

25th November 2022

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is only **90%** - well below our target of **97%**. Our attendance for the year to date is currently **95.5%**.

Message from the headteacher

The weather has certainly changed this week - children need to remember to bring their hats and scarves! I can't believe it is only 3 weeks until we break up for Christmas - it seems to have come around very quickly..... This week we began rehearsing ready for our carol concert - we are hoping to wow you again this year with our beautiful singing, we are missing Xavier and Noah though who both sang their hearts out last year. Luckily Owen, Chloe and Olivia are stepping into their shoes. There are lots of solos - even some of our youngest children are having a go - so if they bring home song words to practise then please encourage them 😊

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Z

Life at Lealholm

What an another busy week at Lealholm; starting the week with our Children in Need activities, watching the first England game of the world cup, to the Christmas play practises being well underway ready for our first performance - (over 60's) on Tuesday 6th December!

Fern Class have had another busy week of work! Reception have completed all of their Phase 2 phonics now - having been taught the whole alphabet and some common digraphs (sh, th, ch, ng, nk, qu). They have really enjoyed spelling their own words using these known letters within phonics sessions and with the magnetic letters throughout the day on our new Tough Tray (thanks to Jeffrey and Peter who helped Mrs Sedman to build this!)

Year 1 and 2 have begun collecting ideas for their diary writing next week - this time in English we are using a core video, a prior John Lewis Christmas advert, to inspire some first person emotive diary writing. An excellent start to this learning has been made! The children have also really engaged well with our science topic of 'Everyday Materials' this week - we have been experimenting which materials can be squashed, bent and stretched. We took our learning into the staff room to microwave some old wax crayons and we were amazed with the results!

Heather class have been extremely busy this week creating their final narratives for part 3 of Beowulf. They have all been thinking as writers while completing them,

ensuring they are independently editing and improving as they complete their work. We are excited to see the published versions available in the reading corner ready to pick up and enjoy.

The children have also been busy in science completing different science experiments based around their topic this half term. Year 3 and 4 were learning all about condensation and working scientifically to further develop their knowledge of this process. The year 5 and 6 were set a very important task to think about the most suitable bag for Miss Parkes to carry her books in. They were given 4 different types and they had to work out how they were going to conduct a fair test to see the durability of each of the bags they were given. They worked well in their groups and were able to identify the bag that would be the most suitable.

Islamic Diversity Centre

We were fortunate enough on Thursday morning to have a visit from Ishmael from the Islamic Diversity Centre who came into school to deliver an assembly on what life was like as a Muslim. It gave the children a concrete understanding about what life was like in Britain, he then completed a workshop with the KS2 children focusing on celebrations within Islam. It supported the work which the children have been completing in RE on religious festivals. The children were a real credit to the school; they listened carefully and asked some excellent questions which helped to deepen their understanding of this faith.

Christmas Play Costumes

Your child will have received information about the clothes they need to bring in for the Christmas play. Please, ensure these are in school as soon as possible ready for the dress rehearsal on Monday 5th December. If you have any problems, please let the class teacher know.

Football Club

On Monday 28th the sports club will be on the playground as it is now too dark and wet on the field. Children will need **trainers** suitable for the playground (not studded boots).

Children in Need

Thank you to all our Lealholm families for the excellent effort with dressing up and your kind donations to Children in Need this year. The children all thoroughly enjoyed creating Pudsey bear on the playground as well as decorating their own cupcakes and biscuits in the afternoon. We raised a total of **£47.23**, so thank you again - this will help make a difference.

Save the Date

We are delighted to be able to invite parents into school again this term to read with their child. The session will take place on Thursday 8th December from 2:45pm. All parents are welcome to come into school and enjoy reading with their child whilst enjoying a hot drink and mince pie.

Stay and Play

We are looking forward to our next Stay and Play session on Friday 2nd December to welcome our new starters back into school. This will be at the earlier of 10:30 am - 12.00 pm. If you haven't already, please book a place with Mrs Taylor in the office by emailing admin.lealholm@yeat.co.uk or phoning 01947 897401.

Flu Spray

You will have received an e-mail from the school office regarding the upcoming flu immunisation visit from the NHS. The immunisation team will be in school on

Monday 28th November at 1.00 pm

The immunisation team are no longer closing the consent portal prior to the session therefore parents/ carers will have the opportunity to give consent right up to Monday. If any parents inform us on the day of the session that they have not consented but still want their child immunised please let us know.

<https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Star of the Week

Star of the week in Fern class is Jeffrey for completing lots of amazing maths work on odd and even questions and for being a great help building a table with Mrs Sedman.

Star of the week in Fern class is also Peter for being an excellent role model and helping Mrs Sedman to build a table.

Star of the week in Heather class this week is Isaac for the excellent questions he asked to further develop his understanding of the Islamic faith during our workshop with the Islamic Diversity Centre.

Class dojo Winners

Fern Class

Red- Mia
Blue- Ivy
Green- Peter
Yellow- James

Heather Class

Red- Chloe
Blue- Matthew
Green- Owen
Yellow- Bradley

Swimming

Please remember swimming costumes and towels on Tuesday for our next swimming session.

Hamper Packing

FOLS have arranged to do the hamper packing on Monday 5th December at 2.15 pm. The hampers are then raffled during the school plays and make a great prize. Any donations of produce and your help packing would be most welcome – Thank you.

FOLS various fund raising activities go towards financing various events for the children throughout the school year including our upcoming Pantomime visit.

After School Clubs

Monday-Sports club- Lewis
Wednesday- Games club- Mr Nightingale
Thursday- Year 6 club-with Miss Parkes

School Photographs

You should now have all received your school photographs including the digital copies.

Peat Rigg Residential

Our Year 5 and 6 children will be heading off on an exciting adventure next week! On Wednesday, children will depart to Peat Rigg Outdoor Centre where they will take part in a range of outdoor adventurous activities, including abseiling, zipline, caving, archery, bushcraft and much more! The children will be attending the visit with children from Oakridge, Castleton and Glaisdale Schools, helping them to forge and strengthen relationships with children from different schools. Children should arrive at school at the normal time in outdoor clothing and footwear. They should have all their bags with them, containing the kit list sent out previously. Children will return on Friday mid-afternoon, in time for a normal collection at the end of the day (although we will inform you if we arrive back earlier, in case you would like an earlier collection of tired children!)

Primary School Application

It is now time to apply for new school starter places for September 2023! Applications can be submitted from October 12th to 15th January at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>. If you have a child who is due to join us then please apply for a place as soon as you can. If you know someone who is interested in their child joining us then please encourage them to ring the school office and book an appointment to look around. We are always happy to give you the grand tour!

Bank Holiday

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May. Settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day. This will include schools and colleges.

Follow the Rules on Rails - and have Fun!

We have some Esk Valley Railway calendars available in school.

Proceeds from the calendar will be used to support the Esk Valley Railway 'Rules on Rails' campaign to teach young children how to use railways safely as well as taking them on trains and to have fun while learning about them.

Calendars are £5 each. Contact us at our website: www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk

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Yours sincerely,

B Parkes
Teacher in Charge

Key Dates

November

- Monday 28th Flu Vaccinations
- Tuesday 29th Swimming
- Wednesday 30th Y5/6 to Peat Rigg
- Friday 2nd Dec

December

- Friday 2nd Stay and Play 10:30am-12pm
- Monday 5th FOLS Hamper Packing
- Tuesday 6th Over 60's Christmas play at 2pm
- Wednesday 7th Christmas play at 2pm and 6pm
- Thursday 8th Christmas Jumper Day & Ice Skating
- Thursday 8th Reading, Coffee & Mince pies 2.45 pm
- Friday 9th **Staff Training Day**

- Monday 12th Pantomime at Scarborough
- Tuesday 13th Carol Concert TBC
- Wednesday 14th Christmas lunch
- Thursday 15th KS2 Jorvik/ Van Gogh trip to York
- Friday 16th Christmas party

Term Dates 2022-2023

Friday 9th December – PD Day

Last day of Autumn Term Friday 16th December

First day of Spring Term Tuesday 3rd January 2023
 Half Term Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February
 Friday 24th March – PD Day
 Last day of Spring Term Friday 31st March

First day of Summer Term Monday 17th April
 May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May
 Bank Holiday Monday 8th May - coronation
 Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
 Last day of Summer Term Monday 24th July
 Tuesday 25th July 2023 – PD Day

Draft Term Dates 2023-2024

First Day of Autumn term Monday 4th September 2023
 Half term Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November
 Last Day of Autumn term Friday 22nd December 2023

First Day of Spring term Monday 8th January 2024
 Half term Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February
 Last Day of Spring term Friday 22nd March 2024

First Day of Summer Term Monday 8th April 2024
 Half term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May
 Last Day of Summer Term Monday 22nd July

PD days – yet to be confirmed

May Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May, 2024