

19th June 2020

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Teacher in Charge/KS2 Class Teacher

Miss Anabelle Storr will be joining us in September when Miss Parkes will be starting her maternity leave. Miss Parkes and Miss Storr will be liaising together throughout the rest of this term to ensure a smooth transition. Miss Storr will also be coming into school during the last week of term to hopefully meet the children.

EYFS Transition

We are very excited to be welcoming six new starters into our Reception for 2020/21. Due to the pandemic, our transition plans will look slightly different this year but we are currently planning information packs, 'getting to know you' activities and video calls for our new starters and their parents to help put their minds at ease. More details will be sent out shortly.

Year 6 Transition

Although the usual transition days and activities for Year 6 pupils are unable to take place, please be assured that we are working with the secondary schools to plan a range of activities, which will support our Year 6 pupils in taking the next steps on their journey. More details will be sent out shortly.

Transition across School

As all our children will have new class teachers next year, we will be looking at ways to introduce them and will provide more details later in the term.

Provision

At present, the provision for eligible pupils remains at Lealholm Primary, for week commencing 22nd and 29th June the provision for all our pupils will be at Castleton.

The Junior Class

This week our topic has changed to Bike Week. Activities the children complete will be focused on this for the next 2 weeks. Bike Week is an annual celebration to showcase cycling. Thousands of people all over the UK enjoy the simple pleasure of riding a bike. A lot of the children already enjoy riding their bikes, but this week it has really encouraged them to go out more. The challenge was to cycle every day and lots of children have risen to this challenge. Some of them completing 3 miles or more a day! In English, they have been busy writing a story about a magical bike and the ones which have been completed already are excellent; I am



looking forward to receiving and reading other stories later on today! Children have also had the opportunity to design and make their own bikes. On Wednesday, we had a class video call with a high percentage of our children attending. It was lovely to see the class and also to hear all about what they have been up to during lockdown. We were also able to meet some of their new furry friends!

The Infant Class

As the Infant Class really enjoyed World Ocean day on the 8th June, this week we decided to focus on the book 'The rainbow Fish' and included lots more sea related activities. In English the children were asked to create another rainbow animal and write their own story about them. They were also asked to think about the last time they visited the beach and to use their senses to write a poem using adjectives and onomatopoeia. Oliver and his family made a special trip to the beach to help him to write his poem - it looks like they had lots of fun! In geography children listened to Michael Recycle to help them create a poster for looking after the environment and some sorted the human and physical features you might see at the beach. Some children created 'under the sea' collages in art, investigated floating and sinking in science and created a 'friendship recipe' in PSHE. The infants have all been very busy again this week and have really enjoyed this week's topic. We also had our first infant class assembly over zoom on Thursday where each child shared something they had done or made during lockdown with the class. We had an excellent turn out and I'm sure the children really enjoyed seeing each other, I know we all enjoyed seeing you, listening to your stories and looking at your work; we saw a kitten, a real bird's nest, some missing teeth and some excellent art work. Someone has been owl spotting and had a wasp nest in their garden, lots of children have been helping to look after animals at home and we have some avid readers. It was lovely to have everyone together again and I am really looking forward to next week's assembly!

Junior Classdojo

1st-Chloe
2nd-Florence
3rd-Henry

Infant Dojo Points

1st - Robbie
2nd - Emma and Isaac
3rd - Oliver

Junior Star of the Week

This week the junior Star of the Week is Moses for producing an excellent Food Safety video linked to last week's topic. He included lots of important facts and made it extremely interesting for the viewer with some humour added in! Well done Moses. If you would like some handy tips on food safety or to see this superb video, have a look on our school Facebook page.

Infant Star of the week

Infant star of the week goes to Isaac for his continued efforts with home learning but especially this week for not only making an excellent under the sea collage but going the extra mile and finding out so much information about each sea creature that he included.



Well Done Isaac!

Yours sincerely

H Ward
Headteacher