

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents,

### Newsletter

Jack and the Beanstalk Reading Initiative The winner of our reading initiative this week is Bentley.

Attendance This week's attendance is 97.86% well done we have reached our target of 97% for this week.

Children in Need A final total amount of £35.95 was raised and has now been sent to BBC Children in Need. Thank you for all your donations.

Lost Words Assembly On Thursday Mr Green from the NYMNP Education Department came into school for an assembly on the 'Lost Words' bringing an assortment of stuffed animals and birds. The children watched a power point presentation on the different animals featured in the book. We also received a free copy of the book, which we will be sharing with the children in future lessons.

*"In 2007, when a new edition of the Oxford Junior Dictionary — widely used in schools around the world — was published, a sharp-eyed reader soon noticed that around forty common words concerning nature had been dropped. Apparently they were no longer being used enough by children to merit their place in the dictionary. The list of these "lost words" included acorn, adder, bluebell, dandelion, fern, heron, kingfisher, newt, otter, and willow. Among the words taking their place were attachment, blog, broadband, bullet-point, cut-and-paste, and voice-mail. The news of these substitutions — the outdoor and natural being displaced by the indoor and virtual — became seen by many as a powerful sign of the growing gulf between childhood and the natural world."*

Midday Supervisory Assistant do you have an hour over lunch time to spare? We have a vacancy on a Thursday lunchtime for a MSA. If you would be interested in the role, please come and speak with myself or a member of staff.

Forest Schools This week Y4 children further developed their dens and made necklaces from the natural resources of wood and string.

#### Team Point updates

Juniors: Red – Chloe, Yellow – Daniel, Blue – Hannah, Green – Xavier

Infants: Red – Tyler, Yellow – Theo, Blue - Bradley, Green – Olivia

#### Stars of the Week

Presentation Stars of the Week: Chloe and Rose

Start of the Week: Marley for working hard and showing resilience in all subjects.

#### The 5 RRRRRs the focus this week was responsibility

Juniors: Brook for taking the time during her morning break to ensure everyone had the correct books every day

Infants: Theo for ensuring his work is always completed.

Staff training days Please remember Friday 30th November and Monday 3rd December are staff training days – children are not in school.

FOLS Hamper Packing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at 9.00 am - please put the date in your diaries.

Federation Update Please see letter attached regarding the federation of Lealholm with Castleton and Glaisdale schools. If you have any queries please let me know.

Messy Church You may have heard of Messy Church but perhaps you're unsure what it is? Firstly, it is a lot of fun! Led by the Vicar and a team of very able volunteers there are all-age activities, child-friendly praise and a shared light meal. We held our first session on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 50 people packed in to the rooms at the Methodist Church! Our next session is on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, from 2.30pm again at the Methodist Church in Danby.** Why not come along and invite anyone you know with children to come and join us. Our theme this time will be light in the darkness. No unaccompanied children please, come as group of all ages. Get in touch with Revd Chris Rattenberry the new Vicar of Danby and Castleton on [revdcjr@aol.com](mailto:revdcjr@aol.com)

PE Kits Please send PE kits and water bottles into school. Please ensure that all items of PE kit, bottles and school uniform are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Scarborough Borough Council Design Competition SBC is working to reduce the use of single use plastics and to encourage residents and businesses in the Borough to consider using alternatives. They are therefore running a competition to create/ design an eye-catching logo for this initiative for ages 5 to 18. They would like the design to celebrate our very special Borough and encourage the use of alternatives to single use plastics. The logo will be used on the Council's refuse collection vehicles, signage and promotional material. Please see Mrs Taylor for further details.

Yours sincerely

H Ward  
Headteacher

#### Key Dates Autumn 2018

#### DECEMBER

Tuesday 4th	Swimming Session	Thursday 13th	Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 5th	Author Visit	Monday 17th	Carol Service
Tuesday 11th	Christmas Play Over 60's	Tuesday 18th	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 12th	Christmas Play	Thursday 20th	Christmas Party
		Friday 21st	Close for half term 3.30 pm

### Holiday Dates 2018-2019

Friday 30th November	Staff Training Day
Monday 3rd December	Staff Training Day
Friday 21st December	Close for Christmas Break
Monday 7th January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 8th January	School opens for Spring Term
Friday 22nd February	Close for half term 3.30 pm
Monday 4th March	Return to School
Friday 12th April	Close for Easter Break 3.30 pm
Monday 29th April	School Opens for Summer Term
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	Close for half term 3.30 pm
Monday 3rd June	Return to School
Friday 19th July	Close for Summer Break 3.30 pm
Monday 22nd July	Staff Training Day