

2nd February, 2024

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is 95.9.4% - below above our target of 97%.

Message from the Headteacher

Two days are never the same at Lealholm - which is what makes it such a fun place to be! This week I have been absolutely amazed by the quality of the writing in Heather Class- a special shout out has to go to Theo, when I read his writing I laughed out loud!! It has been great to have 2 teaching students in Fern Class too - the children have had almost 1:1 teaching this week!

We are looking forward to our first farm visit next week - at least it is too early for me to have to deliver a lamb!

The longer days are happily arriving, have a lovely weekend and we will see you Monday. Mrs Z

Air Up Bottles

Several of the children have these bottles in school. We are happy for them to be in school but we are very aware of how expensive they are, so children bring them at their own risk! Bottles often get accidentally knocked off the tables 😊

Life at Lealholm

Heather Class

We have had so many superstars in Heather class this week: it was so tricky to decide on our star of the week. It is excellent to see how the children are thinking as writers and are using vocabulary from previous core texts in their current work. George showed that he was inspired by the work we completed on Clockwork and was able to use this in his recent first person narrative based on The Eye of the Wolf! We can't wait to see their published pieces of writing next week and they are looking forward to sharing them with you at home.

In maths, the year 4 children have extremely impressed us this week with their fractions work. They have shown a great understanding of some new and tricky concepts. They are all working very hard and it great to see how enthusiastic they are.

The children are continuing to enjoy their work on learning about the power of the monarchy and they are going to be making links between the leaders and give reasons as to who they think was a better leader and why. In science, the year 5 and 6 children



have learnt about why we have night and day and the year 3 and 4 children learnt about fossilisation. It was great to see the children able to apply their knowledge in their independent work. Poppy, the dance teacher, was in school this week and it was fantastic to see the children progress with the choreography for the dance they are learning.

The children in Heather Class have enjoyed printmaking in art again this week. The Y3s and Y4s represented the school in Multiskills at Caedmon on Friday afternoon and had a fantastic time! Meanwhile, back in school, the Y5s and Y6s enjoyed singing and playing songs in music.

Fern Class

This week, Life at Lealholm comes to you from Miss Pryor and Mr Collins...

We've had a wonderful week here at Lealholm! Fern Class have been busy with lots of learning, learning about the history of transport on Tuesday, with every child doing a brilliant job of comparing train travel in the past and present, and then designing their own trains. Nina really impressed us in history this week by joining in with the year 1 and 2 children to write the date and showing lots of enthusiasm. Well done Nina! We all learnt all about body parts and senses and enjoyed bringing our learning outside onto the playground by drawing around each other and labelling all the body parts we knew! Jeffrey stood out with his knowledge confidently naming lots of body parts and senses!

This week in phonics we have continued to build our knowledge, learning new tricky words, with Reception showing lots of excitement to learn new trigraphs!

In English we have been creating our own character with a fear, working up to writing our own first person narrative, collecting lots of adjectives and adverbs to help us with this. We hope the children are as excited to continue learning as we are! This writing has been inspired from our Core Text, 'Orion and the Dark'.

Mr Collins and Miss Pryor

We are sad to have to say goodbye to Mr Collins and Miss Pryor at the end of this week, but only for a short while! They will be back again for their next placement week in March. Everyone in Fern Class, including Mrs Sedman and Mr Nightingale, are counting down the days to their return - they are both brilliant! 😊

FAO Reception Parents: Reception Phonics

This year, our Reception phonics data is incredibly strong again! Fran, Nina and Millie have been relentless in their hard work and concentration in phonics. They have now been taught all of Phase 2 and 3 phonics - the whole alphabet and the digraphs ai, ee,



oa, oo (zoom), oo (hook), or, ar, er, ur, oi, ow and the trigraphs igh, ear and air. This means they can now read so, so many words - their reading world has opened up and this makes Mr Nightingale very excited! 😊

Reception will soon be bringing home longer books with words including our new digraphs and trigraphs in, so as much word reading as possible at home using these digraphs and trigraphs would really help them to grow in confidence as readers. We now want them to be whispering the sounds in each word, then blending to read, and reading repeated words and tricky words in books at sight. All three of our Reception superstars should be very proud of themselves - they were reading words such as rabbit, hammer, spoons and darker in our phonics lessons this week! Keep up the great work Reception!

After School Club

Unfortunately, due to Ley hall undergoing building work and staff having meetings after school, there will no after school clubs next week.

Parent forum

Thank you very much to all those who attended yesterday for our first parent forum. It was great to see so many parents there and we will be continuing with the forums every half term.

From the meeting, we have decided that on snow days we will open school as soon as we are able to, which could mean a later start time. For transition from year 2 to 3, we will plan in more transition days for children and they will begin to carry out more formal learning activities. To prepare our year 6 children for transition, we will get the train into Whitby and ensure that children know how to make their way from the train station to school. We will also ensure that children are taking more responsibility for their own equipment, which will help when organising what they need each day at Secondary school.

FOLS Soup Lunch – 17th February 11.30 am – 1.30 pm Ley Hall

All money received will be to provide new musical instruments for the children.

Any hamper donations would be very much appreciated – these can be left at school before the morning of Friday 9th February.

Star of the Week

Fern Class Star of the Week in Fern Class Nina for her brilliant work all week

Heather class Star of the week in Heather class this week is Oliver for his excellent work in maths and for his responsible attitude- a great role model!



Class Dojos

Fern Class

Red: Ivy
Blue: Eva
Green: Mia
Yellow: Annie

Heather Class

Red: Solomon
Blue: Dan
Green: Isaac
Yellow: Oliver

Stay & Play

If you have a child due to start school in September 2024, we would like to invite children and parents/carers to the spring term 'Stay and Play' sessions at our school on:

Friday 8th March, 2:00 – 3.15 pm

Online Safety Video for Parents

For those that were unable to join us last Thursday for our parents' online safety workshop, there is an online video containing most of this info here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MY5NDhvVkG4>

Celebrating 150 years of Lealholm School

This year marks the 150th year of our special, rural primary school opening in our picturesque village. We are going to put together a video of pupils past and present, to share stories about what it was and is like to attend Lealholm School and we need your help! Please spread the word and ask people to get in touch if they would be happy to tell us their story and/ or any photographs of school through the ages would be gratefully received. FOLS are holding a meeting in school on Tuesday 27th February at 7.30 pm to discuss ideas.

School Lunch Menu w/c 5th February

Monday: Pizza & wedges with Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream
Tuesday: Meatballs & Rice with Chocolate Sponge & Sauce
Wednesday: Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding & Roasties with Orange Shortcake
Thursday: Spaghetti Bolognese with Oat & Fruit Cookie
Friday: Fish Stars & Chips with Chocolate Berry Mousse Cake
All meals served with seasonal vegetables.

End of Half-Term

As a reminder, we will be closing for half-term on Friday 9th February. We will re-open on Monday 19th February.



Yours sincerely,

Miss Parkes & Mrs Togwell
Teachers in Charge

KEY DATES 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 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

Term Dates 2024-2025

PD Day	Monday 2 nd September
PD Day	Tuesday 3 rd September
First Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 4 th September
Half term	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November
PD Day	Friday 13 th December, 2024
Last Day of Autumn term	Friday 20 th December 2024
First Day of Spring term	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February
PD Day	Friday 28 th March, 2025
Last Day of Spring term	Friday 4 th April, 2025
First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April, 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half term	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May, 2025
Last Day of Summer Term	Monday 21 st July, 2025
PD Day	Tuesday 22 nd July, 2025

