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Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

Thank you

I hope everyone has had a positive week, and if you were able to attend, that you enjoyed our sports days. Thank you very much to all of our parent/carer volunteers for helping to ensure these ran smoothly, and to Mrs Atkinson for the overall organisation of these days. Our summer fair last Friday was amazing and had a fantastic turn out; thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support us. We were very fortunate with the weather for the second year in a row! So many people who visited us for the first time commented how extraordinarily special the event was compared to other school summer fairs. This is only possible due to the commitment and hard work, and experience, of our wonderful PTA; I cannot thank them enough for the much needed fundraising that enables us to provide opportunities and resources for the children that they would otherwise not necessarily have.

I thought you would be interested to see the summary results of statutory assessments taken by our children this year, which are as follows:

Key Stage 2 (Yr 6) Statutory Test Results 2023

Subject	National <i>Expected standard or above</i>	Ralph Butterfield Primary School	
		<i>Expected standard or above</i>	<i>Above standard</i>
Reading	73%	86%	40%
Maths	73%	86%	22%
Writing	71%	96%	38%
SPAG <i>Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar</i>	72%	92%	44%
Science (Teacher Assessment)	80%	96%	n/a
Reading, writing and maths combined	59%	80%	18%

Key Stage 1 (Yr 2) Statutory Test Results 2023

(combined with Teacher Assessment)

Subject	Ralph Butterfield Primary School	
	<i>Expected standard or above</i>	<i>Above standard</i>
Reading	80%	44%
Maths	87%	40%
Writing	80%	22%

(National information is usually released for Key Stage One, the Phonics Screening Check and the Multiplication Tables Check in the following autumn term).

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

87% of pupils achieved a score of 23, 24 or 25 marks out of a possible 25 marks.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

83% of Year 1 children achieved the pass mark (or higher) of 32 marks out of a possible 40.

Massive congratulations to all of our children for both the progress they have made this year and for doing so brilliantly in their tests. All of the staff are very proud of their achievements and we hope the children are too.

Exciting News!

I am delighted to be able to share some exciting news with you - we are having new, fixed playground equipment installed next week, to the far side of our front playground (left hand side as you look at school). Again, we are very grateful to the PTA for a substantial donation towards this addition to our school grounds. We are excited to be able to provide our children with more interesting break time experiences from September; we know they are going to love the new equipment! Alongside this, we are working on introducing new games e.g. large '4 in a row', for the children to play with in other areas of the playground and other ideas for further exciting zones are in the making

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too. You will see a poster in relation to our new fixed equipment on the following page; you may like to share this with your child/ren to build the excitement! The installation will take a full week to complete and therefore it will be September, and after safety inductions, that the children will be able to access the area.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy the weekend before we enter what is the last full week of this academic year! Just a reminder too that the very last day of term for the children is **Monday 24th July**.

Liz Clark



Sports Day

Well done to everyone who took part in the KS2 and EYFS/KS1 sports days on Monday and Tuesday this week.



All of the children put a huge amount of effort into the activities and seemed to really enjoy taking part. Congratulations to Ebor who won the Key Stage 2 sports day and Clifford who won the Early Years/Key Stage 1 sports day.



KS2 Winners



KS1 Winners

Thank you to all of the volunteers who came to help with the scoring and organisation over the two events.

Thank you also to the PTA for organising the coffee van which was enjoyed by many!

Mrs Atkinson - PE leader



Teddy Bears' Picnic

**WEDNESDAY 19TH
JULY 2023**

Bring your teddy to school with you!

Please see the letter sent home on Wednesday for more details

New!

FIXED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Ready for children to use
from September 2023

Scatterlog Climbing Frame
Balance Beams
Climbing Poles
Stepping Stumps

A Frame inc. net
Wobble Bridge
Jumping games
Fitness Activities

**OUR SPECIAL
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**Thank you for supporting
their fundraising!**



House Point Reward

Our House Points



House Points are awarded by all staff to children for a variety of reasons. For example:

- Polite, well-mannered behaviour
- Demonstrating a caring attitude towards peers
- Working to the best of their ability
- Special effort

This system aims to encourage a real sense of pride and achievement for the children. It fosters community spirit and gives the children an opportunity to contribute to something bigger, which involves children from all year groups. The older children are positive role models and take on a pastoral role for the younger children.

Each week, the house points are counted by our House Captains and a weekly winner announced on our school website and on the House display board outside the school hall. At the end of the year, the House Champions are announced and the children in that house are rewarded with a special treat of being able to wear non-uniform for a specific day.

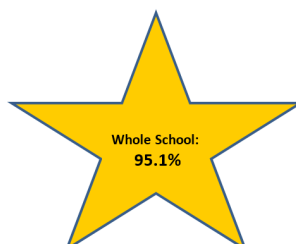
This year's House Champions are **Ebor**. As a reward, on **Thursday 20th July**, the children in Ebor have the option to wear non-uniform if they would like to.

Parking near School

We would again like to encourage families coming to school in a car, to please park away from the school site; parking is available at Ethel Ward playing ground. Parking away from our school enables the section of road directly alongside the school to be so much safer for our children. Thank you.

The City of York Council Parking Enforcement team do visit Station Road, we are very grateful for their support. Please feel free to approach them with any concerns you have; illegal parking can be reported by contacting their 'parking hotline' via telephone, by calling **0800 1381119**.

This Week's Attendance



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

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

This week, our dinosaur topic has explored the different theories behind the extinction of dinosaurs. The children have learnt how an asteroid may have hit the Earth and wiped out dinosaurs. They also discussed how volcano explosions could have wiped out the dinosaurs. Finally, the children discussed how the ice age may have caused the extinction of dinosaurs. After learning about the theories, the children chose which one they believe to be true and made a bar chart of their choices.



This week in phonics, we have completed our half-termly assessments. The children have all worked so hard to sound out and read both decodable and tricky words. Well done to everyone, you have made amazing progress in your phonics this year.



In our RE lessons, the children have concluded their learning about how people belong to a community, by learning about the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan. They learnt that this festival is a celebration of siblings within families. Traditionally, brothers and sisters make a rakhi to show their love for each other. In school, the children enjoyed making a rakhi for a member of their family.

In our literacy lessons this week, the children have written 'all about me' to share with their new teachers. They drew a picture of themselves and wrote sentences to explain the things they like and information about their families. We are looking forward to delivering these to our new teachers.

Transition to
Year 1



The children really enjoyed their first sports day. We were very proud of how they persevered and showed brilliant resilience during the activities. Thank you for your support.

We hope you have enjoyed sharing and reading all of your child's observations on Tapestry this year. Thank you very much for your home contributions; we have enjoyed sharing them. From next week, you will be able to download your child's learning journey (further details will be given in a letter). To ensure these are ready for you, can we please ask that any observations are uploaded by Friday evening please?



Library visit reminder – next week will be our last visit to the library. We shall return our library books and enjoy using the library.

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)



Wow! What an exciting week it has been in Key Stage 1!



It was so wonderful to see so many friends and members of our families on Tuesday for Sports Day. I think we can all agree that the children were absolutely fantastic: not just in their performances but in their attitude and behaviour as well. It was a morning full of sporting excellence as our children ran, hurdled, threw, kicked and jumped their way to glory competing for their houses. It may have been Clifford that won the trophy but it's fair to say that everyone who competed was a true champion!

The excitement didn't stop there. As part of our topic about the history of York, we went on a visit into the city centre on Friday. We had a walking tour of the area around the Shambles and Minster looking for the historic buildings which were built at different points in time. We sketched some of these and completed a treasure hunt; spotting features on our journey. We also went to the Chocolate Story museum, where we learnt all about York's long history of making some of the world's most recognisable brands of confectionary. We had the opportunity to taste different forms of chocolate, some of which were quite unexpected. We had a wonderful time and, once again, the children did all of us proud with their sensible and safe behaviour as they represented our school.



On Thursday, we had another opportunity to visit our new classrooms and meet our new teachers as we prepared for the transition into Year 2 and Year 3. In Key Stage 1, the new classes made peg labels and stars and painted portraits of themselves with water colours. There is already so much great work to go on display to make our classrooms exciting and welcoming places to be in September. We also played some more team-building games and enjoyed some stories. This week, we have all been writing some letters to our new teachers to introduce ourselves and tell them all about us, our families and friends, and the things we enjoy both in and out of school. As staff, we all feel so lucky to be able to work with such friendly and welcoming children.

There is now only one full week to go before the end of the academic year! It is going to be busy and it is going to be lots of fun. So have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Mrs Reeves, Mr Merrall and Mrs Atkinson



Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Years 3 and 4 have had another wonderful week!

On Monday, we were lucky with the weather and had an incredibly successful Sports Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the multiple games including javelin, bean bag throw, football and hurdles. Well done to all who participated; you all showed fantastic sportsmanship. An additional well done to Ebor who were the overall winning house at the end of the Key Stage Two Sports Day.



In PSHE, the children delved into the meaning of the word 'stereotype' and how we may hold stereotypes that we may not even be aware of. To demonstrate this, the children had to match images of people to their job. These jobs included an engineer, nurse, personal trainer, hairdresser, gamer and a microbiologist.

We discovered that, without realising, we assign genders to particular jobs. The nurse was matched with a young woman even though, in the activity, the nurse was an older male.

This week, the children have been building up their stamina in reading. They have enjoyed having the opportunity to have quiet time during lessons to read for an extended period of time. Each day, the children have been striving to read more than the day before.



If you haven't already, please ensure that all books (coloured book band and reading for pleasure books) are returned to school as soon as possible.

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**

Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



We have come to the end of our Mayan topic and have started to discuss how the Mayan civilisation may have ended. There were a number of possibilities that we spoke about at length and we discussed why we felt strongly about one reason or another. We were pleased to learn that some Mayans survived and some areas of their culture continue today.

After all our practise, sports day was a huge success! We thoroughly enjoyed cheering on our class mates as they took part in the various activities representing their houses. A huge thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support us all.



As part of our computing unit this term, we have learnt a variety of skills in order to create quizzes using different applications: 2Quiz, Word Spot and Cloze. Once we had a better understanding of the software, the next challenge was to use our prior learning from this year in order to create exciting, and age appropriate, quizzes for our peers.

Reading books

We would like to request that all of our reading scheme books and reading for pleasure books are returned to school please. Please return any books regardless of when these were taken home during the year. The children will continue to practise their reading in school but they will not bring any reading books to share with you.



Thank you for your support.

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

Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod



Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Fair this year...it was a wonderful evening. Thank you to every volunteer who gave their time to help – it was really appreciated and the only way we can put on event like this. We are really pleased to say that we raised **£3,074** which will all go to school.

Next week , we will give a breakdown of everything we have raised this year and everything we have supported school with – it’s been a great year of spending!



Please don't forget that the PTA have a Facebook page!




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 17TH JULY - 26TH JULY
HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH:
9.30-4PM WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY

Pick up the next size on Saturday 29th July 10-3pm 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

Uniform Bank

Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church are running their Uniform Bank once again this year. This is a brilliant opportunity to buy school uniform at a much-reduced price.

<https://www.hwmc.org.uk/post/school-uniform-bank>

Please do donate any spare uniform you have and then go and visit on Saturday 29th July to pick up items for next year.

This is a wonderful local initiative supporting parents with an expensive cost.

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

Saturday 8 July to Saturday
9 September

Presented by The Reading Agency.
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Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

Sign up from Saturday 8 July!

Children sign up at their local library, read 6 books of their choice over the summer collecting special stickers and rewards along the way, and everyone who completes the Challenge receives a certificate, medal, and a huge sense of achievement!

Taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge is more than a fun activity for children who already love reading. The Challenge gives children the choice of what to read, in whatever format works for them and at a level they are happy with, which all helps to encourage reluctant readers to pick up a book over the Summer holiday.

There is also a fantastic programme of low cost events happening across libraries throughout the summer, providing children and families with the opportunity to try new and exciting activities at an affordable price

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