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Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

I hope you have been able to enjoy some of the sunshine this week. It certainly supported a fabulous sports day for Reception and Key Stage 1 on Monday. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support one or both of our sports days; we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did.

This week we have shared Phonics Screening Check results with Year 1 parents/carers and Multiplication Check results with Year 4 parents/carers. All of these children have achieved amazingly well and we are so very proud of the children and the progress they have made as a result of their determination and positive attitudes. We expect to receive results in mid-July for the statutory tests completed by Year 6 children and we will share those results with parents/carers as soon as possible after that point.

The children will have their first transition session with their new class for 2024-2025 next Wednesday 3rd July. On this day, you will also receive a letter sharing which class your child will be in. Please read the letter in full as it also contains additional important information. As always, a lot of care and thought has gone into the organisation of classes.

We also wish our Year 6 children well as they have their transition visit to their new secondary schools on the same day. We are always sorry to see these children leave us but we take joy from knowing we have supported them to be in the best possible position for starting Year 7.

I have been absolutely blown away by the quality of entries submitted for the spirited arts competition. The children have taken such care and displayed such creative, artistic talents in addition to the thought that has gone into the messages the pieces are conveying. Some entries are now proudly on display in my office as well as around the school. Ten entries have been submitted to NATRE as our entries to the competition; we will hear back later this year if any of these are chosen as winners.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend.

Liz Clark



A note from Mrs Daniel

I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to the reception children and their families. I have been so very touched by your kind words, gifts and well wishes. I regret that I couldn't stay until the end of the year but look forward to sending on news of the new arrival as soon as I can. It has been a true pleasure to be a part of your children's early journey at RBPS. I wish them all the best with their next steps and can't wait to check in with them next year as big year ones! I hope you have a restful summer.



Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to support the children whilst partaking in their sports days both this week and last. The children were amazing; they showed real determination and resilience especially in the hot weather!



★ I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who gave up their time to help with scoring and the organisation of the events. We couldn't have done it without you.

Well done Clifford who won the KS2 sports day and to Minster who won the EYFS/KS1 sports day.



Key Stage 2 Sports
Day Winners

CLIFFORD



EYFS & Key Stage 1 Sports
Day Winners

MINSTER

Mrs Atkinson
PE Leader

Rounders Competition

Thank you to the year 3 /4 children that played in the rounders competition, yesterday, against Wigginton Primary School. Mr Walton said that the children all played really well and had a great time representing our school.

Thank you to the parents that came and supported!

The competition ended with a draw of 8 all. Well done to all of you; we're very proud of you.



Mrs Atkinson
PE Leader

This Week's Attendance



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

Not going to school every day can make it more likely for your child to get involved in crime or antisocial behaviour.

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



ParentPay - School Dinners



Please ensure that school dinners are booked, via ParentPay, by 8:30am on the day which they are required. Thank you.

A polite reminder that, for those meals which need to be paid for, payment must be received upon booking. Please ensure that your ParentPay account is kept up to date. Thank you.

Should you wish to discuss eligibility for Free School Meals (income based), please contact the school office or apply directly via City of York Council. We're here to help, advise and support - please get in touch if we can help.

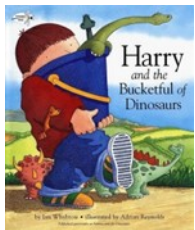
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Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

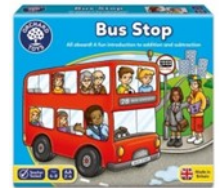
This week, our dinosaur topic has explored whether dinosaurs were found in the United Kingdom, in the past. The children enjoyed learning more details about the palaeontologist Mary Anning and her wonderful fossil finds on the south coast.

This week, in phonics, we have read words which have a suffix added to the end of them to change present tense to past tense words. Words with an -ed suffix ending can often be pronounced in different ways. An example of this is **bumped** – this word sounds like it ends with a **t** sound and **grunted** – sounds like it ends with an **id** sound. We also continue to revise and learn how to read and spell the tricky words **the, I, go, no, you, said, so, have** and **like**.



In literacy, the children have enjoyed reading a variety of 'Harry and the dinosaurs' stories. They selected and drew pictures of the things they would put in their bucket. Then, they wrote a sentence to explain their bucket. We are very impressed with the children's writing progress.

In maths, we have consolidated our addition and subtraction skills by playing board games. These are a brilliant way to practise counting on and back. There are also many other maths skills which can be practised when playing games such as snakes and ladders.



In our RE lessons this term, we have been learning about belonging. The children began by discussing what teams and groups they belong to. They then learnt about how Christians know that children are special to God. This week, our Reception children have learnt about infant Christian baptism. If your child(ren) has attended an infant baptism, perhaps they could share this with us.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our sports day this week. We were very proud of their athletics skills, concentration when following instructions and being 'good sports'. Thank you for coming along to watch your child too. They really did enjoy showing you their skills.



During this warm weather, the children are enjoying accessing our areas of provision in the outdoor classroom. To ensure children are safe in the sun, we insist that children wear a hat and take regular breaks inside. Please help us by ensuring that children have their water bottle and a hat in school each day. Thank you.

Please don't hesitate to discuss any questions or concerns with us.

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





Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

It has been a wonderful week of sunshine, with the British summer almost making as much of an effort as our fabulous Key Stage 1 children. This got off to a flying start this week with our Key Stage 1 Sports day. It was an incredible event full of sporting excellence, as the children ran, threw, jumped and kicked their way to glory. It was great to be able to celebrate the achievement of Team Minster but what was even better was the fantastic sportsmanship on display as our children cheered and encouraged one another. The behaviour and attitude of the children was exemplary and it was so amazing to be able to share this event with the families and friends that came out to cheer us on. We would all like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Atkinson, who put so much time and effort into making the event the success that it was.



It wasn't just sporting excellence that was on display this week. In English, we rounded off our history topic on our two explorers by writing a non-chronological report (information text) to compare Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. Our report not only included information about the two men's lives, but also had a detailed paragraph to compare them and explain why they were so historically significant. We also included an introduction and conclusion to tie our ideas together. It was incredible to see just what our children had learned and to see their historical interpretation skills on display.

In science, we were looking once again at food chains and how energy is passed up the food chain from the producer (a plant) to the apex predator at the top of the food chain. We used technical vocabulary, such as producer and consumer to describe the herbivores, carnivores and omnivores that make up the food chain, as well as discussing the effect that each step has on the others. We then created our own food chains for a variety of different ecosystems.

Food Chain



We hope that everyone has enjoyed the sunshine. We are nearing the end of our school year but the children continue to amaze us. We look forward to seeing everyone again next week.

Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Mr Merrall



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Another super week in Lower Key Stage 2.



At the start of the week, Year 3 participated in pedestrian training with York City Council. During the training, the children learnt how to cross a road safely by ensuring they stop, look and listen, they cross in a straight line and not diagonally and that they look in all directions if they are crossing at a T junction.

In history, the children have continued to enjoy learning about WWII. This week, the children have delved into the home front. The term home front refers to the activities of the people in their home countries, which support the military during a war. This is called the war effort. As part of this, the children learnt about 'Dig for Victory', how people salvaged waste to make new products due to supplies being severely limited and how propaganda encouraged women to go to work.



In English this week, the children have been revisiting and reinforcing various writing features they have learnt over the year. Using different images as writing stimulus, the children were given writing criteria to meet within their writing based on the image. For instance, the children were required to use inverted commas to punctuate speech or a fronted adverbial of time to tell the reader when something was happening.

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

We hope that you have a brilliant weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham



School Uniform Bank

Drop off your child's clean outgrown uniform, shoes, coats and PE kit and pick up the next size a few days later.

DROP OFF POINTS:
AROMA COFFEE SHOP: MONDAY 15TH JULY - 24TH JULY
HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH:
9.30-4PM WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY

Pick up the next size on Saturday 27th July 10-2pm and have a cuppa and cake while you are there. It's free but any donations will go to Refugee Action York



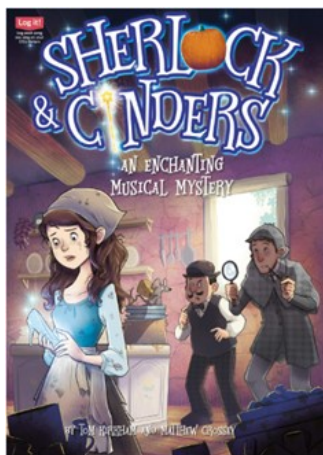
HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH

If you have any queries, please contact Lorraine Jones our Family Worker on 07850 631168 or email at families@hwmc.org.uk

Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church will be holding their uniform bank again in the first week of the summer holidays, as usual, but this year they are inviting families to come and get in on the action! It's great fun taking in the bags of uniform and sorting them all out into sizes and schools. On Wednesday afternoon 24th July 1pm-4pm and Thursday afternoon 1pm-4pm. Do let Lorraine, the family worker, know if you are coming. Children are welcome as long they come with an adult and are prepared to work :) families@hwmc.org.uk. There will be drinks and biscuits for the workers!



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



Rehearsals are now in full swing and are progressing well. The majority of us have learnt our lines and are beginning to put actions and characterisation to our individual performances. There are still songs we need to continue to learn the words to and we should, as part of our homework, practise these at home; these audio tracks can be found following this link: <https://www.ralphbutterfieldprimary.co.uk/classes/upper-key-stage-2/>

ALL costumes are due in by **Tuesday 2nd July**, please. This is as mentioned in the costume letter; please let us know if you have any difficulties regarding this.

The year 5s were thrilled by the trip to Joseph Rowntree for a taster day. We enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities including science, maths, history, English and French! It was a great opportunity to explore the building and surroundings, and to mix with children from other schools.



Evening Performances of Sherlock & Cinderella.

Wednesday 10th July @ 5:30 & Thursday 11th July @ 5:30.

Please make sure that all children (unless already notified to school staff) return to school at **5:00pm** in order to prepare for their production. All children will need to be collected by an adult after each evening performance at ~6:45pm. Thank you.

Reminder On Wednesday 3rd July, Year 6 children (unless notified otherwise) will be visiting their secondary schools. Children are to make their own way there rather than coming to Ralph Butterfield Primary School first.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions, news to share, or concerns.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod





SUMMER FAIR

We are really excited that it's our **SUMMER FAIR** next **Friday, 5th July** - let's hope the sun shines!



We will have a huge amount going on including tombola's, inflatable assault course, zorbs by local company [Speedkix](#), splat the rat, hoopla, inflatable bouncy castle, test your strength and much more.



There will be a bar selling beer and prosecco for you to enjoy and a BBQ with burgers and hot dogs, which was very popular last year.



This year we will have the wonderful [Flying Ducks theatre group](#) performing, which will be something for everyone to enjoy.

To make it all run well – we need a few more volunteers on the night. This is our biggest fundraiser but we do need help to make it happen – please come forward to spare an hour.

Please email ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com

Cake Donations

...Calling all Bakers!

We hope to run a small cake stall at the Summer Fair for everyone to enjoy. We would really welcome your donations of any cakes, biscuits, brownies, buns etc.



Please bring any items to school on the **morning** of the Fair, with a list of ingredients, plus your name on the tin/tub; we return tubs to you the following week.

