

10th November, 2023

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is 97.1% - above our target of 97%.

Message from the Headteacher

I am writing this feeling a little sad as I am not at Lealholm until Friday this week so have missed out on all of this fun! To make up for it I will be at Lealholm almost every day next week, and am teaching Heather Class on Monday and Tuesday in Miss Parkes's absence. I am really looking forward to our adventure on Tuesday with East Barnby 😊 I am also very excited about our upcoming river visit from the people who manage the river gauge - we plot the river level each week on the graph in our entrance, and we have often wondered where the readings come from! What an exciting week ahead!! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Z 😊

Life at Lealholm

What a fantastic first week back we have had at Lealholm! The children never fail to impress us, coming back with plenty of energy and enthusiasm to tackle their work. Fern Class have started their new Geography topic of 'The UK and its weather'. The children enjoyed using Google Earth to 'zoom out', gaining an appreciation of the big idea of 'scale' and 'place', building on prior learning of our village and broadening the lens to look at our place in the UK. They have also been captivated by our new core text 'Inside the Villains', which we will use to inspire this unit of writing - a character description where the children are designing their own villains and writing a detailed description to entertain their friends in the library.

Reception have been impressing Mrs Sedman this week with their fantastic knowledge of shapes. They have wanted to join our Year 1 children in the maths lesson and have clearly been listening very carefully indeed! Well done to our Reception superstars!

A special shout out to Lizzie and Mia this week too for moving into the big pool in our fortnightly swimming sessions - they were more than ready for this next step. Next week, we are looking forward to having a River Specialist come in to discuss the river technology in our village. Richard, from the Environment Agency, will be running a River Schools session on Thursday afternoon for the whole school.



We may have only just returned, but it's already beginning to look a lot like... Christmas! The children will shortly begin practicing for a show-stopping spectacular at the end of term! Parts will be allocated in the coming weeks.

Heather class have also had a busy week. Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed completing their Bikeability course and are now proficient cyclists! The whole class have been studying free verse poems. They are now ready to write their own free verse poem next week. On Thursday we had an afternoon of art and completed some fantastic self-portraits influenced by Frida Kahlo. The children have also talked about Armistice Day and why we are wearing poppies in remembrance.

East Barnby Outdoor Day

We are very excited for our whole school trip to East Barnby on Tuesday. Please ensure the children are dressed appropriately in warm, old clothes – **waterproofs** if available. If you do not have waterproofs school (KS1)/East Barnby will supply. It is likely to be a very muddy but very fun day! If you have not already done so, please complete the consent form here: [Wainstones Visit](#)

Children in Need Friday 17th November

We will be celebrating Children in Need Day next Friday. Children may come to school with spots or Pudsey related items added to their normal uniform or person (e.g. face paint). They also may wear a spotty/Pudsey accessory. There is also no obligation to dress-up at all. As we are now a Poverty Proofing school, please do not send donations into school. If you would like to donate you can send via MCAS (under products) or direct to Children in Need <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

York St John Student Teachers

This year, Mr Nightingale is having two student teachers from York St John University in Fern Class as they start their journey to becoming a teacher. We will be welcoming Miss Pryor and Mr Collins to Fern Class, where they will work alongside the children in a supportive capacity. I am sure you will agree this is a great experience for everyone, including the children as they learn how to interact with different adults in school. Their time in school is split into different weeks, before their placement in May and June. They will be with us 13th-17th November for their introductory week.

Star of the week in Fern Class is Peter for a fantastic effort, pace and attitude to his learning across all subjects this week. Peter - a truly fantastic week, I am very proud of you!



Star of the week in Heather Class is Rachel for working really hard throughout her first week.

Dojo Point Winners

Fern Class

Red: Ivy
Green: Mia
Blue: Peter
Yellow: Jeffrey

Heather Class

Red: Chloe
Green: Liv
Blue: Theo
Yellow: Oliver

Free Furniture

Now we have had the exciting new delivery of tables and chairs in the junior classroom, we have approximately 35 blue plastic chairs free to a good home. If you would like to take any, they are at the front of school. Please help yourself and let people know these are available to collect for free.

Stay and Play

Our next stay and play is Friday 24th November. Please share the message with anyone you know who might be interested - they are more than welcome to turn up and have a feel for school without any pressure.

Friday 24th November 2023

Time: 10:30 am – 12.00 pm

If you would like to attend, please contact Mr Nightingale or the school office on admin.lealholm@yeat.co.uk.

Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor – if you have a spare hour any day of the week, or know someone who might be interested, please speak to myself to discuss further.

School Lunch Menu w/c 13th November

Monday: Pizza & diced potatoes with lemon drizzle muffin
Tuesday: Chicken & Tomato Pasta with Fruit Crumble & Custard
Wednesday: Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding with Cheese & Crackers
Thursday: Chicken Korma & Rice with Berry Sponge & Custard
Friday: Fish Fingers & Chips with Chocolate Orange Mouse Cake

[Click here for the Autumn Term Menu](#)



Let's Get Better Prepared for Winter

We want to make sure you have everything you need for you and your child to be winter ready. You can find all the information you need to help live a more healthy and active life whilst learning about the health services in your area. Use these resources for help and advice from local health professionals and advice and tips on how to manage common illnesses and making asthma self-management for children and young people smarter.

[Winter Preparedness](#) [Digital Health Passport](#)

Wraparound Provision for Primary Children

In preparation for the Government's expansion of wraparound provision for all primary school aged children (YR - Y6) from 8am - 6pm beginning in September 2024, we would be grateful if you could please complete the attached snap survey to enable the local authority to understand the supply and demand of wraparound places. . The surveys will close at 8am on Monday, 20th November. Please complete here: [Parent Survey](#)

Yours sincerely,

Miss Parkes & Mrs Togwell
 Teachers in Charge

Key Dates – Autumn Term

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 14 th	Wainstones Visit with East Barnby
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Tuesday 21 st	Swimming Session
Friday 24 th	Stay & Play Session
Thursday 30 th	LW Event

DECEMBER

Tuesday 5 th	Swimming Session
Thursday 7 th	KS2 Athletics at CCW
TBC	Christmas Performance
Friday 15 th	Training Day – school closed for children
Monday 18 th	Christmas Trip – TBC
Tuesday 19 th	School Play
Wednesday 20 th	School Play
Thursday 21 st	Carol Concert
Friday 22 nd	Christmas Dinner & Party





LATER IN THE YEAR

20 th – 22 nd March	Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Visit
13 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
10 th – 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Week
22 nd July	YEAT Arts Extravaganza

Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.

Term Dates 2023-2024

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

