

14th July, 2023

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is only 85.8% – again well below our target of 97%. Our attendance for the year to date is currently 94.2%.

Message from the Headteacher

It has been a very busy week again - although a little quieter without our Year 6 children! Last week we of course went to Edinburgh, and had the most amazing time! We visited many attractions including Camera Obscura and Edinburgh Castle. It was fair to say there was not a spare minute, and we were all tired upon our return - but the children were fantastic. We are already planning our city visit for next year! We have been kept busy without Year 6, yesterday we were all caught on camera ready to go on the Little Wandle website to train other teachers! Today Fern Class have had a fabulous day in Whitby learning more about Captain Cook - and avoiding any bad weather! Only a week to go now - let's make it another great one 😊

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Z.

Life at Lealholm

Thank you to all parents who are keeping up to date with the letters, permissions and changes to scheduled events, there is so much going on at this time of the year!

Heather class were very excited to welcome the new starters on Monday lunchtime.

It has been very quiet this week without our year 6's, it was great to hear their increasing confidence as they came to tell me all about it on Wednesday, shared their new school information and of course the wonderful SAT's results. We recognise at Lealholm that this is one part of the children's education which is so much more!

Tuesday was wild on the windy fields at Caedmon however I think I can speak for the staff and say we all had a great time and lots of new skills were practised. We were very grateful to the staff at Caedmon as we were treated to an ice pop at the end of a very tiring day!

The children were all very excited as Miss Parkes visited on Wednesday and supported the year 2's in transition activities.

Thursday we were visited by Little Wandle film crew who entertained the children, who as usual were impeccable Lealholm representatives!

Whitby Library visited on Friday and introduced the summer reading challenge. This is a perfect way to keep the children's reading skills in focus throughout the summer in preparation for the next school year.



What a fun-filled and busy week Fern Class have had! Monday saw the arrival of Nina, Fran and Millie for their transition day. Fern Class loved having you and we know you will make excellent Reception children in September. On Tuesday, they were excellent representatives of our school for our sporting event. It is always a pleasure to take the children on trips as they are always so polite and appreciative of the experiences they have. The end of the week had to be the highlight though, with a great trip to Whitby to the Endeavour museum and a boat ride. This was the perfect way to summarise a unit that has fascinated the children. Ask them about James Cook, the HMS Endeavour, Amelia Earhart and Tim Peake and they will be able to share lots of information with you!

Movie Club & Games Club - Cancelled

Please note: As we have two whole school visits and the Y6 trip next week there will be no Movie or Games Club.

Star of the Week

This week in Heather is Emily, for being so kind and helpful to the new starters.

Leavers Assembly

This year our school leavers' assembly will be on Friday 21st July at **11.00 am**. We will also have a second assembly during the afternoon for all parents from **2.30 pm**. Please put the date in your diary – all welcome.

FOLS Duck Race and Summer Fayre – Sunday 23rd July

YEAT Olympics – Monday 24th July

On Monday 24th July, our final day of the year, children will be heading to Whitby Town Football Club's stadium to take part in a sports day with all other children in our trust! Children will take part in a range of events, competing against their friends from other schools. This special event has been arranged due to the school requiring to complete an additional school day this year, due to pre-booked training day events and additional bank holidays.

Endeavour Fun Club - Summer Holidays

Open Wednesday 26th July to Friday 1st September 8am -6pm.

Lots of themed Arts, craft, baking and more planned.

Book your sessions now to avoid disappointment on 07795314255 or 07074974033.

(Closed Monday 14th Aug and Monday 28th Aug)

Please see Facebook page or call for more details and prices.



School Uniform

For new starter parents and for our current parents who are seeking new uniform ahead of next year, we have a limited stock of some new reduced price uniform available at £10.00. Please see Mrs Taylor in the school office should you like to come and try some on.

YEAT Annual Report

The Trust annual report to families is now available on the Trust website please click here: <https://www.yeat.co.uk/our-trust/annual-report-2022-23/>

Year 2 – Free School Meals from September

As our current Year 2 children advance to Year 3 (and Key Stage 2) they will not be automatically eligible for universal infant free school meals, as they are now. Meals will, therefore, be charged at the new rate of £2.75 per meal (the new cost from September for all meals). However, if you believe that your child may be eligible for free school meals, you may apply through the following website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Children in receipt of free school meals attract additional funding for school to help support them in the classroom.

MCAS Balances

Please can you now start to clear your MCAS balances in good time for the end of the academic year. We do not want to unnecessarily chase up parents, so please get in touch if you require an additional payment plan or if you plan to clear your balance closer to the end of the academic year.

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 have some pre-loved uniform in good condition **available for free** – this is located in the school lobby, please help yourself. We also have a stock of new sweatshirts and cardigans in our stock cupboard, available for a **reduced** price of £10.00. 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.

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. Get active with the Summer Reading Challenge 2023!

Summer Reading Challenge

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Ready Set Read! and is all about the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 15th July until Sat 9th Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge.

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.

School Lunches w/c 17th July, 2023

Monday: Cheese & tomato pasta with raspberry & apple muffin

Tuesday: Hot dog & diced potatoes with mousse & shortbread

Wednesday: Packed Lunch

Thursday: Packed Lunch

Friday: Fish fingers and chips with fruity flapjack

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Elwick
Teacher in Charge



Key Dates – Summer Term

July

Monday 17 th	Art Day
Tuesday 18 th	Swimming Session
Wednesday 19 th	Whole School Trip to Flamingo Land
Thursday 20 th	Whole School Canoeing with East Barnby
Thursday 20 th	Y6 Leavers Trip
Friday 21 st	Leavers Assembly 11.00 am & 2.30 pm
Sunday 23 rd	FOLS Summer Fayre
Monday 24 th	YEAT Sports Festival

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

