

26th February 2021

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Staff PD Day

Please note: School will not be open to any pupils on Friday 5th March.

School Reopening

We are looking forward to reopening to all our children on Monday 8th March.

We have updated the school Risk Assessment [a copy is available on our website](#)

Additional cleaning around school and lots of hand washing will be taking place and the classrooms have been rearranged to minimise risk.

Drop off/Pick up

It is crucial we maintain social distance at the start and end of the school day. Please ensure you wear face coverings when you drop off and pick up your child/ren. If you would like to speak with a member of staff, please do so via email/ or phone rather than coming into school.

Please limit what your child brings into school. They should only have essentials with them i.e.: coat, medication, book bag with reading book and homework book when applicable.

You should not send your child into school if you or any of your family have any Covid-19 Symptoms

This is only the first stage to exit lockdown, please ensure all current restrictions are followed. We would like to get back to normality as soon as possible.

World Book Day

With World Book Day just around the corner, Thursday 4th March, we would like to make sure we celebrate it lockdown style! We normally ask children to dress up as their favourite book character but this year, as most children are learning from home, we would like children to decorate a potato as their favourite book character. These will then be judged, and prizes will be given to the winner of the competition (one for Fern Class and one for Heather Class). Please email a picture of your child/ren's entry to bparkes.lealholm@yeat.co.uk by Wednesday 3rd March.

During this week, we also have lots of exciting activities planned for your children to get involved in, details of these will be sent out in due course.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Miss Parkes back to school after her maternity leave. Miss Parkes is looking forward to teaching Heather Class again and is enjoying being back in the classroom.

Heather Class

What a great start to the half term we have had! We have been solving mysteries both in our whole class book and in English. We have read 'Tuesday' and the children really enjoyed the story. From this, we have done a lot of work on inference and are now preparing to write our newspaper report. All the children have created some excellent story maps and been able to retell the story very well. We had an explosive week in geography making our own volcanoes and using vinegar, bicarbonate soda and red food colouring, to re-enact an erupting volcano. We enjoyed our first session of dance for this half term and the children are already looking forward to next week's virtual session. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back on the 8th March.

Fern Class

This week in Fern class the children have been learning all about Ocean pollution and the problem that it makes for sea creatures, especially plastic pollution. We have watched videos and read books about how it harms different animals and have discussed how we can help to reduce the pollution. Next week the children will be creating their own persuasive poster to encourage others to reduce the pollution by reusing, reducing and recycling. In Science they will be learning all about plants. This week they learnt all about what a plant needs to grow and found out that plants need soil, water, sunlight, time and the right temperature to grow properly. The children will have the opportunity to plant their own seeds and look after them. In PE this half term the children have started a new Dance topic with Jess. They have just started to learn their own routine and will add to this in the coming weeks. With Mrs Woods the children have learnt about online safety with smartie the penguin. With Mrs Scholey, Y1/2 have learnt all about Florence Nightingale while reception learnt all about doctors and how they help us. We look forward to welcoming all of the children back on the 8th March.

Star of the Week

This week in Heather class, star of the week is Omar. In both Maths and English, he has worked very hard and completed some excellent work.

This week in Fern class star of the week is James. James has really impressed me with his reading this week. He is also such a pleasure to have in school as he is always smiling and being a good friend.

Heather Class Merit Winners:

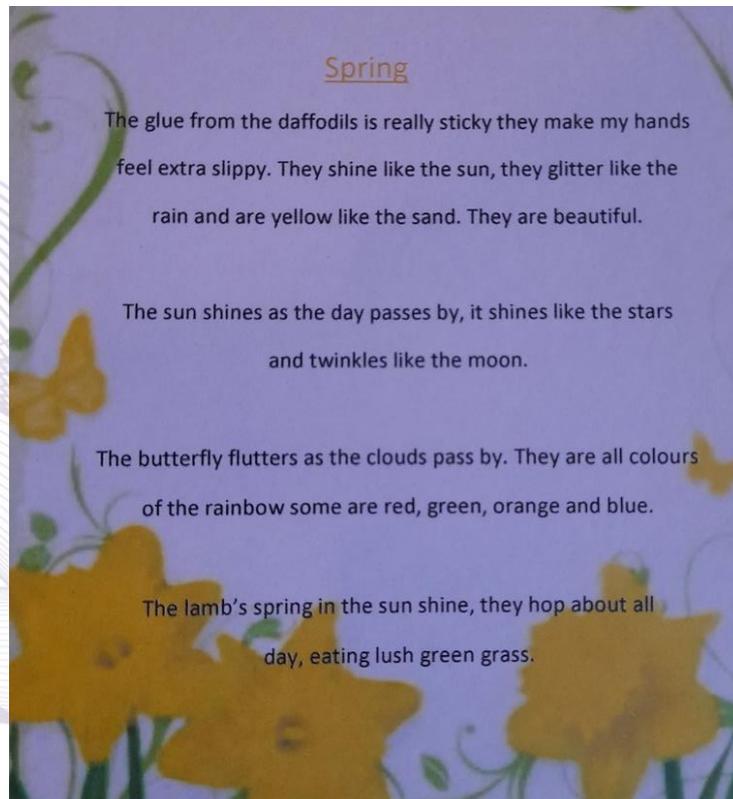
Red - Chloe W
Yellow - Chloe S
Blue - Matthew
Green - Theo

Fern Class Merit Winners:

Red - Isaac
Yellow - Solomon
Blue - Emily
Green - Oliver

Blue Peter badge

Well done to Chloe W who has received a Blue Peter Badge for her fabulous poem about Spring:



Sensory Saturday

An exciting and engaging session, recommended for parents of children aged 3–11, who have communication and interaction difficulties. Will be held on 27 March 21. For more information and to book a place on one of the sessions please email NYSENDhubs@northyorks.gov.uk by 20th March 2021

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on the board for a co-opted governor. We are looking for someone for this position who is not a parent of a current pupil at any of the three schools and a recent skills audit has indicated that the board (and therefore the schools) would benefit from further expertise in HR and finance. Please think of anyone you know who may be suited to this and who would be passionate about contributing to the education of the young people in our community - good governance is an integral part of a successful school. Further information about the role of a governor can be found on our website

<https://www.lealholm.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-our-school/our-governors/the-governor-role/>

If you have any concerns or queries please phone or email to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely

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