

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



#### Spring Term ~ Issue 12~ Friday 3 May 2024

Message from Miss Caygill Head of School

#### Dear parents/carers,

We have completed another busy week for children across school. All the children enjoyed the scooter/skateboard workshop on Wednesday and it was great to see the confidence and skills grow for the children across school (see photos below).

It is great to see the growing number of followers on our school Facebook page where we will include events happening in school but also the curriculum and learning each day in school. Please let extended family members know about our page then they can stay up to date with our learning in school.

It has been a super this week to receive a report from a grandparent around the superb manners that our children display every day when around school with peers, staff members and parents and other visitors to our school. The children really are a super group of thoughtful well-mannered children and it is so wonderful to hear the positive comments from our wider school community.

I hope you have a super bank holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday

**Miss Caygill** 

### This week's STAR LEARNERS



**Class 1 – Sebastianas** for his focused attitude to his learning and also asking for help when he needs this. Keep up the good work. **Esther** for developing successfully as a learner especially with her phonic work where she is writing some super sentences.

**Class 2- Maisie** for showing courage, determination and resilience in the skateboarding workshop

**Violet** for having a positive attitude to all her learning, always showing interest and putting in 100% effort.

**Class 3 – Harriet** for showing great teamwork – supporting her partner in the skateboarding workshop and **Antoni** for showing fantastic effort and skills in the skateboarding workshop.

## Attendance

Class 1-90.83% Class 2-96.67% Class 3-94.12% Whole School-93.21%



Head of School Award Patrick for his positive representation of our school at the skateboard workshops Upcoming Dates



- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday
- Monday 13 Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATs
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Class 3 cycle training day in school re: competition
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

#### **Clubs for the Summer term**

<u>Monday-</u>Mindfulness Colouring Club 12:30-1pm <u>Wednesday</u> – Gardening Club – 3:15 – 4:30pm

Thursday – Zumba – 3:15 – 4.15pm Library Club (for pupils & their families)– 3:15- 3.40pm Friday – Ball Games 12:30-1pm Multiskills – 3:15 – 4:30pm

#### **School Office Updates**

#### Attendance - Reminder

We have received a greater number of requests for family holidays within the Summer Term. Please be aware that taking a pupil out of school during term time interrupts teaching and learning and has been proven by research to significantly disrupt educational progress.

## Please note that penalty notices will be issued to parents/carers for unauthorised absence during this academic school year.

#### Yoga Club Tuesday

We have spaces for children (Y1 upwards) to join our yoga Club on a Tuesday after school with Mrs Scarr. Please contact the school office if anyone is interested

#### Growing up in North Yorkshire 2024-Questionnaires.

We are taking part through NYC in the Growing up in North Yorkshire surveys for KS1 (Y2) and also for all of KS2. These surveys will happen during the school day within the week before half term and will be administered by class teachers. **Please read the attached letters with more information for parents and carers of Year 2 and KS2.** If you have any questions or would like to see a copy of the survey please speak to Miss Caygill.

#### SATS Club

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May is our final session for SATS club.

#### Breakfast Club SATs – 13th to the 16th May 2024

During SATS week, we like to offer the Y6 pupils the opportunity to come to breakfast club from 8:30. We have done this in previous years and it is a great way to settle any last-minute nerves, have a chat about anything and have some well-needed energy ready for the SAT tests. Please could you let either Mrs Brown or Mrs Marwood know if you would like your child to attend this. Thanks, ③

#### <u>P.T.F.A</u>

Thank you to everyone who came to the Beetle Drive and to those who donated raffle prizes. We raised £94.00 **Free School Meals** 

If you think your child maybe entitles to Free School Meals, please click on the link below, even if your child receives the Universal Infant Free School Meals. If your application is successful, you child can receive free milk, dinners and also reduced costs for trips etc. <u>https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals</u> Benefice Office

## It has been brought to my attention that there was an error in the calendar at the back of this month's newsletter. Apologies for that and I attach an updated calendar for you, which not only gives the correct date for the last Sunday in May, but also the correct service! The Public meeting re: the church tower will now be on

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 5pm to 6.30pm. Steph

#### Message from Mrs. Walker - Executive Head teacher

#### The Governor's Role

This week, we have included a special post from our newest recruit to the school Governors' team, Ellie Bates (see below). Huge thanks to Ellie for doing this and we do hope that it might help to encourage another parent or grandparent to get involved too! We are still in need of another parent or grandparent to join the Governors and we have a co-opted vacancy too (for anyone who is not a current parent/grandparent of a pupil at Hawes). There is no requirement for any prior experience or qualification, just a willingness to get more involved with your

local school and help make a real difference to the lives of all our children. The role of a school Governor has 3 core aspects: to set strategic direction for the school's development; to hold staff to account for the school's performance; and to oversee the school's finances and ensure that good value is provided. As a small and keen team, we work together with our YCAT academy leaders to support each other and the school.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in finding out more about the Governor's role or joining us, please get in touch to arrange to speak to myself, Miss Caygill, Abbie Rhodes (our Chair of Governors) or Ellie. Thank you! **May Day Bank Holiday** 

Have a wonderful, hopefully sunny May Day holiday next Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May everyone!

#### Message from our Parent Governor, Ellie Bates – My first 5 months as a Governor

The school has been after more governors for a while now, and as the newest recruit, I thought I'd do a bit of a write up about why I decided to become a governor and what I've been doing since I started in November...

I decided to become a governor as I wanted to do something for the school, and some of my friends were already in the PTFA. I thought it would be good to experience what goes on behind the scenes, to help make sure that my child and all the other pupils have the best educational experience possible, and maybe influence things that I felt strongly about. I am not a teacher, and with Quinn only being in Year 1, I haven't experienced much of school from a parent's point of view either, so the first meeting was a little confusing, with having to ask about acronyms or meanings every few minutes – but this was expected! Also, not knowing teachers' first names confused me to start with - I thought I had loads of actions to do (my initials match those of Mrs Brown!). Each meeting gets easier as I become more familiar with terms used – we do one meeting per half term.

I was pretty apprehensive the first time I went into the school to have meetings with staff and to observe teaching in the classes. But, chatting with the teachers to understand aspects of the curriculum and what they need support with, and then moving into the classrooms and watching the pupils working hard, concentrating, and having fun whilst learning, is a really rewarding experience. Listening to them doing a pupil voice about their learning is great – we have some very enthusiastic voices! So far, I have observed computing lessons and spelling/writing lessons, chatted about computer safety and how we monitor internet safety – there is then a short report to write up when you finish. I'm looking forward to being back in school in the next few weeks to observe some more learning.

I'm sure as time goes on I'll get more involved with the other roles and responsibilities that the governors have. If anyone wants to have a chat about being a governor – just give me a shout! It would be great to welcome you onto the team! Ellie Bates

#### **Photo Gallery**

#### Skateboard/Scooter Workshops

