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Dear Parents and Friends,



The children have quickly settled into their routines after their holidays and it was lovely to hear of the different things they'd been up to - some had been abroad, some camping and some enjoying having time to play out with family and friends. It's also been great to see some sunshine this week and to be able to appreciate the fabulous job the team from Racing Welfare did at planting up our planters. They look lovely!



We had a very exciting morning this morning as Hannah from Zoolab came to visit! The hall was full of animals and children. We had a rat, a corn snake, a tarantula, a giant African snail, a tree frog and a centipede. Ellie and Charlotte said "When a tree frog blinks, their eyes go into their mouths to force their food down." Did you know that?!

Today, we also had Mrs. Brown visiting Class 1 for the day and we had our new starters in for the afternoon. It was a very busy atmosphere with the children soon settling down and getting to know their new teacher and environment. Our existing Class 1 children were extremely kind and caring in helping these young folk to settle in. Mrs. Brown also enjoyed her day and is really looking forward to joining us here.

Miss Turner writes "As we move into the summer term and (hopefully!) some more settled and warmer weather, Class 2 will be making as much use of the outdoor environment as possible. In the next two weeks, we will be taking a walk to the castle to develop our ideas for creative story writing, and spending an afternoon by the river exploring animal habitats, plant variation and classification as part of Science work. If you have a spare sunhat or cap which could be kept in school, it would be most useful over the next few weeks. With our beautiful school grounds as well, it's great to have such fabulous teaching resources on our doorstep, and we aim to make the most of them! "



We are looking for a new Parent Governor. The post has been vacant for some while now. If you are interested (or know of anyone who might be interested) in supporting the work of our school and deciding on its future direction, and would like more information - please contact the school office.



Many of you will know that the West Witton Play Group is closing at the end of the summer term. In celebration of all of those who have ever been involved or helped or supported them, they are holding an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 2-4pm on West Witton Playing Fields. If you would like to come along, please email [westwittonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:westwittonpreschool@gmail.com) or phone Linda Dent on (01969) 640608. I'm sure it will be a fabulous atmosphere and a good chance to have a trip down memory lane.



Miss Seymour will be running a dance club after school on Thursdays until 4.15. We will be learning the Charleston! If your child would like to take part please return the permission slip which will be sent home with your child tonight.

I heard some fabulous news this week - many of you will know of my quest to teach someone who goes on to become famous - well, in half term Noah was playing for Spennithorne u7s at a tournament in Catterick village. He was spotted by the same Leeds Academy scout that spotted Tom earlier this season. We think that he will go into the under 6 shadow squad and both boys will train at the Leeds United training ground at Wetherby on Friday nights. From a small school and football team this is fantastic!!! It's also fantastic news for their coach - Mr. Tony Hewson (we'll have to look out for Tony in the Premier League soon - maybe Arsène Wenger will be hanging up his boots soon, as he's the longest serving manager!)



Thank you for all of your support with Bags for Schools - we raised £84 which will go towards supporting the curricular activities in school.



As some of the more organized of you will be starting to shop for uniform for next term, please can I remind you that our school uniform is grey trousers or shorts **not black**. It would be great to have all the children looking really smart for the beginning of term in the correct uniform. Thank you.



Our Value for Collective Worship this half term is Trust and our thought for this week is, "I don't trust words, I trust actions." When has this been true for you? How has this made you feel? Perhaps you could chat over the weekend about what this means to you and your family.



I hope that you all have a great half term holiday next week and have the chance to enjoy the sunshine!

Jo Dobbs, Headteacher

## Diary dates



Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Rounders	Letter has gone home and on website
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	KS2 River Trip	Letter has gone home and on website
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Pen Hill walk	6-7.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	South Lakes Safari Zoo trip Y2-6	Letter has gone home and on website <b>No Celebration Assembly</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Transition Days at Wensleydale School	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Service @ Ripon Cathedral	More details to follow
Friday 8th July	KS2 Cluster Sports Day	More details to follow
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Cross Country @ Askrigg	Re-arranged from April - more details to follow
Wednesday 13th July	KS2 Play 1pm	More details to follow
Thursday 14th July	KS2 Play 6pm	More details to follow
Monday 18th July	Sports Day	
Wednesday 20th July	Spare Sports Day	
Thursday 21st July	Leavers Service 2pm	At St. Alkeldas Church
Friday 22nd July	End of Term	
Monday 5th September	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 6th September	School opens	

## CLUBS

The following clubs will be running this term:

After school archery with Mr Bullock - Monday 3.15-4.30pm - FREE

Dance Club - Miss Seymour 3.15-4.15pm - FREE

## Thought for the week

**Trust**

What does this mean to you?

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Are you interested in  
becoming a  
**Teacher Assistant?**

Are you looking to make a positive step towards your future? Are you 18 or over and interested in a career as a Teaching Assistant?

The Swaledale Alliance are offering placements for our September 2016  
**CACHE Level 3 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools course.**

Course dates 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

A limited number of sponsorship placements are available in the local area

For more information contact Email: [mwatson@swaledalealliance.org](mailto:mwatson@swaledalealliance.org)

Swaledale Alliance, Richmond School, Darlington Road, Richmond, DL10 7BQ Tel: 01748 828126

## School Meals for next week:-

Monday	Sausage & Tomato Pasta / Mexican Tortilla Broccoli & Sweetcorn, Herbie Bread Chewy Oat & Seed Bar Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Minced Beef Hot Pot / Tuna Jacket Potato Green Beans & Carrots, Garlic Bread Iced Banana Sponge Yoghurt & Fresh fruit
Wednesday	Chicken Korma / Egg Baguette with Salad & Wedges Peas & Sweetcorn, Savoury Brown Rice Naan Bread Summer Fruit Crumble Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Pork Burger in a Seedy Bread Bun / Vegetable Sweet & Sour & Rice Mixed Salad, Potato Salad Orange Brownie & Custard Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Friday	Fish Fingers / Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Beans & Salad Tomato Salsa, Salad & Peas Diced Potatoes Sunflower Seed Bread Fruit Fool Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit