

19th July, 2024

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is 99.5% again well about our target of 97% - Fantastic. A special mention must go to Liv Knight for achieving 100% attendance for the whole year – well done Liv.

Message from the Headteacher

I can't believe this is the last time I am writing my Friday piece for the newsletter 😞 It says a lot about the school that I came here for a few months when Mrs Ward was poorly and 2 and a half years later I am still here! Lealholm is a truly magical school - the children are amazing! I have so many fond memories - the highlights being the Yorkshire Shows and the farm visits this year - I will confess that I knew nothing about farming when I arrived - and now I am at least leaving with the basics! I have to say a huge thank you to you for being so welcoming, and to the fantastic staff here who also make the place so special. Lealholm will always have a special place in my heart - which is why I am keeping my office! (Mr Russell will have to share...) I will still be around on Friday - so don't forget, that will be the day for visiting animals 😊 Have a lovely summer. I am sorry I am unable to go to the rescheduled show, but I am on holiday. Let's hope for plenty of sunshine! See you in September.

Mrs Z 😊

Mrs Zanelli

From the moment Mrs Zanelli stepped through our doors, she brought with her a vision and a passion that were contagious. She saw not just a school but a community, a family. Under her guidance, we have seen the environment of our school evolve into a place of warmth, inclusivity, and positivity. Her efforts have created an environment where students feel safe, valued and inspired to reach their full potential. The culture she has fostered is one where every individual is encouraged to grow, dream, and achieve. She has embraced Lealholm's farming heritage and ensured that it is a part of what we do and offer at the school. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank Mrs Zanelli and we are all looking forward to seeing her at Lealholm on a Friday!

Mrs Togwell

Thank you so much to Mrs Togwell for all her hard work teaching at Lealholm this year. The children have all thoroughly enjoyed having her in school and sharing her great expertise in Art, music and DT. She will be thoroughly missed, but we know she will come back to visit, when we are having either river or beach days!



A Special Thank you to FOLS

We would like to say a very special thank you to FOLS for their continuing support, this year alone they have contributed towards the following trips;

Eden Camp

Paralympian Visit

Ice-Skating

Y3 & Y4 Residential to Peat Rigg

Y6 - Edinburgh Trip

Fern Class Visit to York

Yorkshire Show

Events hosted for the children and items provided by FOLS this year include: X-Mas Party, Prizes for Egg Rolling and Egg Decorating, Costumes for World Book Day, New Starter Book Bags, Musical Instruments, Anniversary Mugs, Kitchen Equipment.

We are very lucky to have such supportive parents.

Life at Lealholm

Heather Class

The best way to spend the final week of the academic year in school doing what we love to do the most- farming! A huge thank you to the Smith and Lillie family for hosting us this week and allowing us to explore their farms. It is astounding how much information we learn from the farms we visit. Due to the success of this year, we look forward to visiting more farms next year and please spread the word to see if any local farmers would be interested. We do have some visits already in for the new academic year.

On Thursday, the sun finally shone which made our trip to the beach even more fantastic. The children enjoyed their session with the coastguards learning all about safety in the water. The children enjoyed building many sandcastles and having some time to put their learning in the coastguard session into practice, whilst playing in the sea.

As I reflect on the year in Heather class, I am immensely proud of all of the children. They have all worked extremely hard and it is wonderful to see their love for learning. I am sad to see Matthew, Chloe, George, Theo and Rose go, but I know they will make excellent year 7 children and they are ready for the next stage in their education. We look forward to welcoming Peter and Bea into Heather class!



Fern Class

Fern Class can't quite believe it is the end of another school year. For Reception, this marks the end of their first year at school. Fran, Nina and Millie have had an incredible year full of learning and laughter. They have been such a wonderful cohort and are all more than ready for the challenges and experiences that Year 1 will bring. Year 1 are just incredible - Eva, Annie, Mia, Lizzie, Ivy, Adam, Marshall, Henry and Jeffrey have all confidently passed their Phonics Screening Check - our fifth year with a 100% pass rate! They continue to perform incredibly well with all assessments across the board and are now looking forward to starting Little Wandle Fluency books in the Autumn Term - lots of exciting book chat has already happened in preparation for these books! Finally, Year 2 move upstairs for their new chapter at Lealholm in Mrs Clay's class - Fern Class will really miss Peter and Bea! It won't be the same without them!

We are very excited to be growing as a Fern Class family, with 22 children downstairs next year! Mrs Sedman has worked incredibly hard ensuring that each space is laid out purposefully for learning and that everywhere looks stunning ready for the new year. Timetables have been drawn up for another exciting year in Fern Class - we cannot wait to welcome our new starters to the Lealholm family too!

This week, we have had a busy week finishing everything off. We have prepared lots of entries for the Lealholm show, finalised our drafts for our final piece of narrative writing about the Magic Finger and attended two wonderful farm visits. We are definitely ready for the Summer Holidays now!

Spare clothes

Please can you send any clothes into school that your children have grown out of, as we don't have any. Tis can be uniform or PE kit. Thank you in advance.

Whitby Evangelical Church

The Whitby Evangelical Church are holding a free holiday club on the 28th-30th August for Primary school aged children. Please contact Jemima on 07964 698034 or email: jemimanmg@gmail.com for any further information or to book a place.

Whitby Town Football Club Season ticket

We are extremely grateful to the Whitby Town Football club for generously gifting all of our children a season ticket. These have been given to the children on Wednesday and we hope they are able to attend the matches in the coming season. Fixture list attached



150th Anniversary

We are delighted to announce that the 150th anniversary will now be taking place, come rain or shine, on **Sunday 28th July**. We hope you are all able to join us in this celebration of our wonderful school.

Classdojo winners

Fern class

Red - Fran
Blue - Lizzie
Green - Millie
Yellow - Nina

Heather class

Red- Harley
Blue- Fern
Green- Rachel
Yellow- Emily

Star of the week

Heather Class

There are five exceptional stars of the week that I would like to award to Chloe, George, Matthew, Rose and Theo.

Chloe for her exceptional work ethic; being such a kind and caring individual and her excellent organisational skills.

Matthew for his extensive general knowledge; for helping me learn how to play chess and our great discussions on the playground.

George for his sense of humour; tremendous tractor knowledge and caring personality.

Rose for working so hard this year; being such a good friend to many and an excellent role model.

Theo for his great sense of humour; excellent door holding skills and fantastic ability to write narratives that make you laugh out loud.

Star of the Week in Fern Class is every member of the class, all for different reasons. Well done Fern Class!

Summer Voucher Booker from Yorkshire Attractions.

The voucher contains discount vouchers for a variety of attractions throughout Yorkshire, for use during the Summer holidays and beyond. It also includes adverts and listings for upcoming events in the region.

The booklet can be viewed here: <https://yorkshireattractions.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/YAG-Voucher-Booklet-2024-Online.pdf>



Meal Prices - September 2024

From September 2024, we will have to raise the amount we charge for school meals to £3.00 per meal, to allow this to be sustainable for the school's budget. Thank you for your understanding.

Return to School

After Monday 22nd July, school will be closed for the summer. We have two training days (2nd and 3rd September), therefore children will return to school on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clay & Mrs Togwell
 Teachers in Charge

Parent Forum dates for the next academic year:

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| Tuesday 1st October 2024 | Thursday 3rd April 2025 |
| Thursday 28th November 2024 | Tuesday 20th May 2025 |
| Tuesday 4th February 2025 | Thursday 3rd July 2025 |

Term Dates 2024-2025

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |

