

23rd February, 2024

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is 97.3% - above our target of 97%.

Message from the Headteacher

Time really does go far too quickly - I can't believe we have been back a week already! I am pleased to report that the new kitchen in the staffroom is now finished, so we can do cooking in school with the produce that we grow (without upsetting Mrs Atkinson!). It is finally beginning to feel like spring is springing, there are packets of vegetable seeds on my desk ready to be sown. Mr Everson will be back with us very soon, so growing can begin in earnest! I am really sorry that I missed our first farming visit - it sounds like the children had a fantastic time - and learned a huge amount. I can't wait for the next one 😊 Thank you to Clare Summerson for hosting us and educating us. A big thank you too to Becky Whitwell who is soon going to be entrusting us with her incubator and eggs - which we are going to keep upstairs so the flapping does not upset Mr Nightingale! We are really blessed to have a school in such an amazing community. Hopefully the temperatures will rise over the weekend, have a lovely time and we will see you on Monday.

Mrs Z

Life at Lealholm

Heather Class

It is always lovely after a half term to welcome the children back into school.

In Heather class this week, the children were poets. We looked at different structures of Cinquain poems and evaluated the effectiveness of each one. The children were able to then pick a character from our core text 'The Eye of the Wolf', to base their poem on. It was great to see that the children were confident when writing and they were thinking carefully about their vocabulary choices. The children were then able to share them in class and will be reading them in assembly next week to Fern class.

We have had some excellent mathematicians this week and we are particularly impressed with year 3's understanding of the fractions unit that we are working on. We are very impressed with their ability to understand the difference between a unit and non-unit fractions and order them in ascending and descending order. The year 5 children are enjoying their unit of decimals and fractions. A special mention to Isaac for his excellent knowledge and ability to work out reasoning and problem solving questions.



In RE, the children were thinking about people who inspire them and people who inspire Christians. There were some great discussions taking place in the lesson. The year 5 and 6 children were looking at the human life cycle and we then focused in on the gestational periods of different animals. The year 3 and 4 children began by recapping omnivores, herbivores and carnivores and then placing different animals into the correct food group. They then drew conclusions about the different animals in each group.

Fern Class

We have had a busy first week back at Lealholm! It was lovely to see the children on Monday and hear all about their half term break. Fern Class have started their Geography topic of 'Hot and Cold Places' which we are absolutely loving! They have been singing the oceans and continents song - perhaps ask them for a home performance! We have also studied what happens to weather and temperature as you move towards or away from the Equator. They are so knowledgeable about this topic already - Mr Nightingale is very excited to teach this one. Fern Class have focussed their learning around three of our 'Big Ideas' that we have in Geography - Place, Space and Scale. We are encouraging the children to remember these and use this vocabulary when talking about their learning.

Fern Class have also been designing and making a Moving Parts Farm book. Mrs Lawn and Mrs Sedman have been very impressed with their skills in making flaps, sliders and pivots. We look forward to placing this book in the library once completed for all the children to enjoy.

Fern Class Trip to York – Wednesday 28th February

As part of their history learning on the evolution of the railways, Fern Class will be visiting York's National Railway Museum. Children should arrive ready for a **prompt departure at 8.25 am**. All children will be provided with a school packed lunch, unless you have told us that one will be provided by home. Children should wear their usual uniform and bring a coat. Please note that the coach will return at approximately 4.30pm.

Heather Class Cross-Country – Friday 1st March

The KS2 children will be visiting Caedmon College next Friday afternoon to take part in a Cross-Country event, as part of their PE curriculum and so they can take part in competitive sport. Children should arrive in appropriate PE clothing and footwear with warm/waterproof clothing to wear between races

After school clubs

Tuesday: Games Club - **27th Feb Cancelled due to Parents Evening**



Star of the Week

Fern Class Star of the Week in Fern Class is Lizzie for constantly working hard and always impressing everyone with her kind and helpful nature and brilliant focus, work ethic and resilience in class too. Well done Lizzie!

Heather class Star of the Week in Heather Class is Zoey for her excellent attitude to learning and the great improvement she has made in her Question Time work.

Safer Internet Day

In school, we always ensure that we have regular discussions around internet safety and how to stay safe online, so that children understand the risks and precautions that they need to take when using the internet. Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 6th February and each class had an assembly on how to keep safe online. Children were given different scenarios about what they would do in different situations. We were very impressed with their mature attitude. The theme this year was 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.' The Safer Internet Centre has some really useful top tips to support parents in how to help your child stay safe online. Please use the link attached for more information about how to ensure you child is staying safe when using the internet at home. [Top Tips for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

World Book Day

We are very excited to have the author, Isabel Thomas, coming into school on Wednesday 6th March to present an assembly and complete a workshop with the children. We would like to invite parents to join us for the assembly which will take place in the morning- time to be confirmed.

As this is the day before World Book Day, we have decided that we will celebrate it on Wednesday. We invite children to dress up as their favourite book character, but please note this is not compulsory and children can come to school in their school uniform, if they prefer.

In conjunction with school, FOLS have very kindly offered to support us in an 'eco-friendly' World Book Day. This means that we are asking for any costumes that people have at home, that they don't use anymore, to be donated to a member of FOLS who will store them for the children. A couple of days prior to the event, the costumes will be brought into school and children can select one of their choice to wear. Essentially, this will be a costume swap shop and will allow all children to have access to a costume. We would like all costumes to be borrowed and we don't want any new costumes to be bought.



What we are hoping to do is then ask a member of FOLS to store the costumes for the following year. This will then allow us to develop a 'borrowing' culture in school and it gives all children the same opportunities when it comes to any event that we hold. Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

FOLS 100 Club Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Spring 100 Club draw:

1st £30.00 No. 10 Joyce Trousdale

2nd £25.00 No. 79 Alison Lyth

3rd £20.00 No. 109 Chris Harrison

4th £15.00 No. 102 David Turford

5th £10.00 No. 106 Mary Nelson

Thank you for your support.

Class Dojos

Fern Class

Red: Ivy

Blue: Peter

Green: Mia

Yellow: Nina

Heather Class

Red: Chloe

Blue: Lily

Green: Liv

Yellow: Emily

Parents Evening 27th February

Please remember to book your appointment with your child's class teacher - now available via MCAS <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

Stay and Play Session

The next session will take place on: Friday 8th March 2.00 – 3.15 pm.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children into school. If you would like to attend, email Mrs Taylor at admin.lealholm@yeat.co.uk or contact the school office on 01947 897401.

Egg Rolling

Please come along to our annual egg rolling 'eggtravaganza' on Friday 22nd March at 2.30 pm. Children need to bring a painted hard-boiled egg to roll. Pre-school children are welcome to come and join the fun.



School Lunch Menu w/c 26th February

Monday: Lasagne with Garlic Bread and Cornflake Crispie
Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets with Marble Berry Sponge & Custard
Wednesday: Pork & Stuffing with Cheese & Crackers
Thursday: Beef Chilli Wrap & Fruity Flapjack
Friday: Battered Fish and Lemon drizzle muffin

Yours sincerely,

Miss Parkes & Mrs Togwell
Teachers in Charge

Key Dates Spring Term

February

Tuesday 27 th	Parents Evening
Tuesday 27 th	FOLS Meeting 7.30 pm at School 150 th Anniversary
Wednesday 28 th	KS1 Visit to York Transport Museum

March

Friday 1 st	Cross Country KS2 WCC
Wednesday 6 th	World Book Day Author Visit - am
Thursday 7 th	Y3/4 Hockey - pm
Friday 8 th	Stay and Play 2.00 – 3.15 pm
Tuesday 12 th	Eskdale Festival
Friday 15 th	Training Day – Children not in School
Wed 20 th - Fri 22 nd	Y3/4 to Peat Rigg
Thursday 21 st	Y5/6 Whitby Museum
Friday 22 nd	Egg Rolling 2.30 pm

Monday & Wednesdays – Children to come in their PE Kits

KEY DATES LATER IN THE YEAR

13 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
10 th – 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Week
13 th & 14 th June	Year 6 Edinburgh
22 nd July	YEAT Arts Extravaganza

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



Term Dates 2024

Return to school	Monday 19 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 – Children not in School
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

