

21st April 2023

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is 94.4% again below our target of 97%. Our attendance for the year to date is currently 94.5%.

Message from the Headteacher

It does not feel like only a week since the Easter holidays! What a busy week ... I have spent most of it with year 6 getting ready for the upcoming sat tests. They are all working hard - and will be absolutely fantastic when the time comes! I am really proud of the amount of extra work they are doing at home showing real commitment-keep it up!

It is great to feel like the weather may be turning, and our gardening club can get growing with earnest! We are currently reviewing our school oaths - Mrs Taylor is sending out a questionnaire by e mail. If you want a paper copy just let us know. We really want to hear your views to shape our curriculum. Thank you in advance!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Z.

Champion School Status

We have become a Little Wandle Champion School! This means our school has met 16 Standards of Excellence in the teaching of early reading and phonics. We will now have other schools coming to see Little Wandle in action at our school and share the wonderful work our staff and children are doing. We are very proud to be part of this fantastic network of Champion Schools across the country.

Poverty Proofing

We know the cost of living crisis is having wide spanning impacts on many families. We wanted to remind our families that as a school, we are here to help in any way we can. If you think your financial circumstances might have changed, please check your eligibility for a free school meal here:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

We also have some pre-loved uniform in good condition available for free. We also have a stock of new uniforms in our stock cupboard, available for a small donation as you see fit. If you have any old uniform in good condition that no longer fits your child, please do send them in so another child can have the benefit of high-quality uniform. Should you wish to speak to any member of staff regarding any financial elements of school, we are happy to make an appointment at a convenient time to support in any way we can.

We would also like to signpost a couple of Facebook groups: The Whitby Wardrobe and Whitby Foodbank that can be a helpful resource.

Life at Lealholm

Welcome back after damp and soggy break, where I've heard lots of you have spent time helping out at home.

I hope you all had time to relax and get ready for the longer and sunnier days yet to come? In Heather class this week we started with our River monitoring on Monday and will be taking turns with Fern class to look for patterns in the information recorded.

What a wonderful surprise for some as the Windmill Competition at Ugthorpe brought more Easter Eggs as prizes for; Owen, Chloe, Theo, Emily, Oliver and Fern. Well done!

In Heather we made a second visit to the river this week as our science topic led to food chain discussions. As you may have seen on Facebook we didn't quite get enough information to make a food chain, however it led to some great discussions on how the river changes and what may have led to our results from the survey.

We had a great result from the Cricket on Wednesday, (even if they did try to convince me they came last!) Well done to all those who took part and represented our school. For such a small school we appear to have ways to make the competitions work!

Fern Class have settled straight back into another busy week! This week, we have loved learning about the continents and oceans and have been locating them on a map and globe. We have some excellent geographers and even better singers - you may well have heard the continents and oceans song at home and if you have, I am sorry! It's a little bit too catchy and once it's in your head, there is no getting it out! If you haven't heard it yet, please ask your child for a performance of it over the weekend!

Also, a huge well done to the Year 2 children who went to a junior cricket event to support our low numbers of Y3/4 children. What an excellent team they were, achieving 2nd in the competition! Next week, we are excited to welcome another group of headteachers, reading leaders and teachers to a reading culture, phonics and learning environment showcase where I know the children will impress our visitors as they always do!

School Oaths - Parental Questionnaire

At our school, we have 'oaths'. You may have seen these displayed on our fence at the front of school. These are the commitments we strive for all children to achieve as much as possible at their time at primary school. We recognise, however, that these oaths were developed jointly with Castleton, Glaisdale and Lealholm schools and may not represent the desires of our stakeholders currently in the school. We are therefore asking parents to complete the following questionnaire, to gauge their views on these

oaths, as well as put forward any other oaths they feel the school should aim to achieve. This feedback will be combined with feedback from other stakeholders.

Thank you in advance for completing this short questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/e/0CwiggUM3s>

Sun Hats & Cream

Please ensure that children are sent to school with the protection they require. Sun cream should be applied in the morning before they arrive at school.

Water Bottles

Your child needs to have their own water bottles in school, clearly labelled with their name.

Stay and Play

It was lovely to welcome all four of our new starters to the stay and play session on Wednesday. We cannot wait to welcome 4 new members of the Lealholm family to school: Fran, Nina, Millie and Harvey. Already, they are showing such excellent learning behaviours and are confident and polite and great fun to be around during the stay and play sessions!

Star of the Week

Heather Class star of the week is Lily. Lily has been showing such determination in all her subjects. Lily has also shown a caring and responsible attitude towards others. Well done Lily!

Fern Class star of the week is Harley for being excellent in everything.

Class dojo Winners

Fern Class

Blue - Jeffrey
Green - Peter
Red - Mia
Yellow - Marshall

Heather Class

Blue - Matthew
Red- Lily
Yellow- Theo
Green- Rose

Sports Star of the week

Well done to Oliver who was a great cricket captain this week. He supported the younger players, arranged the field and kept everyone focussed.

Swimming

Our first swimming session for the summer term will be next Tuesday (25th April) for all children. Please ensure you have completed the online consent form <https://forms.office.com/e/FTPHuizqzq>

Please remember to send in any voluntary contributions or log on to <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

Book Swap Free Shop

Just a reminder that our 'Book Swap Free Shop' is located in Reception and available to pop into to donate books or take a book home, from 8:30am-4:00pm each weekday.

Barclays Shield Final – Tuesday 2nd May (3.45pm)

Our Barclays Shield Final has been scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May after school. This will take place at Whitby Town Football Club. It would be great to get as many supporters as possible to the event!

After School Clubs

Monday- Football club- LC Sport
Tuesday- Gardening club- Mr Everson
Wednesday- Games club- Mr Nightingale
Thursday -Year 6 club-Mrs Elwick

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor – if you have a spare hour any day of the week please speak to myself to discuss further.

Upcoming Teacher Strikes

As you may be aware, there are upcoming teacher strikes on 27/04/23 and 02/05/23. At this stage, we are anticipating that our school will be unaffected by these strikes and will be open as usual. If this situation changes, we will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible.

School Lunches w/c 24th April:

Monday: Nuggets & wedges with berry sponge
Tuesday: BBQ chicken wrap with oat biscuit & cheese
Wednesday: Roast Gammon with summer crumble & custard
Thursday: Spaghetti Bolognese with Chocolate muffin
Friday: Fish & chips with jelly & ice cream.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Elwick
Teacher in Charge



Key Dates for Summer Term

April

Tuesday 25th Swimming Session

May

Monday 1st Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd Barclay Shield 3.45 pm

Wednesday 3rd Y5/6 Cricket

Monday 8th Bank Holiday

Monday 9th – Y6 SATS week

Friday 12th

Tuesday 9th Swimming

Wednesday 10th Fern Class Beach visit

Monday 15th - Y2 SATS week

Friday 19th

Tuesday 16th Heather Class Biking day

Wednesday 17th Y5/6 Tennis

Tuesday 23rd Swimming Session

Thursday 25th Heather Class trip to Newcastle (Angel of the North and Hindu Mandir)

Thursday 25th New Starters Stay & Play Session - pm

June

Tuesday 6th Swimming Session

Wednesday 7th Y1/2 Quad Kids

Tuesday 13th Y3/4 Tennis

Tuesday 20th Swimming Session

Wednesday 21st Y5/6 Quad Kids

Tuesday 27th Y5/6 Athletics

Thursday 29th Sports Day - TBC

Friday 30th Whole school visit - TBC

July

Monday 3rd Fern Class Rock Pooling – TBC

Tuesday 4th Swimming Session

Wednesday 5th Y5/6 Rounders

Thursday 6th & 7th Y6 visit to Edinburgh

Tuesday 11th Y6 Crucial Crew

Tuesday 18th Swimming Session

Thursday 20th Whole School Canoeing – TBC

Friday 21st Leavers Assembly

Monday 24th YEAT sports festival



Term Dates 2022-2023

May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May
 Coronation Bank Holiday 8th May
 Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
 Last day of Summer Term Monday 24th July
 Tuesday 25th July 2023 – PD Day

Term Dates 2023-2024

PD Day	Monday 4 th September, 2023
PD Day	Tuesday 5 th September, 2023
First Day of Autumn term	Wednesday 6 th September 2023
Half term	Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November
PD Day	Friday 15 th December, 2023
Last Day of Autumn term	Friday 22 nd December 2023

First Day of Spring term	Monday 8 th January 2024
Half term	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February
PD Day	Friday 15 th March, 2024
Last Day of Spring term	Friday 22 nd March 2024

First Day of Summer Term	Monday 8 th April 2024
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Half term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
PD Day	Friday 12 th July, 2024
Last Day of Summer Term	Monday 22 nd July

