

12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

Dear Parents,

## Newsletter

**Attendance** Our attendance this week is only 95.3% - below our target of 97%.

### Message from the Headteacher

What a wonderful week in Lealholm 😊 I am absolutely gutted that I missed the lambing due to crossed wires over timing! I have seen the video though and am not sure I would have been much help! The children loved it - George described it as 'really good' and Theo said it was 'gross but worth it!' As I missed out on lamb feeding I am hoping that a parent may possibly bring one into school... Gilly? 😊

We were very busy in the Easter holidays, the staffroom has now been re-carpeted and painted so phonics lessons are very luxurious! We have also had the stone building outside renovated so that we have a dedicated garden store. Lily, George and I have created 2 new strawberry patches today - hopefully there will be plenty of fruit in the summer. We are just in the process of booking the Yorkshire show trip - more details to follow! Have a lovely weekend - let's hope this dry weather continues (I have potatoes to plant)!

Mrs Z

## Life at Lealholm

### Fern Class

What a busy and fun-filled first week back we have had. From PE on Monday, swimming on Tuesday, watching live lambing on Wednesday, ice-cream eating on our walking historical tour on Thursday and being introduced to our new artist, Andy Goldsworthy, on Friday, Fern Class have not stopped. We have been enjoying our improved extension in the garden and Mr Nightingale and Mrs Sedman have been enjoying activities staying where we have put them, rather than blowing around the garden thanks to the new Perspex.

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### Thank you!

Thank you so much to Carl and Nicola Kirkbride for sending in a fascinating photo album of Lealholm through the ages and a local history book too! These will come in very handy indeed.



### Heather Class

It was fantastic to welcome the children back to school on Monday and hear all about their Easter holidays. There was so many conversations about children who were busy lambing, eating lots of chocolate eggs and enjoying time with their families.

In English this week, the children have used their knowledge from last half term about biomes to collect facts and information which they will use in their on-chronological reports. It was excellent to see how much knowledge they had retained and how enthusiastic they were about this topic. We are looking forward to seeing their drafts and published work next week. It was also a great start to the week with the children enjoying their first cricket session of the year with Lewis. The children got back into the swimming pool on Tuesday and it was great to see how much progress the children have made with their swimming. All the children were reassessed by the leisure centre staff, and they have been grouped accordingly, with lots moving up from the shallow end of the big pool to the middle! In science, the children started their new topics this week. The year 3 and 4 children impressed with their prior knowledge of plants and what they need to survive, by the end of the lesson, they were able to explain the life cycle of a flowering plant and what happens at each stage. The year 5 and 6 children began their topic on Living things and their habitats. They were learning all about the life of Carl Linnaeus and were learning about the classification system.

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### NSEA Competition

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April Olivia and Zoey represented Lealholm School at Northallerton Equestrian Centre in one of the NSEA competitions. Olivia came 1st and Zoey 3rd in the 50cm class, meaning that Lealholm made the podium! Zoey went on to take part in the 60cms class and had 4 unlucky faults which put her in 14th place.

The girls both showed excellent sportsmanship to fellow riders from across the North and we are very proud of them both- well done girls!

### Cricket news

We were delighted to be informed that James has been selected to play for the under 9's Ryedale District cricket development squad after attending an observation day in the Easter holidays. We are extremely proud of him and can't wait to hear about how he gets on.



### Farm Visit

On Wednesday, we had our third farm visit this time to Foster's farm and it certainly did not disappoint!! Feeding, cuddling and petting lambs were just a few of the highlights from the afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing the set-up of a sheep farm and the biggest highlight for most of us was seeing the live delivery of twin lambs by Fern and Annie! Thank you so much to the Foster's for having us.

### 150th Anniversary

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### Y6 Sponsored Walk

In order to raise money for their trip to Edinburgh in June, the year 6 children embarked on their sponsored walk on Saturday around Fryup. They walked just over 5 miles and all the children said how much they enjoyed the time spent with their families and friends. The Y6 children have all raised their target of £50.00 each with some raising even more. Thank you to all those who kindly sponsored our Y6 children.

### Star of the Week

**Heather class** Star of the Week is Matthew for his hard work and determination – well done Matthew

**Fern Class** Star of the week is Bea for reading lots at home and having a brilliant attitude to learning this week. Well done Bea - you are a superstar! 😊

### Class Dojos

#### Fern Class

Red: Fran  
Blue: Eva  
Green: Marshall  
Yellow: Jeffrey

#### Heather Class

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



### **Curriculum Overviews**

Please also see attached our curriculum overview for the summer term. We hope you find this a useful way to know what your child is learning and as a way to prompt discussion at home.

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### **School Lunch Menu w/c 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday: Beef Burger in a Bun with Summer Berry Flapjack

Tuesday: Creamy Mac & Cheese with Iced Lemon Finger

Wednesday: Roast Gammon with Apply Crumble and Custard

Thursday: Chicken Korma and Rice with Chocolate and Vanilla Muffin

Friday: Batter Fish with Custard Cookie with Orange Wedge

Yours sincerely,

Miss Parkes & Mrs Togwell  
Teachers in Charge

**Monday & Wednesdays – Children to come in their PE Kits**



### Key Dates Summer Term

#### April

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Quad Kids
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming Session
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 visit TBC
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Stay & Play Session
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Cricket Tournament

#### May

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5/6 Tennis
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y3/4 Cricket at Mulgrave
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Session
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming Session
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/2 Quad Kids

#### June

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Session
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	D Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Quad Kids
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Week
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Edinburgh
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Session
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Online Safety – Whitby
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Athletics
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Tennis
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Farm Visit
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 and under Golf

#### July

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Swimming Session
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Golf
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	New Starters TBC
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Yorkshire Show - TBC
14 <sup>th</sup> July	FOLS 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Fayre
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Farm Visit
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	YEAT Arts Extravaganza

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



### Term Dates 2024

May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Half term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
PD Day	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2024 – Children not in School
Last Day of Summer Term	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

### Term Dates 2024-2025

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