



Kirkby Fleetham CE Primary School
Newsletter
Friday 27th March 2015



This has been an extremely busy week in school, and some of the children are certainly ready for the holidays!

Ripon Trip

On Monday we visited Ripon Cathedral, we learnt about the history of the building, the quire and the miserichords, we christened a 'baby' at the font, and explored the underground Saxon Crypt. We then travelled to Fountains Abbey and dressed as monks to find out about the day in the life of the monks who founded the Abbey. You can see the photos on the events page of our website.

Egyptian Day

Well done to the Juniors and to Mrs Flanagan for their excellent Egyptian museum this week. This was the culmination of all their learning this term and the parents enjoyed

activities such as writing in hieroglyphics, a tourist trip down the River Nile, an ancient Egyptian maths lesson, music making and Egyptian dancing.



Marie Curie Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to all of you who supported our Marie Curie Fundraiser last Friday afternoon. We enjoyed listening to the choir sing and to the infants performance poetry, based on 'On the Ning Nang Nong' by Spike Milligan.

As well as enjoying our tea and cake the children have brought their daffodils home, and in total we have raised over £100 for Marie Curie Nurses to support patients with a terminal illness and their families in the comfort of their own homes.

Congratulations!

Star of the Week Awards



Congratulations to the following children who received Star of the week awards in our last celebration worship: Toby for his excellent research, Mia for going above and beyond with her homework, Evie for her fantastic swimming and Emma for her amazing poetry.

General News

Gambia exchange visit

You will recall that Miss Lawton was due to visit the Gambia last October but was forced to cancel at the last minute. We are really pleased that the reciprocal visit is still due to go ahead and the teacher from Bakau New Town school, in the Gambia is due to be with us from Thursday 16th to Wednesday 22nd April (although she is still waiting for her visa to be cleared so we have our fingers crossed!). She is coming to teach us about her school in the Gambia and also to learn about education in England, and a little about our culture. We are really hoping that some of our families (or groups of parents) might offer some hospitality in terms of perhaps inviting her for an evening meal, or perhaps taking her to a place of interest. Please do get in touch if you are able to help.

Church News

Reverend Clive would like to invite everyone to the 'Walk of Witness' on Friday 3rd April, leaving school at 11am to St Mary's church, he looks forward to seeing many of you, including any children.

Village News

As some of you will have seen, the Village Hall has a very smart new library. It is well stocked with adult books, but less well equipped with children's books. If you have any unwanted books that are in good condition, please could you pass them on to Emma Raper.

Headlice

We have received reports of Head Lice in school. Would you please check your child's hair, should you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school nurse at Bedale Health Clinic 01677 425111.

Conditioner is the initial treatment together with a bug busting kit available from your local chemists, however if the problem remains Lyclear is also available to purchase from the shop.

Children with long hair please ensure this is tied back to prevent the problem spreading.

ParentPay

Due to the financial year end, please do not make any payments on ParentPay from now until after the 14th April when we return. Many thanks.

School Trips next term

As a staff we place a high importance on the enjoyment and enhancement to learning that school trips can provide, we have certainly seen some excellent writing come out of the Ripon trip this week. I would like to give you some advance notice of the trips we are planning for next term.

Bradford trip

We believe that it is really important for the children in our school to learn about the world that they are growing up in, and to celebrate the multiculturalism of our country. As part of our citizenship and RE curriculum we have booked a visit for the whole school to visit a Mandir in Bradford on Wednesday 3rd June to learn more about the Hindu faith. After visiting the Mandir in the morning we will visit the Bombay stores and supermarket in the afternoon to shop for resources for school.

We are expecting to be back at school by approximately 4.30pm (this may change slightly nearer the time). As a one-off, the Friends of the school have very kindly agreed to fund this trip (please see letter attached), but I would ask you to support them in their fundraising as the money is going directly to every one of our children.

Back by popular request!

Since starting at this school I have been repeatedly asked by pupils, parents and governors when we can repeat the Jonas Centre trip that has previously been a bi-annual one night residential visit for the whole school. The children in the junior class have very fond memories of this visit, which is clearly one of the highlights of their school career so far, and are particularly keen to repeat it. We have provisionally booked the centre for Tuesday 23rd June (unfortunately the price doubles if we go later in the week). The Wensleydale Railway have very kindly agreed to put on an additional train to Redmire especially for us on the Tuesday Morning and we will return by train on Wednesday afternoon.

We intend to use the outdoor space that the Jonas centre offers not only as an opportunity for the children to have some time for quiet and reflection, but also for the whole school to work together as a team to launch a creative writing week. Using the environments of the train, the Dales, Bolton Castle and (hopefully) a starry night sky as the stimulus we intend to use this experience to improve our writing. We will also be walking in the Dales, orienteering and taking part in some sports challenges. Making our own beds and packed lunches is also likely to be quite a challenge!

The trip is still only provisionally booked, but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible. In order for the trip to go ahead we will need to ask all parents for a contribution of £22 to cover the cost of transport, food and admission to the castle. This will be on Parent Pay after the holidays and will need to be paid by 19th June. The overnight accommodation will be paid for by school on this occasion.

We appreciate that for some of our younger children the prospect could be quite daunting and invite parents in to school to discuss any aspect of the trip that they are worried about. We will be holding a meeting for parents and children on Monday 8th June at 3.30pm.

Governor news

We are lucky to have such a highly skilled team of governors, and over the course of the term we have been gradually introducing them through our newsletters. This week we have asked Reverend Clive, one of our foundation governors, to contribute a little bit about himself:

It is a delight to be able to spend quality time with the children of my parish, I really enjoy our times of collective worship, and offering the services of the Church community as we seek to be a source of support and encouragement to them and to the staff of this delightful village school.

A message from Collette Faulks our Chair of Governors:

This term seems to have gone by very quickly. I hope everyone has enjoyed all of the exciting things that the children have done this term: being monks and Egyptians this week alone! Just a reminder that the nursery consultation is available on the website and we would be really grateful for all responses as we will be looking at whether this is a good idea for the school at the Governing Body meeting shortly after the holidays. Have a lovely Easter everyone and see you all next term.

First week back after Easter

Fi has been signed off for the next half term, but we are very lucky that Tracey Morgan, the replacement cook has agreed to stay on with us for that time. Please note that the dinners for the week after half term will be following the North Yorkshire County Caterers new summer term menu starting with week 1.

Monday - Training day

Tuesday - 3.30 and 7pm Parents forum

Wednesday - Bedale nursery will be visiting Year 1

Thursday - Teacher from our partner school in the Gambia arrives

Diary Dates

13.4.15	Training day
14.4.15	Parents forum meetings 3.30 and 7pm
16.4.15	Gambian teacher arrives
17.4.15	Whole school forest Schools Closing date for nursery consultation
11 - 15.5.15	SATS week
12.5.15	Friends Boden Party
3.6.15	Bradford trip
13.6.15 (Saturday)	Thornton Watlass football competition - Y2 -6
23.6.15	Proposed Jonas Centre trip