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Newsletter 11 - 10th March 2017

London Trip



Four Y6 pupils enjoyed an activity packed residential visit to London at the start of this term. They were part of a larger group of 32 pupils from other small schools across the Bedale area. Highlights were seeing "The Lion King" at the Adelphi Theatre, a trip down the Thames on a river cruise, a workshop at The Natural History Museum and seeing the Crown Jewels at The Tower of London. It was a fantastic experience for all the children and they will remember it for a long time.

Y6 PE day

On Wednesday 15th March the Y6's will be attending a cluster PE day at Middleham Primary School. They will be transported there by staff, leaving school at 9.15am and returning at 3pm. The day will include PE, teambuilding, archery and fencing. Please can you supply your child with a packed lunch plus extra drink and a healthy snack. The children can come to school in their PE kits but need to wear their school jumpers and a warm coat please. An e-mail has already been sent to parents requesting permission.

Class 1 trip to Navy Museum

On Wednesday 22 March all of **class 1** will be visiting The National Museum of the Royal Navy in Hartlepool. They will be transported there and back by coach, leaving school at 9am and returning at 3pm in time for normal end of day plans. The children will be attending an "all hands on deck/Christopher Columbus" workshop, having a tour around HMS Trincomalee and the fighting ships exhibition and then exploring the Quay. School will supply a packed lunch. Please can the children wear their school uniform and have a warm coat. If you could also send an extra drink and a healthy snack. An email has already been sent to parents requesting sandwich choices and permission to attend.

Bird Table

Our bird feeders have been working wonders and we have a vast array of feathered friends visiting us now. If anyone has a bird table that they no longer use we are more than happy to give it a new home!

Parentpay

Please can you check your parentpay balances and if necessary bring any arrears up to date. If your child has hasn't had a lunch due to illness or a trip your account will be updated the following week once any amendments are received from the kitchen.

ESCAPE Club

ESCAPE will be running again over the Easter holidays. Check the school website for dates and a booking form.

Internet Safety

KS2 pupils had a visit from the Police Community Support Team to discuss how to keep themselves safe while using the internet. They discussed the dangers of sharing personal information, chatting to strangers online and difficulties of using social media. If any parents would like support with this area, there are some useful links on our website.

Reading Volunteers

Reading daily to an adult even for a few minutes can make a huge difference to struggling readers. We are hoping to recruit parents who could give up 15 minutes one or two mornings a week to hear a child read from 8.45 to 9.00, after dropping off your child at school (particularly Thornton Watlass site). If this sounds like something you could offer, please let us know.

Bus times

Please can we remind parents that the children who need to be transported via the bus need to be on the bus and ready to leave at 8.45am at TW and 8.55am at Snape. Thank you.

Sunflower Class

This half term Nursery and Reception class are learning about rainforests. Children will learn two stories which they will perform for parents and family on the last day of term. Maths activities will be all about weight, money and time. Spring is in the air! The children are enjoying playing and working outside. Thank you Mrs Stainthorp for providing pallets and tyres for outdoor creative play. Indoors we have a super- hero writing area. We are looking forward to seeing all of our super writers zoom into action with pens, paint, chalk and crayons. Mrs Thompson and Mrs Stainthorp are working with the children to enter a competition organised by Harrogate Flower Show to design the most imaginative plant display featuring a pair of wellies. Watch this space!!! On the morning of the 28th March we will be visiting Nosterfield nature reserve for bird watching and a lovely long walk. We will be transported there by mini bus. Please can the children have lots of warm layers on as it still may be quite chilly and breezy. We now have three nursery children at Snape. We are having a Stay and Play morning on Wednesday morning 29th March. Parents and children from Snape Playgroup will be visiting. Please come along and spread the word to family and friends to come along with their little ones. Sunflowers will be attending an Easter service at Snape Methodist church on 5th April and Thornton Watlass on the 6th.

Dates:

- 28th March - Trip to nature reserve
- 29th March - Stay and play 9.30AM - 11.30AM
- 5th April - Snape playgroup Easter service 10AM
- 6th April - Thornton Watlass Easter service 2.15PM
- 7th April - Parents assembly 9.30AM - 10.30AM

Uniform

Please can we remind parents to clearly name their children's school uniform. Thank you.

Cluster Rugby

Six pupils took part in the Cluster Rugby Festival at Wensleydale Rugby Club. They played three matches against other small schools. With a little help from three pupils from Middleham Primary, they developed their defence and try-scoring skills to win two of their matches. The coaches commented on their progress across the afternoon and good attitude.



Class 1

Class 1 Topic focus this term is Intrepid Explorers. The children have enjoyed learning about Christopher Columbus and playing the games on the following web page. They have asked me to send out the link for them to play at home.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/christopher_columbus/

Class 1 - Maths homework

Several parents have asked for maths homework for their children to complete at home. I will be sending out, a problem solving and reasoning booklet, which is full of maths problems for the children to solve. **I must stress this homework is NOT compulsory.** The questions in the booklet should be discussed with your child using mathematical terminology. Discussions should be based on: What do you need to do? What steps do you need to do to solve the problem? How did you know that (reasoning)? If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you, Mrs Paylor.

Lent Lunch 1st April

On Saturday 1st April Thornton Watlass School will be transformed into a 'pop up' café as we host one of a series of Lent Lunches with Thornton Watlass church.

This is a great opportunity to open up school and invite in members of the local community. The lunch will include delicious homemade soup and tray bakes.

It would be great if parents and children are able to join us for lunch and even better if people are willing to volunteer to give a hand. We have an offer of some professional 'hospitality training' (!) for any children who are able to come along on the day, which will take place in school before the event.

If you are able to help in anyway - by providing food beforehand and /or helping on the day please let us know. Teachers will be talking to children in school about the event and asking for volunteers too.

The other dates for the Lent lunches, run by St Marys are -

March 11th in village hall 12 noon until 1.30pm

March 18th in village hall 12 noon until 1.30pm

April 1st in Thornton Watlass School 12 noon until 1.30pm

April 8th in village hall 12 noon until 1.30pm

We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying this lovely community event together.

13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar	16 Mar	17 Mar
	Team STW - Hockey at BHS MUGA	Y6 PE day at Middleham 9-3pm. Parents to supply packed lunch please.		Sunshine Corner
20 Mar	21 Mar	22 Mar	23 Mar	24 Mar
		Class 1 to the Navy National Museum - Packed lunch provided		Red Nose Day
27 Mar	28 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar	31 Mar
	EYFS/REC trip to Nosterfield Nature Reserve AM Parents evening	Stay and Play at Snape 9.30-11.30am Parents evening		Sunshine Corner
3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr	7 Apr
		EYFS/REC Easter Service at Snape Methodist Chapel with Snape Toddler Group 10am	Easter Church Service at St Marys, Whole school attending. Rec/EYFS to be transported to TW. 2.15pm Everyone welcome	EYFS/REC parents assembly at Snape 9.30-10.30 - Everyone is welcome Sunshine Corner Break Up
10 Apr ESCAPE CLUB	11 Apr ESCAPE CLUB	12 Apr ESCAPE CLUB	13 Apr ESCAPE CLUB	14 Apr SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
17 Apr SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	18 Apr SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	19 Apr SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	20 Apr SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	21 Apr SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
24 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr	27 Apr	28 Apr
Training Day School closed	School re-opens			Y1-6 Swimming
1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May	5 May
Bank Holiday	Y3/4 Rydal Hall Residential	Y3/4 Rydal Hall Residential	Y3/4 Rydal Hall Residential	Y1-6 Swimming
8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May	12 May
SATs week	SATs week	SATs week	SATs week	Y1-6 Swimming

Parents Evenings 28th and 29th March 2017

Childs name(s)

This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher, look at work and see the wonderful displays and learning environment in the classrooms. All parents of Key Stage 1 & 2 pupils will be seen at Thornton Watlass and parents of EYFS/Rec will be seen at Snape.

Appointments for EYFS/Rec children will be available on Tuesday 28th March only. Please let me know your preferred time for a 10 minute appointment and I will certainly try to book you in then.

EYFS/Reception (Mrs McLeod & Mrs Thompson)

Tue 28 th March	S	between 3.45pm & 4.25pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		between 4.45pm & 6.05pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Yr 1 & 2 (Mrs Paylor & Mrs Ball)

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		between 4.50pm & 5.20pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
		between 5.40pm & 6.10pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wed 29 th March	TW	between 3.45pm & 4.55pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Yr 3,4,5,6 (Mrs Shaw & Mrs Johnson)

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Please return this form or e-mail me. Appointments given on a first come first served basis. I will confirm your time via e-mail. **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS will be running as normal.**

Many thanks

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