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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Honesty'

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term On behalf of the staff and myself, thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts we received at Christmas. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. This week we have been thinking of the journey of the Three Wise Men and the season of Epiphany in the Church calendar. We have reflected on our new Christian value for the half term which is Honesty and have thought about how we can be honest with ourselves and how we can work to use our gifts and talents to help others. We celebrated a wonderful Christmas in school finishing with our visit from Father Christmas on his tractor, our parties, Christmas lunch and KS2 led Carol Service in St Mary's Church when our children sang, read and performed so confidently. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. **Photo highlights from our Nativity 2024 can now be found on our website gallery under celebrations.**



Curriculum Letters and Topics for the term All the classes have new topics for the term. **Classes 1 and 2 are looking at the History of Toys** and later in term **Kenya**. **Class 3 is studying the country of India** and **Class 4 is exploring the ancient Maya civilisation of Central America**. Each class teacher has outlined other topic areas and days for Class PE in the curriculum letters sent home in book bags on Friday. Homework continues to go home on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday.

PE Kit Day reminders this term: Class 1 wear PE Kit on Tuesday and Thursday; Class 2 wear PE Kit on Tuesday and Wednesday; Class 3 wear PE kit on Tuesday and Thursday; Class 4 wear PE kit on Tuesday and Friday.

Thank you to everyone and to Friends of School A huge thank you for supporting our Christmas fundraising activities especially the raffle. Friends of the School were able to make a big cheque presentation of £5,000 to school at the end of our Carol Service. This has contributed to the funding of our new school laptops. Our visit from Father Christmas on his wonderfully decorated tractor, driven by our farming helper elves; decorated by parents and kindly loaned by the Garbutt's Farm was a Christmas highlight once again. A huge thank you to The Green Frog Garden Shop at Ellerton Lake for their kind donation of our beautiful Christmas tree.



Diary Dates for this term A full list of diary dates will be finalised and available next week.

Clubs started this week Clubs are offered to children in Y1 to Y6 and change half termly. **Places can be booked on Parent Pay.** There is no cost: staff give their time generously and Sports Premium funds our sports coaches. **Places are still available this half term for Volleyball on Tuesday for Y1,Y2 and Y3. Also for Recorders on Friday for Y1-Y6.**

Clubs this half term are:

Tues: Y1,Y2, Y3 Volleyball till 4.15pm

Tues: Choir Y1-Y6 till 4.15pm

Thurs: Eco Team KS2; Lego Club Y1-Y3 till 4.15pm

Friday: Recorders Y1-Y6 8.15am-8.45am

Y6 SATs Club continues on Thursday mornings at 8am.

Y6 SATs week 2025 Monday 12th to Friday 16th May

Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting Thursday 16th January at 5.30pm in school This is for parents of Year 6 children –please put the date in your diary and make it a priority.

Instrumental Lessons Class 3 violin and cello lessons and individual/small group piano, violin, cello with Mrs Jameson started back this week. **A reminder from Mrs Jameson to bring your music and practice book.** We currently have a waiting list for lessons. Please contact the office to be added to the list. It may be possible to organise lessons in other instruments. Please speak to us.

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.

Special Mentions Assembly Reminder A reminder that each Friday afternoon we meet as a whole school to celebrate and reflect on our week in school. We remember birthdays and share in the children's successes out of school also. Please do bring in or email any details about things you would like to share with us.

How can I support my child in making good progress in their learning?

Reading with your child For children of all ages - all research shows that hearing your child read, reading to them or discussing their reading with them is one the most important things you can do to ensure good progress in school. Helping them to make time at home to read is helpful too! Do this everyday if possible and discuss tricky words and meanings with them.

Maths and learning times tables Learning times tables is an area in which you can really help your child make progress in Maths. The curriculum states that:

In Year 1 children should practice counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

By the end of Year 2 children should know: x2, x5, x10 tables. eg. $2 \times 7 = 14$; $11 \times 10 = 110$.

By the end of Year 3 children should know x2, x3, x4, x5, x 8, x10 tables eg. $4 \times 8 = 32$; $8 \times 9 = 72$.

By the end of Year 4 your child needs to know all their tables to x12 mixed up, with a quick response eg. $9 \times 9 = 81$, $7 \times 8 = 56$, $9 \times 7 = 63$.

If your child is in Year 5 and 6 they need to be fluent and confident in their times tables knowledge to x12 including division facts eg. $49 \div 7 = 7$, $132 \div 11 = 12$.

Year 4 children received information in their book bags tonight about the national Multiplication Check in June

Copy and paste the link below for a practise website your Year 4 child can use at home to prepare for the Multiplication Check.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Ofsted Inspection Report

We are delighted to share with you our Ofsted Inspection Report emailed with this newsletter. It grades our school as either Good or Outstanding in all areas. I would like to thank all our wonderful staff, governors and you as parents for your great contributions to this. The inspectors shared, that the feedback from parents and carers was the most exceptionally positive of any school they had ever inspected.

Please see the next page for highlights from in school recently.

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

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

A wintry week Many thanks to everyone who has persevered to get to school in the wintry weather. A special thank you to Mr Karanskyi, our school caretaker who worked hard to clear our paths of snow and ice and gritted to keep us all safe.

The whole school was able to get out at lunchtime today and enjoy winter fun on our field in the sunshine.

In Class 1 this week the children used the icy conditions for their Science investigative and seasonal weather work. They explored where in their outdoor area water would freeze fastest.



They also enjoyed their hot chocolate in the snow!



In Class 2 this week the children have started their Geography work on Kenya, identifying its location on a world map and naming the continents and oceans.

In Class 3 this week the children have started their new class reader, Mr Skip by Michael Morpurgo. They have also begun their new Science topic on Light.

In Class 4 this week the children have started their new class reader, Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson which links to their Geography work on Central America and Rainforests. They have completed their 2nd World War mapping work identifying the airfields of the 2nd World War in Scorton on an aerial map.

Singing Carols at Scorton Village Care Home Many thanks to all the children who gave up their time to sing carols before Christmas to care home residents.



Congratulations to our Y5/6 Girls Football Team who finished in 3rd place in the area finals (a competition involving over 50 local schools).