

7th July, 2023

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is only 92.3% – again below our target of 97%. Our attendance for the year to date is currently 94.3%.

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/>

I have also attached a copy to this email.

Life at Lealholm

Finishing off and preparing for transition has been the focus in Heather class this week. It's been a real pleasure to write about our learning and the progress made when writing the reports. I haven't know the children long but they have made a lasting impression and a place in my heart!

Heather have written their Macbeth diaries on our 'old' paper. They look really effective. We are coming to the end of some of the foundation projects and I can't wait to see the end of the Early Islamic Civilisation information. The children have worked very hard at using appropriate sources and researching information.

It was a great to see the year 6's enjoying the visit to Edinburgh. Again please make sure the school has your up to date contact details as we may be sending messages out.

Wednesday's Rounders' ended up with all Key stage 2 attending due to numbers, which was a positive step as we came 1st in our group and 3rd overall. Well done everyone and thank you to Mrs Woods and Mrs Sedman for enabling all the sports events.

Fern Class began the week in Sandsend this week, competing in lots of beach activities lead by East Barnby. The staff all commented on how excellently behaved the children were. Well done Fern Class - you are great representatives of Lealholm! I was sad to miss the beach activities, but was enjoying being 17 floors up overlooking the River Thames and St Pauls Cathedral, presenting at a Champion School conference with Mrs Zanelli for Little Wandle. 623 schools **nationally have Lealholm** signposted as their go to support network for all things phonics and early reading, an achievement we are incredibly proud of!

On Thursday, Fern Class had visitors from Coppice Valley Primary in Harrogate and Oakridge school in Hinderwell at an implementation of Little Wandle showcase. The children performed amazingly as usual. This year, we are proud to have welcomed



over 100 staff from various schools through the doors of Lealholm as our early reading has become recognised nationally.

The children have also enjoyed beginning their DT unit of Paper Weaving, showing an impressive understanding in our opening lesson this week. It was also a lovely chance for the children to share their work at our reading cafe and book look on Friday.

Movie Club

We will be having an extra Movie Club on Monday 10th July for those children who have signed up.

National School Sports Week

Well done to all who took part in National School Sports Week and congratulations to Annie for her excellent performance over the week and exceeding all expectations. Annie chose her prize from our special "dippy" box.

Star of the Week

This week in Heather Star of the Week is Isaac for being polite, always! Every day he says thank you to Mrs Atkinson, who does an amazing job of providing the different lunches.

Star of the week in Fern class is Liv K for producing an excellent fact file all about James Cook

Class dojo Winners

Fern Class

Blue - Lizzie
Green - Peter
Red - Liv
Yellow - Reuben

Heather Class

Blue - Liv
Red- Isaac
Yellow-Theo
Green-Oliver

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.

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.



FOLS Duck Race and Summer Fayre

Your child will have brought home an envelope containing tickets for our upcoming duck race fundraiser accompanied by some information about the event. We hope to sell as many tickets as possible to make the event a success. Please return all ticket stubs and money to school before Friday 14th July. Thank you.

FOLS Summer Fayre will be Sunday 23rd July – please put the date in your diary.

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 10th July, 2023

Monday: Pizza & Wedges with Summer Drizzle Cake

Tuesday: Beef Enchiladas with rice and cheese & biscuit

Wednesday: Roast chicken & Yorkshire pudding dinner with waffle finger & ice cream

Thursday: Meatballs & pasta and cornflake crispie

Friday: Fish & chips with custard cookie with apple

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Elwick
Teacher in Charge



Key Dates – Summer Term

July

Monday 10 th	New Starters Lunch
Tuesday 11 th	Whole School Sports at Caedmon
Thursday 13 th	LW Filming Crew
Friday 14 th	Fern trip to Whitby
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

