

And now these three remain: Faith, Hope, and Love. But the greatest of these is Love (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Attendance this week was 91.06%, which is lower than our school target of 96%. As this has been the final week of a busy half term, we know many children are feeling tired and there has also been some seasonal illness around. We are hopeful that after a well-earned rest, everyone will return refreshed and attendance will improve again.



Safeguarding

With Valentine's themes around at this time of year, it's a great chance to talk with children about kindness, healthy friendships, and feeling safe in their relationships with others.

In school, we remind children that being kind means:

- Treating others with respect and using friendly, appropriate language
- Understanding that everyone has the right to say "no" if something makes them uncomfortable
- Knowing that real friends make us feel happy, safe, and included, not worried, pressured, or upset

You can support this at home by talking with your child about:

- What a good friend looks like and feels like
- The importance of personal boundaries (including online)
- Speaking to a trusted adult if something someone says or does makes them feel unsure or uncomfortable

Helping children understand these ideas builds confidence, supports positive relationships, and is an important part of keeping them safe.

As always, if you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact us.

Friday 13th February



Love and Serve

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

- Class 1 – Finn
- Class 2 – Sofia
- Class 3 – Reggie
- Class 4 – Elijah

Excellent English

- Class 2 – Ethan
- Class 3 – Jeandre
- Class 4 – Grayson

Marvellous Maths

- Class 1 – Olive
- Class 2 – Lorelei
- Class 3 – Alfie W
- Class 4 – Emily

Fantastic Foundation

- Class 1 - Olivia
- Class 2 – Scarlett B
- Class 3 – Trent
- Class 4 – Bertie

Well done to the **RED** house who scored the most house points this week. **BLUE** house won the trophy for the most points this half term.

Class 1 won the clutter cup, well done Receptions!

Calendar for after half term

Monday 23rd: breakfast & afterschool club

Tuesday 24th: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 2 parents - Let's Learn Together at 9am, Class 1 – forest school session, Class 4 – saxophone lessons

Wednesday 25th: breakfast & afterschool club, violin & cello lessons,

Thursday 26th: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 3 flute lessons

Friday 27th: breakfast & afterschool club

Dinner Menu for week commencing 23rd February

Monday: Chicken nuggets & wedges followed by an oaty cookie

Tuesday: Cheese & Tomato pizza followed by an iced sponge

Wednesday: Roast chicken, Yorkshire Pudding & vegetables followed by a doughnut muffin

Thursday: Pasta bolognaise followed by sponge & custard

Friday: Fish & chips (or salmon star) followed by a brownie

Please can we also remind you that we are a NUT AWARE school. Alternative options of Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches are available with fillings of ham, cheese, tuna or beans.

This week.....

Class 1 and 2 had a great time working as a team at Malton Sports Centre dodgeball tournament.



Monday was **Class 3 and 4's** highlight of the week, on our trip. At the Minster we took part in workshops, where we were the judge and jury, deciding the fate of John Martin (who set fire to the Minster). In the Mosque we had the chance to ask the Imam lots of questions as well as look at different parts of the building (see photos overleaf).

Minster and Mosque trip



“In the Minster we learnt about St Peter and how he was always holding the key. In the Mosque we discovered that the carpet had a pattern on to show them which way to face to pray” - Ollie

What's happening in school and around us

- North Yorkshire Music Service are offering Free Project days (Flyer attached to newsletter email)
- Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale Inclusion Hub drop-in session are Tuesdays fortnightly from 3.30pm-4.30pm – next session is 10th February to book a slot email SENDhubSWR@northyorks.gov.uk

Lunchtime arrangements

From after the February half-term, we will be making a small change to our lunchtime arrangements. Mrs Leeson has been working hard on a new County menu, which we hope reflects the children's most popular choices and includes dishes that are firm favourites. Reception children will continue to be served and eat in their own classroom. All other children having a school dinner will eat in Class 2. This will allow meals to be served from the hatch, with children able to come up and collect their own lunch. They will be able to choose what they do and do not want (within reason) from the day's menu. This approach should also make it possible for Mrs Leeson to offer slightly larger portions and, where appropriate, second helpings. Older children will act as monitors, helping to set up tables and clear away, giving them a sense of responsibility during lunchtime. Children with packed lunches will eat in Classes 3 and 4. Lunch will begin at 12 noon, with children going outside to play during the second half of the lunch hour, weather permitting. As is currently the case, there will continue to be a daily choice of sandwiches and jacket potatoes. We would welcome your feedback on how your children find this new routine. Our aim is to encourage children to enjoy a warm, healthy school dinner each day, and we are very happy to consider any suggestions for improvement. We are also continuing to experience difficulty recruiting an additional midday supervisor towards the end of the week, and we hope these arrangements may help support this.

Arbor

Thank you to everyone who has been logging in to Arbor, making payments, booking parent's evenings and wrap around care. I am grateful for your perseverance and for contacting the office with any issues, hopefully we are getting there with this system. One question we have been asked is about charges. For the clubs that run until 4.15pm, the expectation is that you book these on Arbor for the whole half term. Once booked, this is taken as a commitment to attend those sessions and the associated charge will apply, even if your child no longer wants to attend on a particular day. This is because these clubs incur a cost to the school, as we pay external providers to run them, so charges are applied based on bookings rather than attendance. As ever, if there are extenuating circumstances we will be as flexible as we can be. Details about after school from Easter onwards will be out after half term.

World Book Day

On the 4th and 5th March the whole school will be taking part in lots of activities themed around Charlie and the chocolate factory to celebrate World book week. On one of the days they will be able to come to school in 'cooking' themed outfits. This could be as simple as a chef's apron, but you can also go all out full Jamie Oliver! There is absolutely no expectation for you to buy anything new and please do not spend a fortune, but we just wanted to give you notice of our plans.

