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Message from Mr Hiley

Earlier this week, a whole school assembly took place in which children had the opportunity to give Miss Downham a lovely send-off prior to her getting married. Miss Downham will not be in school for the next two weeks, but will be returning to school after half-term. Miss Downham was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and an absolutely amazing card that all children got involved in creating. I am sure I speak for everyone, in wishing Miss Downham the very best for her wedding day.

On Thursday 7th October we celebrated National Poetry Day with a special assembly. Each class teacher shared their 'Desert Island Poem' with the children and it was amazing to hear so many different styles and moods in the poems chosen. We hope that after enjoying the assembly, the children all understood that there are poems of all kinds and hopefully everyone can find that one that means something to them..

On Thursday a number of children across various year groups were given their FREE Influenza nasal vaccination here at school. If for any reason your child was absent, or if you forgot to complete an on-line consent, then please do not worry, vaccinations can be secured by contacting your GP surgery.

Again, and by way of a further reminder, as we move towards Winter, visibility both in the morning and evening decreases. As a school we would actively encourage both children and parents to wear something fluorescent and/or reflective when outdoors.

On Wednesday 13th October, Parent consultations will take place over the telephone during the afternoon. If you have not received confirmation of your telephone appointment, then please contact the school office. We have attempted to accommodate all requests for timeslots and, whilst hopefully the times allocated will be convenient, if this is not the case then please, again, contact the school so that an alternative arrangement can be made. Thank you.

As we approach half-term, it is with much sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Townley, who has been a mid-day supervisor at the school for a number of years. Whilst we would like to wish Mrs Townley the very best of luck for the future, we would also like to let her know

that she will be missed. We do still have a vacancy for an MSA, if you, or anyone you know might be interested in this position, then please contact Sally in the School Office.

With Halloween quickly approaching, on Tuesday 12th October 2021 we will be welcoming our local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) to our whole school assembly. Our PCSO will be discussing with children how to keep safe along with the potential dangers of Halloween. Following on from Halloween and after half-term, Craig Lyons will be visiting the school and talking to children about Bonfire Night and fire safety.

Earlier this week discussions took place at a Governors' Meeting about the potential easing of restrictions at school following the half-term break. Whilst I am sure everyone will appreciate it is an every-changing picture where Covid is concerned, we are hoping that we will be in a position to further 'open the school' up after half-term allowing parents more accessibility. In the meantime, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Finally, can parents please remember to send children into school with suitable outdoor clothing for the weather, including, if possible, spare footwear and socks! Unfortunately, on wet days, children and puddles seem to attract each other, which whilst good fun, can leave socks soggy and school shoes slightly damp! Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr T Hiley

Interim Headteacher

Covid-19

Can I please once again remind parents that, inevitably, some of us will succumb to seasonal colds that present with similar symptoms to that of Covid. As a school we would like to encourage parents to secure a PCR test if any member of the household presents with any symptoms that could be attributable to Covid infection. By following guidance, we can help prevent the spread of Covid and protect our friends, families and communities. Advice from the Government now states:

“Do not use a rapid lateral flow test if you have COVID-19 symptoms. [Get a PCR test](#) as

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soon as possible and self-isolate, even if symptoms are mild”.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

By way of a reminder, please do not send your child to school if they have cold symptoms without undertaking a PCR test. Please remember, that in line with advice from the Local Authority, it may be deemed necessary to send a child home, or not accept them in class if they are displaying cold symptoms and have not been tested. As is always the case, thank you to everyone in advance for their co-operation, support and understanding.

PE Days

This term, our PE days are, as follows:

Nursery :	Tuesday/Friday
Class 1 :	Tuesday/Friday
Class 2 :	Tuesday/Wednesday
Class 3 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 4 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 5 :	Monday/Tuesday

FREE SCHOOL MEALS These are difficult times, with financial circumstances changing on an almost daily basis for some families. In some instances, families may be missing out on Free School Meals. Whilst ALL children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are eligible for UNIVERSAL free school meals, families may also be entitled to some additional financial support. Free School Meal eligibility for children in younger year groups includes universal entitlement and additional pupil premium funding which helps support children in school with their learning. If you think you may be eligible for some additional support, then please contact Sally in the School Office. Please be reassured that all applications will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Brownies

We have been contacted by the 1st Clapham and Austwick Brownie group who are reaching out to local schools with regards to recruiting more 'Brownies'. This invitation is open to all girls aged between 7 and 10 who might be interested in joining a local Brownie Group. Brownies have lots of adventures, learn new skills and can gain

reward badges for their efforts. For more information about what brownies get up to, please visit

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies-7-10/all-about-brownies/>.

If your child would like to join the 1st Clapham and Austwick Brownie Group then please contact Amy North Johnson at : Amy@jandnservices.co.uk

Celebrate Libraries Month with North Yorkshire Libraries

NYCC Library Service is having a 'Squeeze in a read' promotion during October! The challenge is to find 10 minute every day to read. Children can read any book they choose. The Library service would love children to share book reviews, drawings or photographs with their local library. For more information about what is happening at local libraries, please see the leaflet below or contact John Frankland, Outreach Librarian on 01609 534547.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th October 2021

Minced Beef and Dumplings
Country Veg Casserole and Dumplings
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 12th October 2021

PCSO Assembly
Cheese and Tomato Pasta
Quorn Dippers
Jacket Potato

3.30pm-4.20pm After School Basketball Club

Wednesday 13th October 2021

Roast Pork
Veggie Burger
Jacket Potato

1.00pm – 6.00pm Parent Interviews

Thursday 14^h October 2021

Chicken Korma
Vegetable Korma
Jacket Potato

3.30pm-4.30pm After School Cooking Club (2 of 3)

Friday 8th October 2021

Fun-Day-Friday
Battered Fish

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Vegetable Parcel

For girls aged 7 to 10

Brownies

Clapham Village Hall
Monday evenings
5:00pm - 6:15pm
Karen Fielding
07748 164409

'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself.'

Poonam, aged 10

Brownies offers girls exciting opportunities to take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them.



Find out more about Brownies at girlguiding.org.uk/brownies. Register your daughter at girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or call 0800 169 5901.



Squeeze in a read this October

This October is Libraries Month and the theme for North Yorkshire is 'Squeeze in a read'. Children and adults are invited to join in by finding 10 minutes to read each day throughout the month.

You can read any book that you like and we'd love children to share book reviews of their favourite books as well as photographs or drawings showing an unusual place to read.

There is also a fantastic programme of events and activities taking place in libraries this October - just ask at your local branch for details.

Settle

Saturday 9th October - Storytelling Workshop 2 - 3.30 - write a fairy tale about a tree - ties-in with Settle Stories fantastic competition for children aged 7 - 11.

Halloween Competition - Write a scary poem or draw a spooky picture for Halloween for a chance to win some fabulous prizes. All entries will be displayed in the library in half term. For children of all ages.

Bentham

Wednesday 27th October - Welcome to Looking Glass Land - join us for a MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY as we celebrate 150 years of 'Alice Through the Looking Glass' with stories, crafts and games. 10.30 - 12 noon

Ingleton

Wednesday 27th October - Welcome to Looking Glass Land - join us for a MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY as we celebrate 150 years of 'Alice Through the Looking Glass' with stories, crafts and games. 2 - 3.30 pm

Gargrave

Gargrave will launch our under-5s reading scheme Buzzy Bee's Honey Hunt by holding a Buzzy Bee 'Squeeze in a read' competition all month...

Joining the library is quick, easy and free. Your library card can help you to access free books, computers and online resources such as free comics, eBooks, audiobooks and more.

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