



Hope is being able
to see that there is
light despite all of
the darkness.

Desmond Tutu

This week our whole-school attendance was lower than our 96% target, largely due to a higher number of children being unwell. Good attendance is important in helping children make the most of their learning, and we appreciate your support in balancing this with keeping children at home when they are not well. We are hopeful attendance will improve after half term.

Arbor

Please could we ensure that all payments are up to date by the end of next week. This includes meals, wraparound care, and trip payments. If you anticipate having an outstanding balance at the end of next week, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can discuss and agree on an arrangement. Otherwise, we kindly ask that all balances are cleared by this time.

We are also beginning to use Arbor for additional items. Currently, this includes Class 1 and 2 dodgeball consent, Parents' Evening slots (opening at 3:30pm for March bookings), and wraparound care bookings. If you experience any difficulties using the system, please do let me know. Several parents have found that downloading the Arbor app is easier to use than accessing it via the website, should that be helpful for you.

Safeguarding – help available

Gas & Electric: Unity in Community will be providing vouchers to help towards paying for gas and electricity. To qualify you must pay for your energy through a prepayment meter and have not received energy vouchers from Unity in Community within the past 12 months. This is in response to the ongoing cost of living crisis and beneficiaries can be working, unemployed, self-employed or retired. For more information and to register, call 01482 420836, Monday to Friday, 9am – 3pm. Please also have a look at the 'winter well' leaflet attached to the newsletter email, this contains some useful

Friday 6th February



Love and Serve

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

Class 1 superheroes of the week are all the class!

Class 2 – Kobie

Class 3 – MiMi

Class 4 – Myles

Excellent English

Class 1 – Arthur B

Class 2 – Oscar

Class 3 – Arthur B

Class 4 – Maisie

Marvellous Maths

Class 1 – Margot J

Class 2 – Violet

Class 3 – Elliot

Class 4 – Joshua

Fantastic Foundation

Class 1 - Etta

Class 2 – Chloe

Class 3 – Thomas

Class 4 – Amelie JD

Well done to the **RED** house who scored the most house points this week, yellow house were not far behind

Calendar for Next Week

Monday 9th: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 2/3/4 trip to York Minster and mosque – **please remember pack ups**

Tuesday 10th: breakfast & afterschool club, both Class 1 & 2 parents are invited to Let's Learn Together – 9am, 11am whole school Lent service at church - Parents are not expected to attend, but you are very welcome to join us if you wish. Class 3 flute

Wednesday 11th: breakfast & afterschool club, violin & cello lessons, pop up library, **please return books**, Class 1 and 2 dodgeball at Malton Sports Centre PM

Thursday 12th: breakfast & afterschool club

Friday 13th: breakfast & afterschool club, Big Sing for Class 3 and 4 in the afternoon, parents to attend at 4pm to watch and collect children from Malton School

Half term – 16th to 20th February – back in school on 23rd Feb

Dinner Menu for week commencing 9th February

Monday: Class 1 - Meatballs with noodles then chocolate mousse

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with wraps followed by pancakes & ice-cream (Shrove Tuesday special)

Wednesday: Pizza followed by Chocolate Brownie

Thursday: Pasta bolognaise followed by Oat cookie

Friday: Fish fingers & chips followed by Chocolate Krispies

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.

The menu for February to July is attached to the newsletter email.

This week.....

Class 1 have continued exploring numbers 6,7 and 8 including how to make pairs, odd and evens and doubles. We have also loved investigating the Bebots work in computing, practicing simple coding navigating grid maps to find animals and buried treasure.

Class 2 celebrated Candlemas at forest school. We also made collages in art depicting landscapes and UK landmarks.

Class 3 made toys with pneumatic systems suitable for 5 year old's in DT lessons and finished publishing their stories for Frindleswyld

Class 4 have been writing biographies for Georges Melies including a range of noun phrases and adjectives about time and polishing their edits.

Young Voices



The children who attended Young Voices last week had a great time
“We went to Sheffield and we saw some famous people singing. We got to sing a lot too and had a great time” - Lola

What's happening in school and around us

- Coffee morning 14th February at Settrington Village hall from 10am till 12 noon to raise funds for the new play area – your support would be very much appreciated – plus you get yummy cake! (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.

Winter Well Campaign

Each winter, the NHS faces increased pressure as seasonal viruses circulate, and more children become unwell. The Healthier Together website offers clear, trusted guidance on common childhood illnesses, when and where to seek help, and where to find the right support.

It's completely natural to feel worried when your child is unwell – but you don't have to figure it out alone. Healthier Together is packed with reliable advice from local doctors and nurses, helping you understand what to do, where to go, and when to get extra help, especially during the busy winter months.

For clear, practical advice to help you care with confidence, visit the Healthier Together website: <https://tinyurl.com/79kwdumh>
It's also not too late for your child to receive the flu vaccine. Check with your GP and find out more here: www.letsgetvaccinated.co.uk

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.

