



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Message from Miss Caygill Head of School

Dear parents and carers,

We have been busy this week in school, continuing our learning journeys in all curriculum areas. We hope you found the **Curriculum Overview** useful and hope that this has helped at home with talking about learning.

It was super to have our parents and families back in school this week at our celebration assembly. It was great to have our reading ambassadors talking to us about books in this "National Year of Reading". Also, our author visit to KS2 this week excited the children about reading. As a school we all have reading at the heart of everything we do and there is a real enjoyment across the school for books. I am sure Mrs. Brown will have lots more exciting plans for the whole school around reading!

We have our parents meeting coming up in February (see below). It would be great to have all parents joining us for this and discussing the progress and well-being of all our children.

Enjoy your weekend

Miss Caygill

This week's **STAR LEARNERS**



Class 1-Owen for working well and having a positive attitude to his learning
Jack Fr for his super work in phonics, learning his sounds and using them to write words.
Class 2- Amelia for always contributing to class discussions and thinking about her work in a different way.
Zara for being an utter delight to teach, working especially hard in English this week.
Class 3- Eshaan for settling into school so well and for super enthusiasm during our author visit.
Patrick for always taking an interest in his learning and always making the effort to answer questions.

Attendance for the week

Class 1 – 98.8%

Class 2 -97.9%

Class 3 - 100% Well done

Whole School –98.9%

Upcoming Dates

Dates

3rd / 4th February-Parents Meetings after school

CLUBS

Monday- Music/choir

-12.30-1pm

Tuesday – Mindful Colouring Club

-12:30 pm

Thursday – Library Club

12.30pm & Zumba – 3:15 – 4.15pm-Please note earlier finish

Friday-Multi-skills with Mr. B

3.15-4.30 pm-

**Head of School
Noah
for his enthusiasm
and help for others
around school this
week both in class
and the wider
school**

School Office Updates

School arrival in the morning

Please can you ensure all children are in school ready to **start their learning at 9.00am prompt**. School is open from 8.45. We still have a number of children arriving late (after 9.00am) across all three classes. Their late arrival disrupts learning for all in the class.

Also, can we remind parents that **pick-up time is 3.15** after school(unless clubs-see different timings above), please can you let the school know if you are running late for any reason.

Please work together with us to ensure that all learning time is maximized for every child across school.

Parents Meetings

We are holding our Spring Term parents' meetings on the **3rd and 4th February**. The times for these will be:

3rd February- 3.30-5.30 and 4th Feb 3.30-4.45. Please note Mrs. Marwood will only be at the Tuesday meeting for Class 3. If any parents can't make this day then we can arrange for Mrs. Foxwell or Mrs. Brown to meet with these parents on the Wednesday.

We will have an afternoon on the Wednesday for our nursery parents' meetings(plus any siblings in class 1 from 1.30-3.00)to meet our EYFS Staff.

Further information will be shared on how to book your appointments next week. If you would like further clarification please speak to Miss Caygill.

School Gate

As we move into a new school term please be aware that when accessing or leaving the school premises, **please can you ensure the gate is closed properly** as it has been left open on various occasions over the last term. We are always mindful of the safety of all the children in school and also the children at Dalesplay. **Please work with us to maintain the safety of all in school.**

Switch from MIS Scholar Pack to MIS Arbor

We sent out the new logins for Arbor to all Parents. Please try and access Arbor as soon as you can, any issues please contact the school office. Scholar pack is to be phased out completely over the next month for parents' access, and so hopefully all parents will be using Arbor before the end of term.

An information sheet is available for logging your child's Arbor absence.

Outdoor Clothing

Please ensure all children are correctly dressed for the weather conditions with coats, scarves and gloves (clearly named). If the children need to come to school in boots or wellies then please can they bring a spare pair of indoor shoes to change into.

Please help us to keep all children warm and protected for the seasonal weather.

Upper Wensleydale Newsletter Writing Competition(see photo below)

On Monday Karen and Alison came into school to present prizes to children in Key Stage 2 who had been recognised for their amazing entries into the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter Writing Competition.

In the 500-word story category for UKS2 the winner was Sayuni, runner up was Reuben and both Patrick and Eva were 'highly commended' for their stories. In the poetry category for LKS2 both Zara and Noah were 'highly commended' too for their colour poems.

We are all very proud of the work all the children put into their writing for this event and hope that it inspires them to keep being authors of their own work outside school too. Sayuni's story will be published in the February edition of the newsletter and Reuben's will be published in the March edition.

Peter Murray Author Visit

The children were very enthused by our visit from author Peter Murray. He was very funny and kept them all on a cliffhanger and definitely wanting to know more about his books! He also came back to sign books for the children the next day.

Photo Gallery

Upper Wensleydale Writing Competition Winners



Author Visit-KS2 Wednesday

