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## Headteacher's Message

Hello

### Book Looks

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers after school on Wednesday, looking at work with the children. If you weren't able to join us then, or would like to come again (perhaps even a different family member), there is another opportunity at 3:20/25pm next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Simply come along and enter school through the door that your child/ren usually use in the morning. This is the first time we have tried sharing work in this way; any feedback would be much appreciated to help us understand whether or not parents/carers have found it beneficial. Thank you.

### National Education Union Strike Days next week

Currently, we do expect to be fully open on the consecutive teacher strike days next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the letter you will have received earlier today for additional detail.

### Can you help?

We are really keen to appoint two further Midday Supervisory Assistants (MSAs) to support the children to enjoy a positive lunchtime experience. It can be difficult to recruit to this role, we think due to the hours of work being in the middle of the day. However, it is such a rewarding and enjoyable role, engaging with and supporting the children. Our current team of MSAs would be very supportive towards any new MSAs and training would also be provided. Whilst we would love to find two new MSAs who can fulfil the role 5 days each week, we are also very open to whatever working pattern would work for the right candidates. Please can I ask you to consider who you may be able to spread the word to that we are looking to recruit to this MSA role? Anyone interested in joining our school team as an MSA can [view the application pack](#) on our website and/or collect one from the school office, along with an application form. Thank you for your help with this.

I hope everyone is able to have a pleasant weekend.

Liz Clark



## Non-Uniform Day

It will be Red Nose Day on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** and we are having a non-uniform day to show our support. The theme for this year's Red Nose Day is all about coming together and spreading joy.

We are asking children to '**Dress up for joy**'; this could be by wearing red from head to toe, wearing their brightest socks or wearing something that makes them smile.

Unfortunately, due to our current risk assessment, children will not be able to bring the traditional or the new paper red noses into school with them - we do welcome alternatives such as face paint!

If you would like to make a voluntary donation, you will be able to do so via ParentPay, during w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing everyone smile!



## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

This week has been 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' week.

We have enjoyed reading the traditional tale and exploring different skills through this theme. The children have built bridges for the billy goats out of a range of materials. They have also enjoyed retelling the story using characters and props. In literacy, they have continued to develop their writing skills by writing captions and sentences to tell the story. We are very impressed with how the children are using the phonemes taught and improving their handwriting.

Our phonics lessons, this week, have consolidated the teaching of a range of digraphs. We have practised reading and writing words with these phonemes and also practised reading words which have digraphs (two letters that make one sound) with the ending 'er'. Using our phonics home learning activities are a great way for you to continue to practise our daily phonics lessons at home.



In **Maths**, this week, we have investigated 3D shapes. This has included learning the names of the shapes and using them to create repeated patterns. The children also explored some of their properties by testing if 3D shapes would roll down a ramp. In the classrooms, they also found everyday objects which matched the shape, for example matching a dice to a cube.



Thank you for sharing the activities which the children enjoy doing outside of school. It is lovely to see their interests. Please do upload more photos as the opportunity arises.

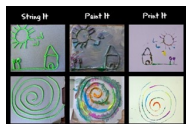


Mrs Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team



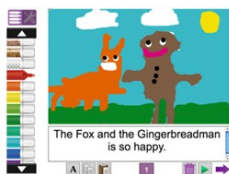
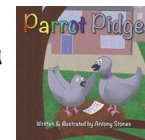
## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

What a creative week in Key Stage One... we can't believe how amazing everyone has been in lots of different ways!



We have really enjoyed our art project over the past couple of weeks. We have been using different materials to develop patterns on a printing board. We have used string, cardboard, straws and pipe cleaners to develop and test which materials would be the best for our final piece. For our final piece we used our desired materials to make a print of an animal in its habitat... a great curricular link with our science topic! We set about designing our final print to then print and evaluate, which included some very thoughtful responses to elements they would change. Head over to twitter to see some of our masterpieces!

In addition to this, we have been busy creating in other ways. Last week, on World Book Day, we had a visit from children's author Antony Stones. He read us some of his books and set us a challenge to draw and colour pictures of the animals from the story, for example puffins, and to dress up an animal, like another animal from Parrot Pidge. We used photographs to help us and those who chose to do an animal in fancy dress, used their imaginations and favourite animals to create their entry. The results were AMAZING! There was such close attention to detail and all of the children had such a positive attitude towards their work. We think that Antony is going to have a hard time choosing winners... but don't worry if you want to see the books yourself; as Antony Stones is a local author, his books are available in Thora and the Prince in the village.



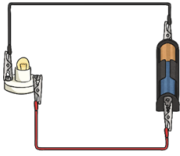
We have also enjoyed releasing our creativity...and magic, as we have continued our work on making digital music using the software on Purple Mash. We have experimented with adding layers of instruments as well as creating our own tunes and rhythms. We have also adjusted the tempo of the music and the volume of each instrument to get the balance of sound that we wanted.

Such a busy, but amazing week. Well done everyone!

Mr Merrill, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Atkinson.

## Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

The year 3 and 4 children have worked incredibly hard this week! We are so proud of how well they have done with retrieving information and making inferences during our reading sessions, recalling key methods in maths and showing that they are making super progress with learning their times tables and common exception words. Well done!



In science, we have been creating electrical circuits this week. We began by discussing and ensuring that everyone knew how to use the electrical equipment safely and responsibly. The children were then given the challenge of seeing if they could create a simple circuit that included a battery, 2 wires and a bulb. After exploring the equipment and working out how to create a simple circuit, the children looked at a variety of different circuits and predicted whether or not the circuits would work. They then drew their own circuits using the correct electrical symbols to create their diagrams and stated whether or not the circuit was complete, incomplete and how the position of the switch affected whether the circuit would work or not. In our final science session this week, the children completed an investigation into conductors and insulators and did brilliantly with making it a fair test and writing up their results. Super scientists this week!

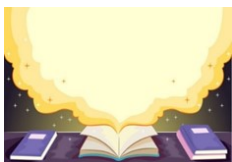
During our history lesson, the children looked at the Roman army. We discovered lots of interesting facts about how the army developed over time and that as they began to fight further away from home, it became a full time job for the soldiers. The children then looked at the different equipment soldiers used and how they dressed for battle, along with the different activities they did during their training. Then we all had a go at the different formations the Romans used during battle. These included the turtle, the wedge, the repel cavalry and the orb which were all ways of attacking and defending themselves against their enemies.



**Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham.**



## Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



As part of our new computing unit (Text Adventures), we have planned our own animated, branching story. On each page of the book, that we will write, the reader will have to make a decision which will change the plot of the story. Ultimately, this will affect the ending. We used 2Connect to create a branching flow diagram so that we could organise the different choices, pages and outcomes.

This week in English, the Year 6s completed a persuasive leaflet advertising Robinwood for Year 5 pupils. Meanwhile, Year 5s wrote persuasively to advertise Seaworld which is a theme park in Florida. All children used both literary and punctuation techniques within their leaflets.



This week, we visited York Mosque. It was a fascinating visit that drew together our learning from our R.E. lessons in class. We were able to identify different aspects of the mosque and had the opportunity to ask the Imam questions. A huge thank you to the PTA who funded the coach and made this trip possible.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

**Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod.**



## PTA News



### Shhhh....Secret Room!

On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** we have our wonderful **Secret Room** where the children can buy a small gift ready for Mother's Day or for someone special in their life. Gifts will be priced at £1, £2, £3, £4 or £5 each. This event will take place in the school day.

Please bring any money in an envelope, clearly stating name/class/amount of money on the front. We hope the children enjoy it!

### After-School Treat / Second Hand Uniform Sale

On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** we will be selling **Hot Chocolate with Marshmallows and a chocolate biscuit** after school in the Playground. It will be £1, with all money raised going to School!



**KIDS CLUB KIDS** - please take your £1 in an envelope to ensure you don't miss out

Ingredients lists will be available, and a Haribo sweet packet will be available as an alternative to a biscuit. Hot Choc will be made with water not milk.

We will also be selling **Second Hand Uniform** (jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts) – all £1 each

### Kings Coronation Pin Badges

We will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and like we did for the Queens Jubilee we will be giving each school child a pin badge on a special card as a memento.



Again, we will order a few more which you can order for siblings etc not in school – these will be £1 each.

### Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant



We have organised a Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant in Haxby on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 at 7pm** with all profits going to the school. This will be a fun night with friends or an opportunity to meet other parents/carers!

It will cost **£20 per person** which includes a fantastic Quiz and a delicious three course meal.

There are tables of 4, 5 and 6 available (5 and 6 on a first come first serve basis), so please get a table of family or friends together and join us. More details will follow but if you would like a table, please email [Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com) for tickets and details of how to pay.



The PTA recently paid for Florence Nightingale to visit!

### Basketball League

Thank you to Kiera, Theo, Milo, Daniel, Ruby and Thomas who played in the year 5/6 basketball tournament on Tuesday after school against Wigginton and Huntington Primary schools. Not only did they play together fantastically as a team but they also played in the occasional snow flurries. I was really proud of their determination, positive attitude and stamina throughout; well done.



**Mrs Atkinson - PE Leader.**

This Week's Attendance



Thank you for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible.

## School Menu

Thank you to those parents/carers who are regularly booking their child(ren)'s meals via ParentPay; **all meals should please be booked, by 9am, on the day upon which they are required.** Children make their individual menu choice during morning registration, enabling the school kitchen to prepare the correct quantities of each option. It really helps teachers with their morning registration if children have already discussed the menu at home, meaning they are already aware of their preferred choice. Parents/carers can also take this opportunity, when discussing menus, to perhaps encourage children to try something new (if applicable). The salad bar and fresh fruit/yoghurt table further compliment the main options for the day.

Our Mellors catering team are not only focused on preparing daily meals, but also on ensuring the highest levels of hygiene within our kitchen; the kitchen's most recent food hygiene rating was a 5/5 'Very Good', which went some way to recognising the team's efforts. The team also love chatting to children and are always open to any feedback that is shared, taking this forward when planning future menus. Our catering manager is in the process of finalising the next menu, which will be in place after the Easter holidays and we'll be able to share it with you soon. You can find the current menu on our school [website](#).



## PE Survey

As PE Leader in school, I am always striving to improve the sporting opportunities and curriculum we offer all children at Ralph Butterfield. I would very much appreciate it, if you could complete the PE survey by clicking on the link below. There are questions for your child/ren to answer and questions that are specifically designed for parents and carers.

<https://www.koboca.co.uk/pupilparent-survey/?q=a8a04ec7>

Thank you  
Mrs Atkinson



## Big Walk and Wheel

Please support your child/ children in taking part in the 'Big Walk and Wheel challenge' which starts from 20<sup>th</sup> March to the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### What is Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel?

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.



Thank you

Mrs Atkinson – PE Leader



We hope you have enjoyed browsing the latest Scholastic leaflet that your child/ren brought home last week. As well as this month's leaflet there is hundreds of fantastic, discounted children's books to choose from online, including a wide variety of non-fiction books. If you would like to place an order, please visit <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/ralph-butterfield-primary/digital-book-club> and **place your order online by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. Your order will then arrive in school and be distributed to your child. Please do not hesitate to ask Miss Clapham if you have any questions about the book club or ordering process. Many thanks for your continued support of our Scholastic book club and to those who have already placed an order.



# Underwater Hockey... The Reason You Learnt To Swim!

**FUN for aquatic animals of all kinds!**

**Contact:**  
yorkoctopush@gmail.com  
Underwater hockey give it a go session for Years 5 & 6!  
All kit will be provided, just bring a swimming costume and socks you don't mind getting wet!  
3-4pm, Saturday 11th March  
Yearsley Swimming Pool

**BRITISH OCTOPUSH ASSOCIATION**  
[WWW.GBUWH.CO.UK](http://WWW.GBUWH.CO.UK)

## Easter Holiday workshops

A programme of free events, for children eligible for free school meals. All sessions are 10:00-12:00 and children will get a choice of meal in the library cafe afterwards.

### Circus Skills for ages 8+

Lively and creative circus skills session. Scarf juggling, plate spinning, diabolo flipping, balloon balancing fun!

Acomb Explore	Monday 3 April
Tang Hall Explore	Tuesday 11 April
York Explore	Wednesday 12 April



### Hoglets Workshop for ages 5+

We will be using drama, puppetry, craft, movement, storytelling and fun to explore how we think and feel.

Workshop 1 will be investigating how our feelings look to those around us with the use of craft, music and movement.

Workshop 2 will be exploring how our feelings affect our bodies using drama, puppetry and storytelling.

York Explore	Session 1 Mon 3 April,	Session 2 Thurs 6 April
Acomb Explore	Session 1 Tues 4 April,	Session 2 Thurs 13 April
Tang Hall Explore	Session 1 Weds 5 April,	Session 2 Weds 12 April

Children can attend one or both sessions.

All children aged 8 and under must be supervised by an adult

### Craft & Create for ages 5+

Get creative and enjoy making some spring themed crafts. Have hands on fun and choose from seasonal activities such as sock bunnies and Easter garlands.

Tang Hall Explore	Tuesday 4 April
Acomb Explore	Friday 14 April

All children aged 8 and under must be supervised by an adult



### Comic Illustration for ages 11+

Whether your head is already filled with ideas, or you have a passing interest in comics, learn tips and tricks to tell your story! No prior knowledge is required, only an interest in drawing and telling stories

Acomb Explore	Saturday 1 April
York Explore	Monday 3 April
Tang Hall Explore	Saturday 15 April

**Booking essential.**  
Please email [lyndsay.glover@exploreyork.org.uk](mailto:lyndsay.glover@exploreyork.org.uk)  
to secure your place.



Do you have a child with a diagnosis of autism or who is on the diagnostic assessment pathway for autism ?

## YIKs...

### ...could help you

- Autism clubs
- Holiday clubs
- Pre/post diagnostic support
- Peer support
- Drop-in sessions with specialists.

### Autism Clubs

- 4-8 yrs
- 8-10 yrs
- 10-12 yrs
- 13-18 yrs

small group sessions offered fortnightly for each of the age groups. Please check our website for full information

### Holiday Clubs

- Four hour sessions
- Small groups
- hot food & drinks
- weekly themes
- sessions planned in conjunction with the children

### Pre-Post Diagnostic Support

Working in connection with our colleagues in health and local authority offering training drop-ins & autism, lead discussions.

### Peer Support

Regular coffee sessions with other parents & carers – an opportunity to share tips, strategies and to support each other.

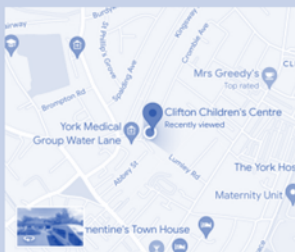
### Drop-In Sessions

#### To include :

- The Specialist Teaching Team
- CAMHS
- Autism Community Connectors & Engagement Team (ACCET)
- SENDIASS
- EHCP's

### FIND US

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