

17th November, 2023

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is 97.7% - above our target of 97%.

Message from the Headteacher

What a busy week we have had! Heather Class have really enjoyed using the OS maps - finding the River Esk and tracing source to mouth. They were also very excited that most of their homes were on it too as we have so many children that live on farms! We were able to use this knowledge to impress Richard from the River Agency!

Our day in Falling Foss/Beacon Farm was excellent. What always strikes me on these trips is how resilient our children are in the outdoors - it was wet, cold and muddy - yet the children still had a fantastic time. Not one child complained about being tired or cold - hence the ice cream treat at Beacon Farm. Our new children have settled in brilliantly, and our reception children were easily able to keep up with the rest of the school! What amazing children.

When Miss Parkes is back next week she is going to start the Geography topic with the class - some of our lessons are around different types of farming in the various parts of the UK. I am sure you will have a wealth of knowledge about this - please help your children with this when we send a questionnaire home.

After such a busy week your children should sleep well this weekend! Have a lovely time. Mrs Z

New Headteacher

Just to let you know the advert for the new headteacher for Lealholm and Oakridge is now live on the internet. The closing date for applications is December 1st.

Life at Lealholm

We have had another very exciting week at Lealholm!

The week started with some of the wettest and windiest weather we have had in a long time, causing cancellation sadly for our Wainstones visit. However, we still had a brilliant day at Falling Foss, completing many outdoor and survival activities such as understanding what foods we could eat in the woods and building shelters. We also enjoyed the mud slide and nature trail at Beacon Farm in the afternoon, before a well-deserved ice cream!

The children were excellent ambassadors of school and were a pleasure to spend the day with as always. We are always very proud to have such great representatives when out in our local community.



We have had a second highlight to the week too - Richard from the Environment Agency came to talk to the children about his role in caring for the river and using equipment to calculate the height of the river throughout the year. We enjoyed practical demonstrations from Richard and walked down to the river to explore the technology on the green. It was an afternoon full of learning for everybody. We really cannot thank Richard enough for sharing his expertise.

Fern Class have been busy learning all about the seasons in science this week, having explored local weather forecasts and commenting on their typicality to the season we are in. They have also been hooked by designing their own villain, ready for completing their character descriptions next week. The children's use of adjectives and use of exclamation marks has been fantastic!

Fern Class have had a slightly sad end to the week, as we are having to say goodbye to Mr Collins and Miss Pryor as they return to university life having completed their first placement week. We look forward to welcoming them back for their second placement week in late January. They have already built great bonds with the children and staff in school and are looking forward to returning to life at Lealholm in the new year.

Star of the week in Fern Class is Eva for her constant hard work, dedication and unwavering effort in everything she does.

Star of the week in Heather Class is Oliver for being exceptionally helpful during bikeability and working hard in all of his work.

Dojo Point Winners

Fern Class

Red - Ivy
Blue - Eva
Yellow - Nina
Green - Millie

Heather Class

Red - Chloe
Green - Liv
Blue - George
Yellow - Oliver

Stay and Play – Friday 24th

Stay and Play 2 is happening on Friday 24th November, 10:30-12:00pm. If you know of anyone who would like to try out this taster session, please share the message and they are welcome to come along, for all children due to start school in September 2024. Should you have any questions or if you would appreciate a tour of school, Mr Nightingale would be happy to arrange this.



Children in Need

Lots of the children came into school today with an assortment of spots/strips colourful socks and painted faces to celebrate Children in Need. Several children also got together to create their own Pudsey face on the playground during their lunch break.



Hamper Packing

FOLS have arranged to do the hamper packing on Thursday 14th December. The hampers are then raffled during the school plays and make a great prize. Please send any donations of produce into school by the morning of Thursday 14th Dember – all donations would be most welcome – Thank you.

FOLS various fund raising activities go towards financing events for the children throughout the school year including our upcoming Ice Skating visit.

Book Swap Free Shop

A quick reminder that our book swap free shop has now extended to St. James' Church across the road from school. Please feel free to browse, borrow, enjoy and swap these books at your leisure.

Swimming

Please remember swimming costumes and towels on Tuesday

Free Furniture

We still have approximately 30 blue plastic chairs free to a good home. If you would like to take any, please help yourself and let people know these are available to collect for free. If the gate is closed and you cannot access, please let us know and we will arrange easier access.

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 20th November

Monday: Pasta Bolognese bake and cookie with fruit & ice cream
Tuesday: Chicken burger in a Bun, chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce
Wednesday: Pork with apple sauce, jam bun and cheese
Thursday: Mexican beef pitta with rice, toffee apple muffin
Friday: Battered fish and chips, lemon shortcake

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

Let's Get Better Prepared for Winter

We want to make sure you have 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 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
Friday 8 th	FOLS Christmas Party 5.00 – 7.00 pm
Thursday 14 th	FOLS Hamper Packing
Friday 15 th	Training Day – school closed for children
Monday 18 th	Ice Skating at York
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

