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Dear Parents and Friends,



We've had yet another busy week at school! On Monday we interviewed for the Class 2 teacher from September and we had a really strong field. We are pleased to announce that Mr. Kevin Hutton will be joining our staff and will be coming to school for a few handover days towards the end of term so that he can get to know our school a little better. He is really thrilled to be joining the Middleham staff and was really impressed by the school and the children when he visited.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from a lady who lives in Japan. She was visiting our school to observe Miss Turner teaching and to chat to both her and Mrs. Monaghan. The children had a lovely time asking her to write their names in Japanese writing - they were fascinated!



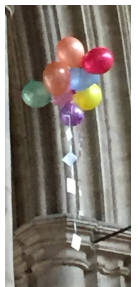
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On both Monday and Tuesday our Year 6 children had their induction days at TWS. They all really enjoyed it and were pleased to see some of their friends who are already there. They are all really looking forward to the move onto the next stage in their education.



On Wednesday morning, Mrs. Monaghan and I took our Year 6 children to Ripon Cathedral for the leaver's service. This is the first time that we have done this and the nave of the cathedral was packed with many Y6 leavers and their teachers from schools as far apart as Bowes Hutchinson and Roundhay! The service was lovely with the children writing their worries for moving on onto pebbles which we prayed about. They also wrote their joys about their school life onto kite tails that were then attached to helium balloons that were lifted up at the end of the service. It was a fabulous service and they really enjoyed it.



It was lovely to see so many visitors in school for our Summer Farewell lunch on Thursday. Mrs Carr provided us with another splendid roast chicken dinner which was enjoyed by everyone! Thank you Mrs. Carr, I hope you had the chance to put your feet up afterwards!

We are really looking forward to our procession to Church and to the Castle this afternoon. It will be quite exciting to dress up and process to church and then to the castle to meet the actors who are going to tell us more about life in the time of Richard III. There are many activities going on in Middleham over the weekend - make sure you pop along and join in!



I can't believe that today we say goodbye to Miss Turner! Her time with us has flown by! Emily quickly settled into the routines at Middleham and soon became one of the team. She has been great to have around and we wish her lots of luck in September when she starts her teaching career at Brompton-on-Swale in Year 1. She writes "Thank you to all the children, staff and school community at Middleham School. I have had a wonderful 7 weeks here and I have learned so much. I'll always treasure my memories of my time here."

If you have a budding footballer in your family Spennithorne & Harmby JFC are having an open night on Friday 1st July between 6pm-7pm. This is for new players / parents to meet the coaches. They are happy for boys and girls age 5 and over to come along.



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 9th July from 2-4pm on West Witton Playing Fields. If you would like to come along, please email 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.

Our Value for Collective Worship this half term is Trust and our thought for this week is, "When God pushes you to the edge of difficulty, trust him fully because two things can happen. Either He'll catch you when you fall, or He will teach you how to fly." 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 good weekend joining in the Richard III celebrations!

Jo Dobbs, Headteacher

Diary dates



Tuesday 12 th July	KS2 Cross Country @ Askrigg	Letter has gone home and on website
Wednesday 13 th July	KS2 Play 1pm	More details to follow
Thursday 14 th July	KS2 Play 6pm	More details to follow
Monday 18 th July	Sports Day	
Wednesday 20 th July	Spare Sports Day	
Wednesday 20 th July	Class 1 'Sleepover'	More details to follow
Thursday 21 st July	Leavers Service 2pm	At St. Alkeldas Church
Friday 22 nd July	End of Term	
Monday 5 th September	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 6 th September	School opens	

CLUBS

The following clubs will be running this term:

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

Dance Club - Miss Seymour 3.15-4.15pm - FREE

Trust

What does this mean to you?

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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