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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'

Welcome back A very warm welcome back to a new term at school. A special welcome to our new Reception children. We are delighted with how well they have already settled. Our Year 6 buddies look forward to helping them as they settle to full days next week.

We look forward to working with all our new families. You are all very welcome.

Smart Uniform and PE kit All the children look very smart– thank you! **Please do label your child's clothes** if you haven't already.

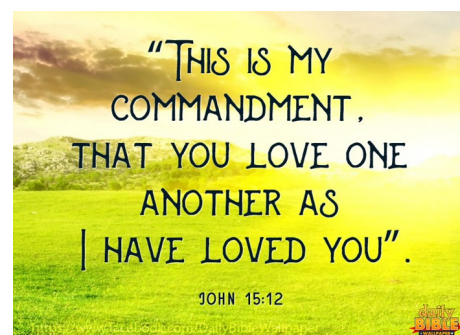
Our School Ethos and Values-'To love live and learn together'

As a Church of England Aided School our Christian values are very important to our school community and underpin how we behave to one another. This term we are focussing on the Christian value of '**Friendship**'. We have been thinking about these words from the Bible, '**Encourage one another and build each other up**'.

Class Curriculum letters and information about homework and PE were sent home in book bags today from your child's teacher.

Diary dates and key events for the term are being finalised and will be available next week. These include events to which you will be invited; Class Parental Assembly, Parent Teacher Consultations, Harvest Festival, Christmas Nativity and Carol Service.

After School Clubs will start next week for children in Y1 upwards. Details of clubs on offer have been shared with the children and can be booked on Parent Pay (no cost).



Pictured here are Class 1 in our Peace Garden with photos of each class on the next pages.



Class 2 have enjoyed their first week back together.



Class 3 look very smart and are enjoying all being part of Key Stage 2.



Class 4 are now at the top of the school and are looking forward to the responsibilities this brings.



Parent Pay and School lunches If your child has moved into Year 3 you will now need to pay for their lunches online with Parent Pay, £4.00 per day. The government continues to fund lunches for infant children (until end of Y2). **Please speak to Mrs Veale in the office if you think your child may qualify for free school lunches.** This information is confidential and no one would be aware during lunch hours. **If your child would like school lunch on only 1 or 2 days this is possible.** Please email the office with your preferences. Fish and Chip Friday is very popular. There is a hot main course each day with sandwich or jacket potato options.

Milk and Snacks Children in Class 1 and 2 receive free fruit each day, funded nationally. Children under 5 receive free milk. Once children are 5 years old they may continue to have milk daily at a small cost through Cool Milk. Register online at www.coolmilk.com. All children should bring water bottles which can be refilled during the day.

Children may bring healthy snacks for break times (fresh fruit or cereal bars).

Please do not bring any items containing peanuts. We do have children in school with peanut allergies.

Instrumental Lessons in school with Mrs Jameson will start next week. You will receive a message indicating the day of your child's lesson. We have some spaces for new instrumentalists especially violin or cello.

Class 3 Music All children in Class 3 will learn to play either violin or cello as part of their class music. School provides these instruments on loan, free of charge.

All classes have class music lessons.

Collective Worship, Special Mentions Assembly and our Newsletter

The whole school meets together in the hall each day for Collective Worship. The children often help to lead this. We have Special Mentions Assembly each Friday at 3pm when we celebrate and reflect on our week in school and share in the success of others. Children may bring in awards and certificates achieved outside school to share with us in our Friday Special Mentions Assembly. The school newsletter is sent out on Friday by email and uploaded to the school website.

Progress on our roof and our new outdoor classroom Despite the rain this week the roofing work is progressing well and should be completed by the end of September. We are delighted with our new outdoor classroom which we were able to build with Wrap Around Care grant funding from North Yorkshire. Our Before and After School Club will sometimes use this and we will use it as additional group room space in the school day.

PE Kit Day Reminders from next week:

Class 1	Tuesday and Thursday
Class 2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Class 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Class 4	Tuesday and Friday

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. PE kit is black/navy jogging trousers or shorts; plain white or school logo tee shirt; black/navy zip hoodie. Please wear trainers. **Please name your clothes, especially your PE hoodie.**

Ear rings must be removed before coming to school on PE days to comply with North Yorkshire health and safety requirements

Clubs this half term

All our school clubs are free and can be booked on Parent pay. Where places are limited and you don't get your first choice of club please let Mrs Veale in the office know and we will add you to the list for next half term **All our after school clubs finish at 4.15pm.**

Tuesday: Choir Y1– Y6; Football Y1– Y4

Thursday: Eco/Gardening Y3-Y6; Lego Y1-Y3; Football Y5-Y6

Friday: Recorders before school 8.15-8.45am Y1-Y6

Lunchtime Clubs: these do not need booking. Our older children run a lunchtime Art Club on a Thursday. Later in term they run a book club for our youngest children.

Eco School We are very proud of our status as a Green Flag Eco School. We recycle tin foil to support Guide Dogs for the blind and ink cartridges. (We can no longer recycle batteries through school).

Parish Links We are part of the parish of Easby, Skeeby, Bolton-on-Swale and Brompton-on-Swale. As a school we visit St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale for our Harvest Festival Service, for our Christmas Carol Service and for our Easter Service (dates to follow on these). Rev Simon Dowson is our vicar and he comes into school regularly to lead Collective Worship and to support us. He is also a member of our Governing Body. The parish Open the Book Team lead our worship each Monday morning when they work with the children to dramatise Bible stories.

Family Service Worship4All is held each month, (check the parish website for dates) **in St Mary's Church.** These are child friendly services, starting at 10.30am, lasting about 45 minutes and followed by refreshments.

This Sunday 7th September - Blessing of School Bags Service in St Mary's Church at 10.30am. This is a child friendly Worship4All Service. Please bring your school bag to be blessed in the service. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

End of term thank you

All the staff join with me in thanking you for the very positive feedback and kind gifts received at the end of last term. The children are looking forward to enjoying the gift of a two new benches for the playground from last years Y6 Leavers.

We look forward to another year working in partnership with you and your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.
With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson





Bags2School Service

Worship4 All

Please join us to celebrate the blessing of our bags on

Sunday, 7th September

at

St Mary's Church, Bolton on Swale, at 10:30 am.

Whether you're advancing to a new class, beginning at a new school, college, or university, or simply seeking God's blessing, you are all invited to our special Worship4All service.

Refreshments will be provided after the service.

All, are always welcome.

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