



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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## Message from Miss Caygill Head of School

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a wet and wild week for us all this week and the children have behaved well even though we have had a lot of indoor playtimes. Thank you for sending the children into school with plenty of waterproofs and wellies.

We have today been able to support Children in Need by coming to school in spots. Thank you to all for your donations to this event, we raised £44.10. Thank you also for all the chocolate contributions to the PTFA with our non-uniform day on Monday.

We have been lucky this week to have in school some engineers and scientists from York University working with our KS2 children. All the children were really engaged with their learning through this experience (See below). Thank you to Mrs Brown for organising the day as part of the children's learning in science.

It is so lovely to see the continued support from parents and families in school especially in our Friday assemblies. It has been super including the nursery children in this whole school event. Last week, they sat beautifully and listened well throughout the assembly. All parents and families are welcome to join us in assembly each Friday morning at 9.10 in the school hall.

We have included the dates for upcoming Christmas events both in school and also out of school (taking our learning to different places). We hope to see you at the events for our wider school community.

Enjoy your weekend



Miss Caygill

## This week's STAR LEARNERS



**Class 1- Finn W** for his super work on phonics, working on reading and writing his sounds and words

**Amelia** for a super "can-do" attitude and overcoming challenges in her learning-especially with her computing

**Class 2 – Robert** for engaging fully during the York University science morning and showing good knowledge of planets, well done!

**Maisie** for applying her new knowledge of the 7 times table to answer multiplication word problems.

**Class 3 – Jacob** for following instructions and using problem solving skills to control a robot rover

**Bertie** for applying his knowledge from our science unit to the space workshop this week.

### Attendance

Class 1-97.08%

Class 2-95.83%

Class 3-92.94%

Whole School-95.47%

Head of School Award  
Lily  
for her positive  
attitude in helping  
others in class and  
across school,  
especially with the  
younger children.

### Upcoming Dates



#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

- Y5/6 – Crucial Crew
- School Governors Meeting

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

- Class 1 visit to the Dales Countryside Museum-Toys

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

- 9 Y5/6 pupils athletics at Richmond

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

- All Class 2 pupils – mixed football @ Wensleydale School

#### Clubs after School

Tuesday – Yoga – 3.15 – 4.30pm

Thursday – Zumba – 3.15 – **4.15pm**  
please note earlier finish/Library

Friday – Multiskills – 3.15 – 4.30pm

**NO Library Club next Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> November)**

## School Office Updates

### **"Rapunzel" Christmas Pantomime Trip -PTFA**

"Rapunzel" at the Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond, on Tuesday 12th December at 1.30pm.

**To cover the cost of the tickets (PTFA are funding the bus), we are asking parents/carers for a contribution of £10 per child. This is payable by Parentpay, where you can also give your consent for your child to attend. There are still 27 outstanding payments.**

### **Update from the PTFA committee about current items.**

In the run up to Christmas, and anytime you shop online, you could start generating free donations for the PTFA at no cost to yourselves by signing up to Give As You Live. Please see the attached step-by-step guide on how it all works, it literally takes 2 minutes – sorry this was omitted last week!

We hope to see many of you at the PTFA Christmas fair on Saturday 25th of November!

Thanks Steph

### **Upcoming Dates for Christmas**

A few dates for Christmas events both in and out of school. Please put them in your diary!

**PTFA Christmas Fair- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Whole School pantomime Visit-Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Class 3 carol singing at Sycamore-1.30-Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Class 1 Nativity-2pm and 6pm (Nursery afternoon only)-Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**School Christmas Dinner-Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christingle in St Margaret's-10.00am-Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

### **Crucial Crew**

On the Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of November, Class 3 will be attending Crucial Crew at Carlton Lodge, Carlton Miniott. The Crucial Crew event is vital in encouraging good citizenship to assist in reducing accidents, injuries, anti-social behaviour and crime, as well as protecting young people through education and awareness on areas such as road safety, water safety, drug use and cyber bullying. We have been given a morning slot, therefore we need to leave school by 8:20am. This means that **pupils must be in school by 8:10am prompt, any pupils arriving late will have to remain at school.** Pupils will have a later lunch in school as we will be back around 1pm.

**We would be grateful of a donation of £3 towards the cost of the visit. (payable via ParentPay).**

As we are leaving early, please return the permission slip (a hard copy has been given to your child) or you can email it to school.

I give permission for my child ..... to attend Crucial Crew on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2023.

Signed: ..... Parent/Carer

### **Sports hall Athletics – Y5/6**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, Richmond School are hosting an indoor athletics competition for Y5/6.

**All pupils in Class 3 will attend the competition. Pupils must be in school at 8:45 prompt to leave at 9am, (any pupils arriving late will remain at school). The children need to come to school in their P.E kit.** They will be travelling by The Little White Bus and will have a later lunch in school as they will be back around 1pm.

### **Class 2 – Mixed Football**

**All children in Class 2 will be attending a football event at The Wensleydale School on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Pupils must be in school at 8:45 prompt to leave at 9am, (any pupils arriving late will remain at school).** They will be travelling by The Little White Bus and will have a later lunch in school as they will be back around 1pm.

### **PTFA**

Thank you for all the generous donations of chocolate for the Christmas Fair chocolate tombola.

Please get in touch if you have anytime spare on Saturday 25th November to help run one of the game stalls or assist with refreshments. **Please return any raffle tickets (sold or unsold) on Monday.** Finally, any donations of bottles of wine would be gratefully received.

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

### **School Governors still required!**

We are very grateful to Ellie Bates, who has very kindly offered to be a parent Governor **but we still need more members to join our Local Governing Body and be part of this very important and rewarding work for our school.** We continue to have vacancies for **1 parent or grandparent as Parent Governor, plus 1 Co-opted Governor** (a member of the community who is not related to a pupil and does not work in school). No particular experience or skills needed, just a willingness to get involved and give a little of your time to help support and make a real difference to your school. The Governor team is very small, friendly and welcoming and we benefit from excellent support from our YCAT family of schools. If you would like to know more, please contact school to speak to Mrs. Walker or Miss Caygill, or ask our Chair of Governors, Abbie Rhodes. We do hope to hear from you very soon!

**Mrs. Walker**

## *Photo Gallery*

### **Science Space Morning**

On Wednesday 15th November, Class 2 and 3 were visited by members of York University (Jess, Martha and Joel) for a science workshop on space and our solar system.

There were two workshops for the pupils to take part in. The first one was making a model rover using different components (battery, wheels, a light). Once they had built the rover, they were able to control it using an app on an iPad. As an extra challenge, the pupils changed the light to a robotic arm that could move side to side.

The second workshop was about the solar system. The pupils were given a virtual reality (VR) headset where they watched various videos about the different planets. They then did a sorting activity where the pupils had to sort the different planets from smallest to largest. It was a fantastic morning and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thank you to Mrs Brown for organising it and for Jess, Martha and Joel for delivering such fantastic workshops.

