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Deputy Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

In staffing news, next Friday 21st October, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Walker who has been with us for two years, teaching classes when class teachers have statutory PPA time and/or senior leadership time. I am sure you would join me in wishing Mrs Walker well, as she takes up a new post elsewhere after half term. I would like to thank Mrs Walker for her dedication to teaching the children she has worked with throughout her time at our school. We will be advertising the vacancy left by Mrs Walker's departure in the next few days, with a view to appointing to the position in mid-November. Of course, there may be a notice period for the successful candidate to work prior to joining our team. In the meantime, if your child has been taught by Mrs Walker, please rest assured that we will be endeavouring to keep consistency of supply staff and class teachers will be working closely together with them.

I hope that for those parents/carers who have met with class teachers this week, these have been useful conversations. Class teachers are looking forward to continuing to meet with parents/carers in the online meetings arranged for next week. We do encourage parents/carers to make contact at any time of the year for a discussion; you are not restricted to meeting class teachers in the two statutory points of the year in which meetings are 'officially' held.



Just a reminder also, that the school photographer will be in school next Thursday 20th October, taking individual photographs. For more information relating to this, please see the letter sent on Monday.

I hope you are able to enjoy a lovely, autumnal weekend.

Liz Clark



Going to school **every day**
can help your child experience
new things.

For more information on school absence in York visit:
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance



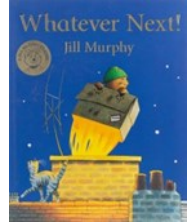
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



We have continued our learning journey in **phonics** this week by learning four new graphemes; h, b, f and l. The children are also excited to be making progress with sounding out and blending phonemes together to begin to read words. They are delighted that they are beginning to crack the code of reading!

If you would like more information about how we teach phonics, please do visit our class pages on the school website. This has further information about the phonics scheme we teach, Little Wandle, and also a link to their parent information page.

This week, in our '**Journeys**' theme, we have explored space travel. We began this last Friday by taking part in a Royal Astronomical Society story telling session called 'Fly me to the moon'. This was an online session using songs, puppets and signing to introduce the phases of the moon, produced specifically for children in Reception. The children thoroughly enjoyed joining in and learnt new facts too! During this week, we have then introduced the concept of travelling into space through stories including 'Whatever Next' and 'Aliens love underpants'. Linked to these stories, the children have enjoyed acting out the events using small world resources and large cardboard boxes, made junk model rockets and played planet and alien themed maths games to determine more or less. They have also deepened their space related vocabulary.



Harlow Carr visit

On Wednesday 19th October, we will be visiting Harlow Carr. Please can you ensure all children have a packed lunch, waterproof coat, sturdy shoes/boots and trousers on that day? If you have any questions regarding the visit, please do ask.

Continued help...

Thank you for your junk modelling donations this week to build our space rockets. If you would like to continue to save clean small/medium boxes, tubes, tubs, bottle tops or packaging, we would be very grateful to receive this for our model making area. Please hand this to any Reception adult.

It has been fantastic to be able to chat with many of our Reception families this week during parents' evening and we really do value this opportunity. We are looking forward to speaking to the remaining families next week during our online appointments. Please don't hesitate to contact us, if you wish to discuss anything.

Well done to the children for another fantastic week in Reception!

WELL DONE!

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



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



Year 2 children have been really enjoying their recorder lessons with Miss Freitas. So far, they have looked at how to hold the recorder correctly, how to blow so that the recorder doesn't squeak and how to play the note 'B' by correctly covering the holes. The note 'B' has then been used to play two pieces that have different rests in between the notes.



The children have worked very hard in English this week, writing instructions about how to make a wormery. The children had great fun on Monday afternoon, adding sand and soil to plastic bottles. Then topping it with vegetable peelings and last but not least the most exciting part was finding worms to place in their wormeries. After the worms were happily in their new homes, black paper was taped around the outside to keep the light out. We will be keeping an eye on them to see how they decompose the soil.



Every day, the children are also practising their reading skills in phonic lessons. They are amazing at recognising the sounds, reading the sounds within words and then including the words in sentences. In reading, we continue to look at different vocabulary and discuss the meaning behind words in the context of the book. We have also been answering comprehension questions by finding the words within the text to show where we found the answer. Thank you for also reading with your children at home.

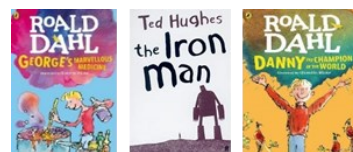
Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Mrs K Atkinson.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

The love of reading is becoming infectious across Lower Key Stage Two. We have been blown away by the book reviews the children completed based on their 'Reading for Pleasure' book as part of their homework. We cannot wait to make our reading recommendation book out of them. The children have also continued to thoroughly enjoy their whole class novels. Class 6 are reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and are finding the mischief George is getting up to highly entertaining. Class 7 are still intrigued by the mysterious 'Iron Man' who appears from the ocean and devours the farmer's machinery. Class 8 have been enjoying 'Danny Champion of the World' and exploring the close relationship between a father and a son.



In history, the children have delved into the earliest forms of farming that were developed during the Stone Age. They learnt about how humans survived during the Palaeolithic times by foraging for edible plants and hunter gathering. This all changed by the Iron Age in which people cultivated land to grow crops, settled and built houses and began to domesticate wild animals.



All three classes have begun working on addition during maths. Children have been learning to spot patterns in the numbers they are adding, developing mental methods to add two or more numbers together and looking at written methods to add more complex numbers.

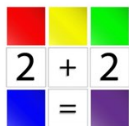
Another super week in Lower Key Stage Two, well done Year 3 and 4!

We hope that you have a fabulous weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham.

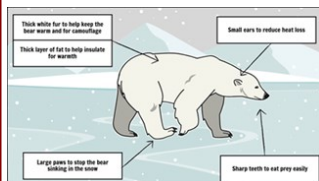


Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



As part of our computing this term, we have been building on our prior learning of using 2Calculate, a spreadsheet programme. We inputted data and used the function wizard to create formula. Using this formula, we were able to create a random number generator which could create and tally 500 dice rolls in mere moments. We then used this information to produce running totals in order to answer some mathematical questions.

In RE this week, we have continued our study of Humanism. This year, we are building on our understanding of the core values and the way in which Humanists live their lives. We have taken part in lessons considering the moral obligation of making the right choice, even if there are no consequences to ourselves.



As part of English and science this term, we have been studying why living things need to adapt and evolve. We have been learning that through the process of evolution, and as a consequence of 'survival of the fittest', plants and animals develop features to enable them to become better suited to certain habitats and environments.

Please do not hesitate to contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions, concerns or news to share.

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



 SCHOLASTIC



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 are hundreds of fantastic, discounted children's books to choose from online, including a wide variety of Christmas stories and activity books. If you would like to place an order, please visit <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/ralph-butterfield-primary/digital-book-club> and **place your order online by Sunday 23rd October**. Your order will then arrive in school and be distributed to your child. If you would prefer the books to bypass your child and be handed directly to yourself, please email the office so that this can be arranged. 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.



Snippets from the Log Books



6th November 1935 -- School closed for the Royal Wedding. His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester marries Lady Alice Montagu Douglas Scott.





We hope everyone who was able to attend the Disco enjoyed themselves. We had 238 children attend with over a 100 going to the first disco. It was the Reception children's first disco so there was a lot to get used to – the music, lots of people, lights, the games...but they all did really well and the quieter area we set up worked and also the invaluable help of the teachers and PTA volunteers who supported on the night. We raised £507, thank you!

Things coming up...

Bags2School Collection

On **Friday 21st October**, we will be having a **Bags2School** collection at 8.45am in the school playground.

We ask that you please keep and bag up (in a Bags2School bag which have been given out or in a bin bag) any unwanted clothes, towels, paired shoes, jewellery, bed sheets, belts, scarves, hats, curtains and bags (no duvets and pillows). All money raised goes to the school!



Also, if you have any:

- Unused, but good condition **logo** School uniform (cardigans, jumpers and polo shirts only)
- Winter coats - in good condition and clean (donated to Burton Green Primary)
- Unused, and in good condition Christmas Jumpers (we will be advertising a Christmas Jumper rehome event - closer to Christmas)



(Please keep these separate and hand them to a PTA team member on the day)



Second Hand Uniform Sale and Friday Afternoon Treats



Also on **Friday 21st October**, **afterschool** we will be selling **Hot Chocolate with Marshmallows and a chocolate biscuit** after school in the playground. It will be £1.

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 running a **Second Hand Uniform Sale** (all items a £1 each), which includes jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts.

Pumpkin Carving Competition



BOO! It's that time of year. Time to get your pumpkin carving skills ready. This is the third year of this 'spook-actular' competition.

Please carve a pumpkin at home and send a photo of it by email (please no children on the photos), along with child's name and year group, to ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com and make a donation by BACS to Ralph Butterfield School PTA (acc no 83116964, s/c 20 98 98, reference: Surname and Class). Competition closing date is **Monday 31st October!**



We will ask the school to choose a **1st prize** from **Reception/KS1** and then from **KS2**. Photos will be displayed on our PTA Facebook page and on the school website (without names).

Winners will receive a spooky prize! This is just a bit of fun for half term and hopefully raise money for our school. Please join in!

Parent/Carer Survey

The Admission Consultation for school admissions in 2024 – 2025 begins on **Monday 3rd October**. This year's Admissions Consultation is being jointly held by admissions authorities in the City of York between **3rd October and 13th November 2022**. The consultation includes the admission policies and planned number of places available at each school in the year(s) of entry. All documents can be found in their draft (pre-determined) form at <https://www.york.gov.uk/CoordinatedAdmissionConsultation> during the consultation period.

Parents and carers are invited to contribute to the consultation by going to <https://www.york.gov.uk/CoordinatedAdmissionConsultation> and completing the parents, carers and public survey online. Following the consultation, each admission authority will formally set ('determine') their admission arrangements for admission in 2024 - 2025 by 28 February 2023. Determined policies will be on the City of York Council website by 15 March 2023 after which objections can be raised. All documents can be found in their draft (pre-determined) form at <https://www.york.gov.uk/CoordinatedAdmissionConsultation> Determined policies for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 can be found at <https://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissionPolicies>

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY



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4 Morning sessions
Starting 14th November
9.30 to 11.30am
Hob Moor Children's
Centre, Green Ln,
Acomb, York YO24 4RF

This course, led by trained facilitators, will help you to better understand, recognise and manage anger in your family and give you the chance to share your own thoughts and ideas. You will quickly see you're not alone!
For more info contact Jen Wootten
Tel: 07393 147259
Email: jenwootten@fmy.org.uk

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: THE PRIMARY YEARS



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5 Thursday sessions
Starting 10th November
9.30 - 11.30 am
Hempland Primary School
Whitby Ave, Heworth,
York YO31 1ET

A course led by trained facilitators to help you to support your child as they start to find out how the world works & learn to manage their feelings. You'll get evidence based information, and opportunity to share ideas with other parents, quickly learning that you are not alone.
For more info contact Jen Wootten
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TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: THE EARLY YEARS



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5 Wednesday sessions
Starting 9th November
7.30 - 9.15 pm
Online via Zoom

A course led by trained facilitators to help you build a healthy relationship with your baby, toddler or pre-school child and give you some positive tools to manage difficult behaviour. With a mix of evidence based teaching & discussion time, you will grow in confidence and quickly learn that you are not alone.
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