

29th November, 2024

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is a 98.1% again above our target.

Life at Lealholm

Heather Class

Heather class had a great start to the week with a trip to East Barnby for a Healthy School Award event. Throughout the day, children were involved in a variety of workshops, including making a wreath from a willow tree; toasting marshmallows on the campfire; learning about a healthy, balanced diet and how their school meals are prepared and using a pedometer to count their steps, while playing a scavenger hunt game outside. The year 5 and 6 children competed in the athletics interschool competition on Tuesday afternoon and had an excellent time.

There was great excitement in Heather class on Thursday morning, as we had our new interactive whiteboard fitted. In DT, Mrs Lawn was thoroughly impressed with the children who were able to turn their planning from the previous week into their water mills, using CAMS, and river posters, using links and leverages. Children worked extremely hard on these and we are looking forward to seeing all the finished products next week.

In Geography, the year 3 and 4 children were learning about climate zones near to the equator, comparing the climates to places in the northern hemisphere. They produced some excellent climate graphs and were able to explain the difference in temperature and rainfall of the two countries that they were comparing.

Fern Class

It has been a busy week at Lealholm this week. Fern Class have loved exploring shape this week and using key terminology such as 2D, 3D, vertices and edges. Reception have made some fantastic shape monsters and impressed us all with their knowledge of the properties of 2D shapes. Meanwhile, Year 1 and 2 have been busy comparing 3D shapes, with Year 2 attempting some challenging questions within reasoning and problem solving this week. The determination and effort all the children put into their learning was noted positively by our visitors from Reedness School, who had nothing but wonderful things to say about our children.

The Year 1 and 2 children have drafted their non-chronological reports in English this week about the layers of the Earth. We have enjoyed reading and exploring the core text 'The Street Beneath My Feet' to inform our research and writing. The children have also shown a love for our current Geography learning where they used their gained



knowledge and skills first hand to go on a treasure hunt around our beautiful village, to find clues to lead us to treasure. The children especially enjoyed learning how to navigate using our new compasses that have arrived in school.

Book Recommendation

Heather class' first book recommendation comes from a child who is our very own Matilda- Fern! She can be found with her head in a book at playtime, lunchtime and any given opportunity. She enjoys a range of literature and is always looking to find different genres and authors that she has not read. Some of her favourite authors are Roald Dahl, Michael Morpurgo and many more! One of her all-time favourites is one that she selected from our school library, 'Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson.' "It was really funny and exciting! It had lots of different enjoyable moments throughout and I just couldn't put it down until I finished it. It only took me 2 days to read it all!"



Christmas jumpers

Thank you very much to FOLS for collecting pre-loved Christmas jumpers. On Tuesday, children will have the opportunity to select a Christmas jumper at 3:15pm. These can then be worn to the **Pantomime** and on the last day of term (20th December) for the **Christmas Party**.

Fire Safety Talk

On Wednesday afternoon, we had the North Yorkshire fire service in school to talk to the children about staying safe as the nights get darker and also, about what to do about the event of a fire in their homes. We wanted to remind you that North Yorkshire fire service can come to your home and fit smoke alarms for free. You can find more information about this on the North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue website. If you need any further support with this, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Road Closure

As some of you may have noticed, the road into Lealholm and Lealholm bank is undergoing resurfacing from Monday and will be closed between the hours of 8am-



5pm. Parents will still be able to drop off and pick up as normal, however, it may take longer to get to school.

Star of the week

Heather Class

Star of the week in Heather class this week is Rachel for her excellent perseverance in DT this week.

Fern Class

Star of the Week in Fern Class is Elsie for her increasing confidence and constantly smiley nature! Elsie is a pleasure to spend time with. We're all very proud of you, Elsie!

Classdojo winners

Heather class

Red- Fern
Yellow- Oliver
Blue- Peter
Green- Liv

Fern Class

Red - Fran
Blue - Jacob
Yellow - Henry K
Green - Nina

Hamper Packing – 16th December

FOLS have arranged to do the hamper packing on Monday 16th December. The hampers are then raffled during the school plays and make a great prize. Please send any donations of produce into school by the morning of Monday 16th December – all donations would be most welcome – Thank you.

Sponsored Walk

Thank you to all those who raised money for the sponsored walk. We have collected even more donations making a total of **£566.00** for school funds.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clay
Teacher in Charge



Key Dates Autumn 2024

December

Monday 2 nd	Music Lessons
Tuesday 3 rd	Swimming Session
Friday 6 th	Whole School – Whitby Spa am
Thursday 12 th	Music Lessons
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	Music Lessons
Friday 20 th	Christmas Party
Friday 20 th	Break up for Christmas 3.30 pm

Mondays: PE with LC Sports & Afterschool Football Club

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

