance area or by phoning/emailing the office. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with Mrs Reynolds and learn more about how your child is settling in at school.

**Tuesday 22nd October: Parent Teacher Consultations** for Year 1 (Class 1) and Classes 2, 3, and 4 from 3.45pm to 6.30pm.

**Wednesday 23rd October: Parent Teacher Consultations** for Classes 2, 3, and 4 from 3.45pm to 6.30pm.

**Booking forms for these will be in the office entrance from Friday 4th October. You may ring/email to make an appointment also.**

**Friday 25th October: School Harvest Festival Service 2pm in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale.** All the children will take part in this service; singing, leading drama, prayers and readings. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us.

**Friends of the School Harvest Refreshments:** Following the Harvest Festival Service the children will walk back to school with their classes. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us in the school hall for refreshments before collecting the children at 3.30pm home time.

**Friday 25th October: Finish for half term. Return to school on Monday 4th November.**

**Friends of the School Halloween Disco: Thursday 24th October:** A fun opportunity to dress up if you would like to, dance and play games. For £3 children receive a drink, ice pop and glow stick. **Parents/carers must accompany all children. Class 1 and 2 6-7pm. Class 3 and 4 7.15pm-8.15pm. Please reserve your child's place on Parent Pay.**

**Reception New Starters for 2025** Mrs Dobson conducts individual tours of school. Please do contact us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson

