



Friday 23rd February 2018

Spring Term Edition 6

Welcome back after the half-term holidays. I hope that everyone had a lovely break and enjoyed their well-earned rest! I would like to extend a warm welcome to new starters; Nathaniel, Erin, Amelia, Theo and Reuben who all joined us this week and have quickly made new friends.

I would also like to share with you some exciting news. We have been successful in being awarded £2000 from the Tesco Bags for Help scheme. Thank you to Mrs McGregor for completing the application process, this money will be used to further develop our school garden and wildlife area.

Other exciting news to share with you is that Mark Gunn will be continuing with his basketball lessons in Key Stage 2 and also the afterschool basketball club. This week members were presented with personalised basketball t-shirts, pictures will be on the school website soon. Jordan Armstrong continues with our lunchtime sports club on Wednesdays for children from Year 2 to Year 6 and Knitting club continues to thrive under the skilled supervision of June and Jan.

I am pleased that so many parents are finding the new gate into the playground from the car park useful and much more convenient. Please can I ask that parents ensure they closely supervise their children in the car park as we do not want an accident to happen? Furthermore, please can I ask that parents do not 'block' other cars in? Some members of staff need to leave promptly at 3.30pm, whilst some parents need to make a quick departure to get to swimming lessons etc. Therefore, please can I ask that parents only park in actual spaces.

Can I just take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that if they have any concerns, questions or complaints, then please speak to either your child's class teacher or to myself. If the school are not aware of any concerns then they cannot help to resolve them. Again, can school please remind parents not to post what could be considered as 'inappropriate' comments on social media sites. As I am sure everyone will agree, posts and comments on

social media sites can very quickly escalate out of all proportion and control. This can make situations both very difficult and uncomfortable for ALL parties concerned. It can, and has, resulted in the school having to contact the Police.

Thank you to all those children, (and parents?), who helped to create the wonderful 'story shoe box' projects that have been brought into school. Creations have been absolutely magnificent and the creativity exceptional. It truly is amazing what a little imagination can do.... Boxes have been placed on display in the School Reception area and parents are welcome to come in and take a look.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

Parents' Evenings These will be taking place on Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th February 2018. We very much look forward to welcoming parents to school on these evenings. As previously detailed there will be an opportunity to look at children's work. Refreshments will be available for parents on both evenings.

Reminder School Uniform is now available from Tesco on-line, this includes book bags. For more information, please visit:-

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/ues/>

Friday News In an attempt to help support the environment, use less paper, and assist the school's Eco Group activities, we are aiming to make this the **FINAL** 'paper' copy of the Friday News publication sent to parents. If you have not already done so, please provide Sally in the School Office with a current and valid e-mail address so that the newsletter can be e-mailed to you on Friday of each week. If you have already provided an e-mail and have not recently been receiving the Friday News electronically then please let Sally know, in order that your e-mail details can be checked (remember to check junk folders). It is very much appreciated that not all parents will have access to an e-mail address, in these circumstances, can you please let Sally know, as quickly as possible, so that a paper copy of the publication can continue to be sent home to you via your child's book bag. By way of information, school will continue to publish the Friday News on its excellent website, which we would encourage parents to visit regularly. Thank you for everyone's continued support.

WORLD BOOK DAY We will once again be taking part in World Book Day activities, celebrating authors, illustrators and reading. On the 1st March 2018 children from all classes are invited to come into school dressed up as a book character of their choice..... Let your imagination run wild and your wardrobe flow freely.... Let the secret Hungry Caterpillar, Mr Stink, or Harry Potter in you out for the day! (Other book characters also welcome!). On the day, we would also like children to bring to school their favourite book, so that these can be shared with friends.

WELLIES As from Monday 26th February 2018 children in Class 3 will be taking their learning outdoors on a weekly basis. With this in mind, can parents of children in Class 3 please ensure that they have their wellies at school every Monday. It is anticipated that there will be mud involved..... lots of mud! Thank you.

CANCELLED The FOBs meeting which was scheduled to take place on 26th February 2018 has, unfortunately, been CANCELLED.

Parent Governor Vacancy As from 2nd March 2018 there will be a vacancy on the School's Board of Governors for a Parent Governor. This is a demanding role that requires commitment, dedication and the willingness to take part in training and development over the course of an academic year. At the same time, being a Governor is also very rewarding. The school are particularly seeking applicants with experience in health and safety, finances, premises, human resources and/or specific curriculum areas. Further details about how to nominate yourself for this exciting opportunity have been sent home via children's book bags. Naturally, if you would like to discuss this opportunity, or require further details about the role of a Parent Governor, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. Please note the deadline for nominations is **Friday 16th March 2018** at 09.00am.

Indoor Athletics : Giggleswick School Sports Hall : Friday 2nd March 2018 Can we just remind parents of children in Year 2, to complete and return consent forms for this event. Failure to return paperwork will mean your child misses out on this wonderful opportunity to get active and get involved with athletics alongside children from other cluster schools. Thank you.

Crucial Crew 2018 Children in Year 6 have once again been given the opportunity to take part in the Crucial Crew event organised and hosted by North Yorkshire Police on the 14th March 2018. Crucial Crew is educationally vital in supporting and encouraging good citizenship, aiming to reduce accidents, injury, crime and help to protect young individuals through education and awareness. Children will take part in a series of workshops alongside children from other cluster schools. Can parents please ensure that they return Consent Forms and make payment via Parentpay for this activity by no later than **Monday 5th March 2018**. Thank you.

Home to School Transport (including children and young people with SEND) : Consultation We have been advised by North Yorkshire County Council that they are in the process of carrying out a 'home to school consultation'. NYCC are emphasising the importance of receiving views and feedback. For more information, or to have your say, please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/home-school-transport-including-children-and-young-people-send>. Alternatively e-mail Gail.Chester@northyorks.gov.uk.