



Headteacher's Message

Hello

If you are a regular reader of our newsletter, please do mention this to other parents/carers as we are keen for every family to read it. As previously mentioned, it is a good way for us to share key messages and information, including some of the teaching and learning each phase has experienced during the week. If anyone would like to add an additional email address for it to be sent directly to, please do contact school and this can easily be arranged, by way of creating an additional ParentPay account.

I am pleased to share that we have also now updated the class pages on our website. Here you will be able to read information pertinent to your child's class this term, including such as key areas of learning, what to have in school each day, PE days and a typical timetable, to name a few. Simply go to our website (ralphbutterfieldprimary.co.uk) and click on the 'CLASSES' link at the top right of the home page. Alternatively, for direct access to these pages, you can [click here](#).

Hopefully we will see many of you at the rescheduled sports days, next week, for Years 1 -6; we will hold another full school sports day during the summer term. Just in case you missed it, a letter about these was sent out on Wednesday. Yesterday, we shared a letter about parent/carer's evenings in October; please do read that if you haven't had chance to yet. We are offering a week of face to face and a week of online appointments, with the booking system opening on Monday 26th September at 7:00pm. Thank you.

I hope you are able to have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Liz Clark



Vacancies

We have exciting opportunities coming up at Ralph Butterfield Primary School. Please see below for full details:-

North Yorkshire County Council—Cleaning Assistant. Working for NYCC as a Cleaning Assistant, you will be responsible for the cleaning duties on site including dusting, vacuuming and the cleaning of sanitary fittings. Full training will be provided and the hours are between 3:30pm and 6:30pm daily, with some flexibility on start and finish time and totalling to 12.5 per week over 5 days. No weekend work! [Click here](#)

North Yorkshire County Council—Cleaning Supervisor. Working for NYCC as a Cleaning Supervisor, you will be required to assist in the supervision of the cleaning assistants working at the school through monitoring their areas, dealing with any issues promptly and feeding back to management as required, as well as accommodating requests from school staff. In addition to this you will be responsible for your own cleaning duties in your designated area which include vacuuming, sanitary cleaning and dusting. Full training will be provided. [Click here](#)

City of York Council—School Crossing Patrol. Can you spare up to 10 hours per week during school term-time? Do you enjoy being outside in all weathers? Would you like to help your local community? If you answered yes to all these questions, please take a look at how to apply for a much valued role. [Click here](#)





This week, our phonics journey took us to i, n, m and d. The children have also enjoyed playing phonics games such as touch your... in which the teacher 'sound talks' a body part for example touch your 'l-e-g'.



The children had the opportunity to get creative with natural items this week when we made nature portraits. We were really impressed with the children's use of the natural objects – there were hay hair styles, shell eyes and conker noses!

Each class has taken their turn in surprising the other classes when we went on a tour of our school. It was a lovely opportunity for some of the children to visit their siblings and meet other staff members. The children were surprised to find the new world beyond the hall doors!

In Maths this week, we have focussed on comparisons of amounts, sizes, lengths and heights through lots of practical activities. The children have listened attentively during carpet time and it was a pleasure to then see them apply their new learning and vocabulary when working independently in child initiated play sessions. A large teddy and small teddy made comparisons of sizes and amounts at their teddy bears picnic. The language evolved from 'Daddy Bear' to big or large bear. The children's mathematical vocabulary has blossomed throughout the week!



Tapestry update—We are in the final stages of preparing our tapestry online learning journal to go live. This is a wonderful tool to give you at home an insight into your child's school day and can be used vice versa to enable us to have a holistic view of their development. There will be further detailed information soon.



Thanks for your support; we hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Another great week in Key Stage One, full of smiles and great determination from everyone.



This week in English, we have focused our writing on Emma Jane's Aeroplane linked to our geography topic 'Around the World'. It is a lovely story about a little girl who travels around the world and visits some of the major cities. We wrote a recount about her adventurous journey and what she got up to. We did a great job of remembering our capital letters, punctuation and adjectives.

We showed our stamina and teamwork in PE in order to complete 'The Cooper Run'; this involved each child running a set distance as many times as they could in 12 minutes- exhausting!



In maths, we have continued to focus on place value to ensure we have a clear understanding about the value of digits by developing our partitioning knowledge.

The Year 2's have really enjoyed two lessons of recorders with Miss Freitas. We have learnt how to correctly hold the recorder and to play clear notes. Mrs Atkinson has also enjoyed joining in!



Please do come and see us if you have any queries or questions.

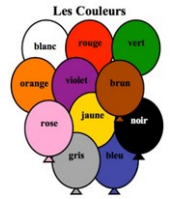
Mrs J Atkinson, Mrs Reeves, Miss Griffiths and Mrs K Atkinson.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)



The Year 3 and 4 children rose to the challenge of our first virtual PE competition this week and participated in the 'Cooper Run'. The children were very supportive of each other and they demonstrated great determination and pace during the 12 minute timed run.

In French this week, we started our new topic 'Les couleurs'. We learnt vocabulary for a variety of colours by playing colour splat, matching and identifying colours and playing colour connect four in French. We also practised some different ways of greeting people. The Year 3's were super excited to start French as a new subject and the Year 4's demonstrated their previous knowledge of greetings brilliantly and recalled previously learnt vocabulary really well.



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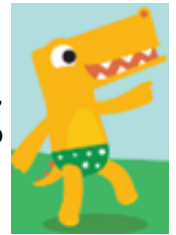
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All of the Year 3 and 4 children watched the NSPCC 'Speak out, Stay Safe assembly' this week. They discussed the issues raised with a really sensible attitude and showed a good awareness of how to reach out for help when worried about a situation. In our PSHE lesson, we further discussed personal boundaries, appropriate and inappropriate touch and who to reach out to if we feel uncomfortable or unsafe. To help us remember the 'PANTS' saying we sang along with Pantosaurus.



Well done Year 3 and 4!
Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



For those of us who are now in Year 6, we have taken on a variety of roles and responsibilities. These range from supporting the midday supervisors and dinner staff to operating the computer during whole school assemblies. Many of us chose to volunteer to become Play Leaders and we have had training from Mrs Topliss and Mr Walton in the necessary skills in order to be effective in our positions. We look forward to starting next week.

We have all started working with our PE specialist, Mr Stephenson, from 'Total Sports', who will be working on team building and resilience skills. This week, we have focused particularly on preparing for sports day.

As the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II took place this week, we have looked at the line of succession and how the role of King Charles III will develop. We learnt the history of King Edward VIII's abdication and the impact caused by this to future monarchs.



We are enjoying our new class novels: 'The 1000-Year-Old Boy' and 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'. Through discussion, we are starting to understand the feelings and thoughts of the main characters. As part of our lessons, we are looking at the impact of settings, dialects and of characters' behaviour.



Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns, or if you just want to say hello!

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

Snippets from the Log Books



18th September 1935 - Outbreak of Chicken Pox affecting attendance Only 128 in school out of 144

9th September 1975 - Managers meeting held at 7.15pm to discuss the plans for a new school near York Road.

