

15<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

Dear Parents,

## Newsletter

**Attendance** Our attendance this week is a fantastic **99.1%**.

### Life at Lealholm

#### Heather Class

What another busy and enjoyable week in Heather class! Mrs Lawn has been very impressed with the start of the children's DT projects on links and leverages and CAMS. The children are thoroughly enjoying the unit and we are looking forward to seeing the finished products.

The children are continuing to enjoy our class text this half term, 'Sky Song', and this week they have thoroughly enjoyed creating their villains for their own adventure story, thinking about where their story will be set. Drafting will start next week, and Mrs Wright and I are very excited about reading them.

In Geography, the year 5 and 6 have started their topic on global trade and this week have found it fascinating to see how much trade has changed from the Stone Age to the current day. They produced some excellent timelines to show how it has progressed over the centuries.

Heather class were fortunate enough to have a first aid workshop delivered by a company called 'Flat Stan', who specialise in delivering first aid lessons to children. It provided children with the knowledge and skills to be able to recognise a variety of first aid situations and how to deal with them.

#### Fern Class

Fern Class have loved making their fruit kebabs this week as part of their DT topic. The children experimented when taste testing a variety of fruit and recorded their thoughts, before designing their own kebabs. We then ensured we knew the correct hygiene routines to keep ourselves and our food safe. The end result was some lip-smackingly good kebabs! Well done Fern Class.

In science this week, we have enjoyed watching the progress of our seed growth. We discussed why some seeds were still not sprouting and why others were growing wildly! The children have had great scientific ideas which have shown a depth of understanding about growing.



As Christmas approaches, some signs of the upcoming festivities are appearing in school. Mrs Lillie has been heard rehearsing some Christmas songs with all the children in Music lessons and rumour has it that Mrs Zanelli might be adding a couple of songs to the selection too! It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

### **Mental Health**

We take mental health very seriously here at school and in our drive to promote strong mental health, we have introduced the myHappyMind program. myHappyMind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! Keep an eye out for a letter explaining more including an exciting opportunity for one lucky parent to win a prize!

### **Star of the week**

#### **Heather Class**

Star of the week in Heather class is Lily for her kind and caring nature and her great effort in all areas of learning this week.

#### **Fern Class**

Star of the Week in Fern Class is Fran for her excellent reading in reading sessions and always remembering to blend in her head. Well done Fran, you're a superstar!

Star of the Week in Fern Class is also Marshall for impressing everyone with his kind and thoughtful behaviour all week. Well done Marshall, we're all very proud!

### **Classdojo winners**

#### **Heather class**

Red- Rachel  
Green- Isaac  
Blue- Lily  
Yellow- Olivia

#### **Fern Class**

Blue - Jacob  
Yellow - Naomi  
Red - Henry Y  
Green - Eva

### **Staff Recommend Read**

We are going to be adding a staff recommended read to our newsletter and a child recommended read from next week. Mr Russell has recently read the following book- we hope you enjoy hearing about these as we share our reading culture with you!

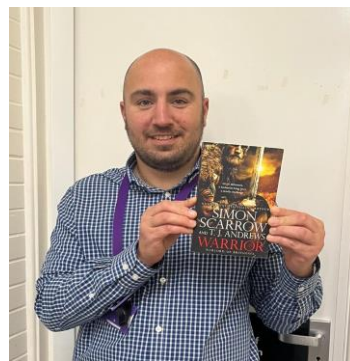
#### **Mr Russell Recommends – Warrior by Simon Scarrow**

In a slight deviation from my current obsession with British Navy history, this summer I read this fantastic historical fiction based loosely on events approximately 2000 years



ago. This book isn't for the faint-hearted as it's full of gory battle-scenes and fast paced action that had me turning pages quicker than a Roman chariot.

I really enjoyed how this book used a Roman historian - Caius - as the narrator to give an outsider's perspective on pre-Roman Britain mixed with the account of his subject Caratacus - a Celtic King. I really did feel transported back into this strange era of druids, betrayal and power-grabbing. A great read and I will definitely explore more in this series.



### Music Sessions

Please note: the music lessons will be on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> next week**

**Dates for the rest of the Autumn term are:**

Friday 22nd - Now Thursday 21st

Friday 29th

Friday 6th Dec - Now Monday 2nd December

Friday 13th Dec - Now Thursday 12th December

Friday 20th December

### Flu Vaccinations Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

The team from NHS Vaccinations will be in school to administer the nasal flu vaccination. If you wish your child to receive this, please complete this link:

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>

If you do not want your child to have this, there is an option to specify this on the link or please contact the school office.

### Little Wandle Live

It has been another fantastic week at Lealholm. This week, the children have been incredible in our Little Wandle Live event, having impressed 8 guests. This time, we had guests travelling as far as Roecliffe and Ripon to watch our amazing children. The children never fail to impress on these events. We are going to be using the money generated by hosting this event to go towards a visit to The Little Fox Bookshop in Whitby with the children, where they can select books they want to have back at



### **Book Swap Free Shop**

A quick reminder that the Book Swap Free Shop is open each day, 8am-4:30pm. Please do pop in to browse - maybe pick up a new bedtime story for the children in Fern Class or encourage your child in Heather Class to pick one up as they're leaving school? You're welcome to keep these books for as long as you're enjoying it, we just ask that you pop it back in the swap shop when you've finished for someone else to enjoy!

### **Secondary School Transport Saturday 30/11/24 12 noon – 1:00pm**

Alison Hume MP will be at Danby Village Hall to respond to concerns regarding future transport changes for secondary school. The meeting is open to all parents/carers.

### **Children starting primary school in September 2025**

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 and are due to start school in September 2025 parents can now apply for a place at school. The application is open and closes 15th January 2025. Please visit the webpage below for everything you need to know. [www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions)

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### **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.

### **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.

### **North Yorkshire Women's Health Survey**

Help us address the health needs of women and girls in our communities complete the survey here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/north-yorkshire-womens-health-survey-2024>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clay  
Teacher in Charge



### Key Dates Autumn 2024

#### November

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Session
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	East Barnby Healthy Eating
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Reading Afternoon
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Athletics
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Forum 3.30 pm

#### December

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming Session
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School – Whitby Spa am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carol Concert 2.30 pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	PD Training Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Performance 2.00 pm Over 60's
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Performance 2.00 pm & 6.00 pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	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 <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
<b>PD Day</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 (amended date)</b>
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
Last Day of Summer Term	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July, 2025
PD Day	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2025



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