



Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

Classes

If you haven't yet had chance to read the information about new class organisation, sent on Monday of this week (12th June), via ParentPay, please do take a look. It includes detail as to how and by when to let us know anything you would like taking into consideration as we organise new classes. Thank you.

Important safety messages

Please could we ask that younger children waiting to collect older siblings, when the gates open at 3:10 pm, remain waiting with parents/carers rather than roaming/scooting/biking on the large playground please? This does create a distraction, particularly for our children in the front classrooms.

Please also support us by not allowing children of any age to scoot or bike on the playground at drop off and pick up times or to climb/stand on the benches/frame of the wooden shelter. These actions are unsafe.

It is tricky for staff to need to ask children to get off bikes/scooters and/or stop standing on the wooden shelter, when parent/carers are present; we would therefore very much appreciate your help with these issues.

Thank you

Thank you for supporting us with children wearing sun cream, sun hats and bringing in a water bottle on these super-hot and sunny days we have been having. The children have been really enjoying the sunshine, safely, at play times.

The highlight of my week this week has been walking through the Year 5 and Year 6 rehearsals (it's 'The Wizard of Oz' but not as you know it!). Already there is some amazing acting, singing and dancing - Year 5/6 parents/carers are in for a treat!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Liz Clark



Water Bottles

May we please request that you ensure your child/ren bring to school a named water bottle? As the weather will continue to be warm, next week, having access to water regularly is essential. **Thank you.**



This Week's Attendance



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

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Reception classes

This week, our dinosaur topic has explored fossils. The children have learnt how we know about dinosaurs today and why fossils are such amazing and important finds. During the week, the children have taken on the role of a palaeontologist while digging for dinosaur bones. They have then used them to create dinosaur skeletons. In the play dough area, children have created their own fossils by using a range of natural objects to create the fossil markings. We have also created salt dough fossils using the same methods. The children have also enjoyed learning about Mary Anning who was a palaeontologist in Dorset in the 1800s.



The vocabulary we learnt last week, has continued to be used in our understanding the world sessions and while children are discussing dinosaurs. As a reminder, we are focussing on using, **dinosaurs, extinct, prehistoric, fossil, palaeontologist.**

This week, in phonics, we have read words such as, **screech, three, slight, tree, spear** and **free**. We also continue to revise and learn how to read and spell the tricky words **are, pure, sure, little, here, were, says, when, what** and **one**.

There are 6 cakes. Can you share them?
Try saying "one for me, one for you"



In Maths, we have learnt how to share numbers equally. The children have shared out dinosaurs into two lands and shared dinosaur eggs into nests. They have also explored sharing between 3, 4 and 5 and investigated what happens when an odd number is shared between an even number. We have been very impressed with their sharing skills.

During this warm weather, the children are thoroughly 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 continue to post children's activities on Tapestry, as they really enjoy sharing these with us at school. If you would like help to do this, please ask.

Library visit reminder – next week Class 2 will return and select new books.

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

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



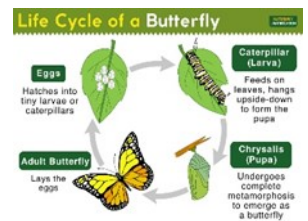
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

It has been a week of sunshine and wonderful work in Key Stage One. We are all enjoying the summer sun and the opportunity to play on the field during break times. Lots of us have been staying 'sun safe' by wearing hats and bringing our own sun cream. Please can we ask that all children have sun cream in a named bottle that they can reapply themselves?



We have been learning all about wildlife in science recently. We have learned about life cycles and the ways that different plants and animals change as they grow older and make new versions of themselves. In particular, we have focussed on caterpillars this week and the amazing way that they transform into butterflies as they grow. We watched some videos with stunning images that showed them in detail and featured time-lapse photography that showed them going into, and emerging from, a chrysalis. We also used information texts to help us identify their features and describe the process of metamorphosis.

In English, we were using this knowledge to write an explanation text about the life cycle of butterflies. We learned that explanation texts are meant to make processes like this easier to understand for the reader and included all the relevant features in our own writing. These included an engaging introduction and a step-by-step description of the stages of development, using present tense verbs and time connectives.



In RE, we continued our work on 'belonging' and what this means to different faith groups. In particular, we learned about a Jewish Shabbat and how this day of rest brings the family together. We held our own Shabbat in class with bread that we shared like challah and Kiddush wine (in our case, Ribena!) We loved the experience of sharing these with our friends like a Jewish family would. We also learned about how Baptisms are used to welcome people into a collective group in Christianity and how Anglican weddings use a vow and symbols to show that two people belong to one another.

It has been another excellent week. We are so proud of our wonderful children and all the amazing things that they do.

Mr Merrall, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Atkinson



Year 2 Recorder Concert

Please remember our recorder concert on Friday 7th July from 9.10 - 9.30am.



Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

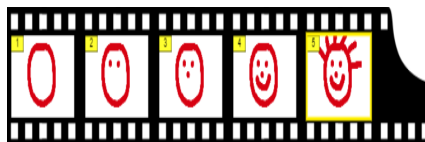


This week in English, the children have had the opportunity to put their own spin on our 'Lighthouse' story. They used the various writing features they have learnt over the year, such as expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials, in their writing. They should be proud of the exciting stories they wrote about the dependable light from the lighthouse unexpectedly going out. Thankfully, people from the local village came to the rescue by lining the clifftop with lanterns.

In art, the children have been exploring the work of Georgia O'Keeffe. We have found out about her amazing life and shared our opinions of her artwork. They then sketched their own flowers on a large scale. The children's observational skills were fantastic and the detailed fine lines that they used really brought the shape of the flower alive. We can't wait to see what they look like when they paint them with water colours next week.



The children have thoroughly enjoyed computing this week as they have been learning how to make simple animations. They have used their drawing skills on the computer (not easy!) to make the individual frames which were then put into a 'film strip' which when played come together to make a crazy face. We are looking forward to developing these skills to make moving pictures with backgrounds and sounds.



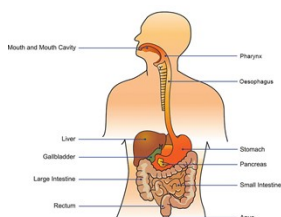
[Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions, queries or would like to share any news with us.](#)

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham



Key Stage (Years 5 & 6)



As part of our unit of work in Science, we have been learning about the digestive system. We came to understand that, as food passes through our digestive system, it is broken down by acids and enzymes, and the nutrients are drawn back into our circulatory system to be used in different cells around our body.

In PE this week, we had a 'Danish Cricket' taster session. A large, soft ball was used instead of a cricket ball and the batter had the choice from a range of bats and racquets with which to strike the ball. Once the batter had hit the ball, they had to run a reasonable distance to a 'safe zone'. Should a fielder catch the ball, they were out as in normal game of cricket. However, if a fielder was to throw the ball at the batter and hit them instead, they were also out. This was lots of fun!



For homework over the next 2 weeks, we would like the children to spend their time learning their lines and the songs for our production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. The music for the songs can be found on our school website towards the bottom of our Key Stage page. Please follow this link: <https://www.ralphbutterfieldprimary.co.uk/classes/upper-key-stage-2/> Information regarding tickets and costumes will be sent out soon.

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

Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod



PTA News

Outdoor Summer Disco – Thursday 22nd June

We hope the children are looking forward to next Thursday and the outdoor disco. The cost of the disco is just **£3 per child**, which includes a bag of tuck shop sweets.

Water will be available but please bring a labelled **WATER BOTTLE**. If it's sunny please also wear sun lotion/hat.

Discos will take place at the following times:

Reception, Year 1 & 2	4.30 - 5.30pm
Years 3 & 4	5.45 - 6.45pm
Years 5 & 6	7.00 – 8.00pm



Collection at the end of the Disco will be from the playground only. Every child must be collected by an adult and will NOT be allowed to leave and make their own way home.

Any children, who will be attending the disco from **RB Kid's Club**, must hand in their money in a labelled (name, class) envelope to a member of Kids' Club staff no later than the morning of the event. **NO mobile phones** can be used at the event.

Last year was amazing, so please save the date!

Non – Uniform Day – Friday 30th June



In preparation for the Summer Fair it will be a **Non-Uniform Day** on **Friday 30th June** and we are asking that each child, brings a donation of chocolates/sweets or wine, which will be used on our popular tombola's.

You can also bring a small monetary donation if you wish but please no other donations.



SUMMER FAIR – Friday 7th July 6 - 8pm

We hope you can all come to our School Summer Fair! We will be having lots of games, stalls, inflatables and a fire engine. There will be a food stall serving burgers and sausages and a stall selling glasses of Prosecco and bottled beer.

As it is our biggest event and we really need parents / carers to volunteer on a stall/game on the night! You could be on splat the rat, hook a duck, test your strength – all are very easy to run and great fun. Your support will make a really big difference and it will mean we can put on everything we hope for.

We are asking you to sign up to 35min slots (...if you can do more, that would be even better!)

Please **complete the form overleaf and hand in to the school office** or email details to ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com



Please Volunteer at the Summer Fair

Can you help at the Fair? Please fill in this slip and return to the school office or email ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com

Time slot:	Please tick all that apply:
5.55 - 6.30pm	
6.25 - 7.00pm	
6.55- 7.30pm	
7.25 - 8.00pm	

Your Name: _____

Your Child's name / class: _____

Contact Mobile number: _____

Contact Email address: _____

Thank you so much in advance x

Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday Football Fun Course

WHEN: Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th July

WHERE: Huntington Secondary School YO32 9WT

TIME: 10am to 3pm

REFRESHMENTS: Water, snacks and packed lunch will be provided

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



FOUNDATION



How to book: Enter the following code SUM1 at https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/york-city-courses/multi_activity.html

This secures your space and means you are COMMITTED to attend all course dates. You can book one or both courses. Spaces are LIMITED with bookings closing Friday 21st July 4pm. These FREE Holiday courses are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active this school holiday. Please note that if you booked onto a previous course and did not take up your space we reserve the right to withdraw bookings.