



Ralph Butterfield Primary School School Newsletter



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Headteacher's Message

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents/carers for the **face to face appointments** next week. In a change to that described in the initial information letter, these will now be taking place in the school hall. If your meeting is face to face, **please enter school via the main entrance** and make your way to the school hall. Please also leave via the main entrance. It is important that you can have uninterrupted time to talk to the teacher. We would therefore politely request that if your child(ren) need to come with you to school, that they wait on the chairs in the waiting area of the hall whilst you are speaking with the class teacher. Thank you also for your understanding that teachers will need to adhere to the 10 minute appointment length, to avoid delays for the next parent/carers. If on meeting, you and the class teacher find that more time is needed, a further appointment will need to be arranged.

I would like to say a really big thank you to all of the parents/carers who have shared their expertise with the children in classes and even in an assembly, this term. This has included an author, a dentist, and this week, a scientist! If you would like to share your expertise with our children, do please let us know. We love welcoming visitors!

School-aged children from Reception to Year 11 eligible for free school meals can access the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) during the Easter school holidays, including a nutritious meal and various enriching activities. (Please be aware that this is the eligibility for free school meals that is applied for, not the universal Infant Free School Meals for all Reception to Year 2 children). Haxby Memorial Hall are running an Easter Scheme with bookable places. Please see the flyer included towards the back of the newsletter and if you need any help to book a place, please do ask at our school office.

You can find further HAF information and updates, and activities on offer in York this Easter [here](#).

I hope you can enjoy a lovely weekend.

Liz Clark



Phonics Parent/Carer Workshop

We are delighted to invite you to a phonics workshop on **Monday 27th March**. This will be held in the school hall from **2.15pm** until the end of the school day. This workshop will focus predominantly on how we teach phonics in Reception and Year 1, how this supports children with their early reading skills (and beyond) and information about the national phonics screening check (Year 1). We understand that not all parents/carers will be able to attend this workshop so we will be sending out the presentation (to all Reception and Year 1 parents/carers) after this event via email. We look forward to seeing you.



Message from St Mary's Church

It was a pleasure to welcome Rev Kathryn Jackson into school, with the Team from YoYo, to spend time with Year 5 and Year 6 on World Book Day last week. Rev Kathryn Jackson really enjoyed her visit and would like to share the following:

The children's book costumes were excellent, and helped set the scene as we talked about stories from the Bible. The children wrote some very powerful and touching poems from the point of view of an object in one of the Bible stories.

The poems are now displayed at the back of St Mary's church in Haxby and in Aroma café in Haxby. I would like to thank the children very much for these poems, as so many people are enjoying and commenting on them. You are very welcome to pop into the church and have a look at the poems. The church is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am – 3.30pm.

This Sunday, Mothering Sunday, 19th March, we would love to invite the children and their families to a special Mothering Sunday service at 10.15am. I will be leading this service with the Team from YoYo. Flowers will be provided for the children to give to their parents/carers. If any of the children would be willing to do a reading at the service, please contact me at rectorkathryn@btinternet.com or on 01904 765155.



We look forward to seeing Rev Kathryn Jackson in school again soon.

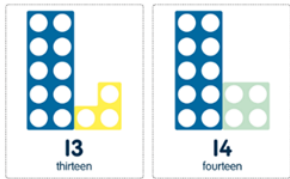
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

This week has been 'The Three Little Pigs' week.



The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring building houses with a range of large construction materials and then using these to act out the story in our outside classroom. These have been fantastic! We have also created our own paper plate little pig, used a magnetic theatre to act out the story and explored the properties of different materials (sorting these into hard and soft materials).

Our phonics lessons, this week, have consolidated the teaching of a range of digraphs. We have practised reading and writing words with multiple digraphs, for example, **rubbish** and **farmer**. We have also practised reading longer words containing the ending **-ing**. To do this, we practise reading the 'root word' **look** and then sound out and blend the ending **i-ng**. After splitting the word up to sound it out in two parts, we then blend the word altogether, for example, **l-oo-k-i-ng = looking**. This can be practised on our weekly phonics home learning sheets. If you would like to find out more about how we teach phonics, please see the phonics workshop information in this newsletter.



In **Maths**, this week, we have begun to understand numbers beyond 10. The children have started to create numbers using the Numicon pieces that represent each number. To make 12, they learnt to use a 10 and a 2 etc. We are also beginning to count larger numbers from 10, for example, starting at 10 and moving up in 1s. We shall continue to revisit number bonds to 10 at the start of each maths lesson.

On Thursday, the children enjoyed a walk into Haxby. They investigated the different houses which are in the town. The children enjoyed discussing the materials which the houses are made of and using new words to describe the houses, for example, bungalow and roof. It was lovely to be able to investigate houses at first hand rather than through pictures.

This week has also been National Science Week. As part of this, we have investigated which materials are strong enough to build a house and which blow down easily. The children experimented by using a range of materials and a hairdryer. They had lots of fun!



Thank you for sharing the activities which the children enjoy doing outside of school. It is lovely to see their interests. This week, if your child has been out and about in our local area, we would enjoy seeing what they found.

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



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



Key Stage 1 have gone wild this week, with lots of exciting learning based around animals, researching about different animals and writing non-chronological reports about them. We looked at some information texts and the features of them. We then wrote our information under subheadings, being sure to include technical vocabulary. We tried to make our information as interesting as possible by using different types of sentences. There are definitely some future David Attenboroughs in the making!



Also in science this week we have been investigating seasonal changes. We have thought in detail about the differences between winter and spring. For example, we have learned about what happens to plants and animals during winter and how the weather and daylight changes. We learned about what impact the changes of seasons have and looked



for signs of spring, such as new growth, animals being born and birds migrating back to our country. We also developed our scientific working skills by using a classification key to ask questions about objects based on their features and characteristics.

We have been enjoying our P.E as well. Mr Walton has been working with us, teaching us multi-ability ball skills, such as passing, dribbling and running into space. We have enjoyed working as a team and taking part in fun relay activities.



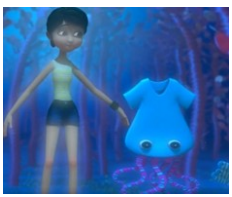
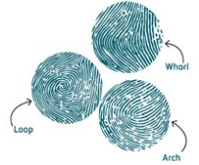
Mr Merrall, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Atkinson.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)



The Year 3 and 4 children (and staff) were super excited this week to begin their Roman Chariot Design Technology project. To begin with, the children looked at the structure of a Roman Chariot and labelled key components including the wheels, carriage, axle and shaft to ensure that they all knew how they are built and worked. They then looked at a variety of different chariot designs and how they were decorated. The children designed their own patterns for the front and side of their chariots and then planned out the steps to make their chariot by creating a short story board that included diagrams and descriptions. We can't wait to start making them next week and are looking forward to adding our recently gained knowledge of simple circuits to them, to add a motor so they move on their own.

All of the children thoroughly enjoyed their science week activity based on fingerprints. During this activity, the children all had the opportunity to take their own fingerprints for each finger on both hands by using charcoal to create the print. They then identified the pattern that each print created from loop, whorl and arch and discovered that although we have similar patterns everyone's fingerprints were unique.



During English, the children have been working on their narrative story writing skills. Our fantasy story is based on a short clip called 'Something Fishy' which is about a girl who discovers an underwater world where clothes have transformed into schools of fish, turtles, an octopus and a shark. After identifying the 5 parts of the story, the children have practised writing their own introduction and build up, using subordinating conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials of time, manner and place to add more detailed description.

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions, queries or would like to share any news with us.

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



For British Science Week 2023, we explored different forces. Throughout the week, we were able to move between the different UKS2 classrooms to undertake a variety of investigations. In Class 9 with Mr Tod, we investigated building bridges with paper and then tested their strength using weights. We needed to think about the connections between weights, forces and measures. In Class 10, Mrs Stephenson showed us how to create 'spinners' to investigate air resistance. We needed to consider what we needed to change in order to make the 'spinners' go faster or slower. In Class 11, Mr Bennett helped us to create boats to investigate buoyancy and surface area. We experimented by building different designed boats and by spreading the weight across the boat to prevent it tipping.

As part of our RE lessons, we began our exploration of charity, art and faith. In this unit, we will reflect upon the importance of art and architecture in religion whilst also considering why some believers see generosity and charity as more important than buildings and art. Over the coming weeks, we will look at the art and architecture of different faiths.



As part of our PSHE lessons, we have been learning about what constitutes a positive healthy friendship (e.g. mutual respect, trust, truthfulness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, sharing interests and experiences, support with problems and difficulties); that the same principles apply to online friendships as to face-to-face relationships. In our lessons, we have considered looking at things from others people's perspective and how to resolve disagreements.

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

Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod.



Next Friday! - Friday 24th March

After-School Treat / Second Hand Uniform Sale



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

Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant



We have organised a Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant in Haxby on **Monday 22nd 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 for tickets and details of how to pay.

Thank you to those who have booked tickets already!

Big Walk and Wheel

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



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. ([click here](#))

Thank you. Mrs Atkinson

This Week's Attendance



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



Haxby Memorial Hall
16 The Village
Haxby YO32 3HT
Charity No: 508205



Easter Holiday Scheme – with food

Open to all children in the area donation on the day or free for all children on free school meals (HAF).

There will be a light snack for lunch or bring your own packed lunch.

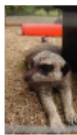
See below on how to book.



Wednesday 5th April

11am to 1.30pm

Easter Craft Day with competition and Easter Egg Hunt



Wednesday 12th April

12noon to 2pm

Meerkats & Exotic Animals

By popular demand Joes Owl Encounters & Exotic Mobile Zoo returns.



Thursday 13th April

9am to 12.30pm

Circus Skills and Face painting.



To book your place please email:

hmhholidayscheme@haxbymemorialhall.co.uk

or text 07989193758 (between 9am and 5pm)

Please note parents/carers must be present during the session.



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Happy Healthy Holidays

Easter Holiday Dance Workshop

WHEN/WHERE:
 Thursday 13th April
 10-12pm 4-5 years
 & 1-3pm 8-9 years
 Friday 14th April
 10-12pm 6-7 years
 & 1-3pm 10-11 years
 Sports Hall, York Community Stadium, Kathryn Avenue, York, YO32 9AF

DRESS: Comfortable clothing suitable for movement

WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York

FOUNDATION

Snack bar, fruit and water will be provided

HOW TO BOOK: Enter the following code **DANCE23** at https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/york-city-courses/multi_activity.html

This secures your space and means you are COMMITTED to attend the session you have selected. Spaces are LIMITED with bookings closing Friday 31st March 2pm. These FREE Holiday sessions are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active this school holiday. Please note that if you booked onto a previous course with us and did not take up your space we reserve the right to withdraw bookings.