

8th November, 2024

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is a fantastic **100%**.

Message from the Headteacher

It's been wonderful to see the lovely things going on at Lealholm this past week (mostly from afar!). I was so impressed with our two stars of last week from completely opposite ends of the school: One in Reception making amazing progress in writing his own name while the other in year 6 producing an amazingly detailed and well written report of prehistoric times. I was also privileged to accompany Heather Class to Murton Park for a fantastic day as tribe members in a Stone-Age village. The children were fantastic representatives of the school in their expertise, behaviour and enthusiasm.

Life at Lealholm

Heather Class

What a fun-filled week we have had in Heather class to begin Autumn 2! On Tuesday, we had a visit from Mr Ainsley, referred to by the children as the lego man! They had a great morning and learnt lots about coding the wagons they created. He was very impressed with the children's behaviour throughout the workshop.

To consolidate our learning from last half term in history, we visited Murton Park with the pupils from Oakridge. We had a excellent day dressing up in Stone Age clothes and living a day in their life. We were able to go hunting, be archeologists, crush our own wheat for bread and master the art of weaving and pottery. The children had an enjoyable time and our group leader, Flint, was extremely impressed by how much knowledge the children had on this period in history. **We would like to thank FOLS for kindly donating £10.00 per child towards the cost of this visit.**

In English, we have started our new book for this half term, Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone. The children are already hooked and are already generating their own creative ideas for their first-person adventure stories.

The children also enjoyed a trip to the river this week in Science where the children in year 5 and 6 were identifying the properties of materials that were in and around the river. The year 3 and 4 children were using scientific reasoning to think about whether or not they think the river would be able to freeze, which links to their topic on States of Matter.



Fern Class

Fern Class have had a fantastic first week back. The children have worked hard, completing lots of work. Mrs Lawn was blown away this week by the children's swimming skills - we are really proud of all of the children. In Maths this week, Year 2 have battled with some tricky worded problems using addition and subtraction, with two or three steps. Their resilience and determination has been incredibly impressive. On Friday afternoon, we also enjoyed a River Schools session. Although slightly cool, the children had a wonderful time, covering one of our outdoor adventurous activities of 'dam building'. We spoke about the structure and purpose of a dam in school before heading down to the river.

In Geography this week, we have started our new topic of 'My School'. The children loved exploring Google Maps and comparing ariel photographs of Lealholm and Castleton schools. The children have also accomplished the tricky job of making scaled maps of our vegetable garden, linking to our big idea of 'scale' and 'space'. Well done Year 1 and 2!

Reception are now starting to read words confidently in phonics. Of the taught graphemes, Reception are building up their knowledge and understanding of how to read CVC words and doing superbly. This can be seen with huge improvements from all the children this week with their blending and confidence in their reading sessions. A huge thank you to Mrs Sedman who has run these groups in small groups so that children feel confident and nurtured when reading - you can see their confidence with reading shining through.

Star of the week

Fern Class

Star of the week in Fern Class this week is Annie, for her improved handwriting and fantastic work ethic across all subjects this week. Well done, Annie!

Heather Class

Star of the week in Heather class this week is Isaac for his excellent manners and respectful behaviour.

Classdojo winners

Heather class

Red- Fern

Blue-Lily

Green- Liv

Yellow- Olivia

Fern Class

Red- Marshall

Yellow - Annie

Blue - Sidney

Green - Elsie



After School Clubs -

Please note: due to staff commitments **both the Y6 afterschool club on Monday and the Games Club on Thursday will be held at lunch time next week.**

Sponsored Walk

Please remember to return your form and any monies collected to school. Thank you to all of those who have returned their forms and monies already, your support is greatly appreciated.

Children in Need – 15th November

Although we will not be collecting donations this year, we will be making Pudsey crafts throughout the day to raise awareness in school.

Job Opportunities

We still have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor – please get in touch if you are interested, even if it's just for 1 day.

West Cliff School also have vacancies for a breakfast club assistant, afterschool club assistant as well as a MSA – links below:

<https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/5525/0/441308/19907/west-cliff-primary-school-breakfast-club-assistant-and-or-after-school-club-assistant>

<https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/4757/0/441292/19907/west-cliff-primary-school-midday-supervisory-assistants>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clay
Teacher in Charge

Key Dates Autumn 2024

November

Tuesday 12 th	LW Live Event
Tuesday 19 th	Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 19 th	Swimming Session
Tuesday 26 th	Parents Reading Afternoon
Tuesday 26 th	KS2 Athletics
Thursday 28 th	Parents Forum 3.30 pm



December

Tuesday 3 rd	Swimming Session
Friday 6 th	Whole School – Whitby Spa am
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Carol Concert 2.30 pm
Friday 13 th	PD Training Day
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas Performance 2.00 pm Over 60's
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Performance 2.00 pm & 6.00 pm
Thursday 19 th	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th	Christmas Party
Friday 20 th	Break up for Christmas 3.30 pm

Mondays: PE with LC Sports & Afterschool Football Club

Thursdays: Afterschool Games Club

Fridays: Music Lessons

Term Dates 2024-2025

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 21st March, 2025 (amended date)
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

