

In Touch

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Learning and Good Attendance

We are seeing a slight improvement to our attendance and would like you to join with us to push the levels up even further. As we move into Summer and the daylight hours increase let's hope that this boosts attendance.

The smiley face says if the target of 97% has been met.

Spring Half-Term 2 Attendance:

Bannister (Mr Russon) –97% ★★★

Warhol (Mrs Cavell/Mrs Hughes) – 97% ★★★



Lennon (Mrs Darwin) – 96%

Wonder (Mrs Currie/Mrs Reeve –96 %

Bevan (Miss Poole) – 96%

Boudicca (Miss Harrison/Ms Jones) –96 %

Newton (Mrs Milivojevic) – 95%

Peake (Mr Wriglesworth/Mrs Burdett) –94 %

McCartney (Mrs Hobson) – 93%

Da Vinci (Mrs Hopwood) – 93%

Walt Disney (Miss Milner) –93 %

Spielberg (Miss Jefferson) –92 %

Malala (Miss Cozens) – 89%



Well done to Mr Russon's Class Bannister and Mrs Cavell and Mrs Hughes Class Warhol for the best attendance for Spring half-term 2 at 97%. The best attendance in March was a joint award of 97% for classes Bannister and Warhol.



Upcoming Events

April 7

School Ends at 3.20pm

April 25

School opens at 8.50am

April 25

Parents' /Carers' afternoon – 1.00pm until 4.00pm

April 27

Parents' /Carers' afternoon – 2.30pm until 5.00pm

- Comic Relief raised £303.74
- We have places in our 2 year old provision from Easter please let us know ASAP if you'd like a space.
- Watch out for details about the new nursery 30 hour free entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds to see if you qualify.

Attendance in the Spotlight: Prevention Service

The Prevention Service is a 0-19 years' service provided by North Yorkshire County Council for parents, children and families, offering early support when a child is experiencing low or sporadic attendance. Their vision is that "families in North Yorkshire are able to access readily a range of support to ensure that their children are safe, happy, well, so that they can flourish at school and in the wider world". School will refer Parents/Carers to the Prevention Service if their child presents with low or sporadic attendance. Parents and carers can also self-refer, if they feel that they need additional support regarding their child's attendance needs. Please contact Becky Railton for further information.

Attendance Stars – Eggstra Easter Activity

All of our children who have 100% attendance so far in the school year will have an extra Easter activity to reward their efforts. Well done to them for their hard efforts in getting to school on time every day.

Leavers and Starters

At Easter we say goodbye to two valued members of staff. After a very long time working in our school office and greeting thousands of visitors and parents over the years Mrs Briggs has decided to have a fresh start. I'm sure you'll want to pass on your best wishes to Mrs Briggs as she begins a new and exciting adventure after the holidays.

Miss Milner is also leaving us at Easter and will be replaced by Mrs Halton (parents have had a separate letter. Miss Milner has made the decision to leave teaching and start a new career.

We wish both Mrs Briggs and Miss Milner the best for the future and we will miss them.

Academy Update

I am pleased to say that our Academy Order has been granted. There will be a meeting in the next few weeks as we begin official consultation.

Are your Children Equipped for the School Day?

Forest Schools

Please ensure that children participating in Forest Schools bring a set of warm clothes, gloves, hat and wellies (individually named and in a named bag) on the morning of the session. Waterproofs are provided by school.

- Year 5 Classes Da Vinci and Malala will have Forest Schools every Wednesday from the 28th April until the 24th May.
- Reception Class McCartney will have Forest School every Wednesday from the 28th April until the 07th June.
- Reception Class Lennon will have Forest School every Wednesday from the 14th June until the 19th July.

Swimming Lessons

Please ensure that children who have swimming lessons bring their towel, swimming costume (no bikinis) and £2 contribution on the morning of the session. Please remember to pay weekly and thank you to everybody who does.

- Year 5 Classes Da Vinci and Malala will swim every Thursday from the 27th April until the 25th May 2017.

Jewish Faith Visitor – Thursday, 2nd March 2017

On Friday 3rd March we welcomed Mr Lawrence Sacks to our school, a Jewish faith visitor, who came to us via the Bradford Inter-Faith Centre. In assemblies Mr Sacks was able to build on learning some classes had been doing about the Jewish place of worship- the synagogue. All children in both KS1 and KS2 assemblies showed immense respect for this visitor of another faith and culture, as we all know that this is a key British Value.

Later in workshops with Year 3 and 4 classes the topic was the Jewish Sabbath, which lasts from sunset on Friday to sunset Saturday. Children were amazed to discover that Jewish people should not do any work or use any electricity during their Sabbath, as it is about family time and quiet activities. Evie later wrote 'I would love the big family meal because I really like sitting around a table with lots of people'. However Nikodem thought 'I would miss my gadgets too much!'



Year 6 Visit to Houses of Parliament – Wednesday, 8th March 2017

Year 6 had a thrilling experience going to London. We attended the Houses of Parliament and saw a myriad of landmarks; Buckingham Palace; Westminster; Trafalgar Square and Nelson's Column. Even though it was a tiring trip it was worthwhile in the end, especially when we visited the Houses of Parliament, where laws are associated with, then sent to the Government. We met with Nigel Adams MP, our Selby Member of Parliament (pictured below). This expedition will be treasured in everyone's mind when they left.

Reported by Andrew.



Eureka Visit – Reception – Thursday, 9th March 2017

Reception had a fantastic trip to Eureka where we took part in a very interesting workshop about Space to launch our new topic. We learnt all about how Astronauts live in space, how they get there, what they wear and how they sleep inside a cupboard! The children found it very funny that they recycle ALL the water in the space station.....including toilet water! After the workshop we explored some of the galleries - 'All about Me' and the 'Mini Town' before we had lunch on a train. After that we explored some more, a fabulous day of learning fun! Thank you again to all our parent helpers.



Selby District Children's Reading Festival – Thursday, 23rd March 2017

We were invited, along with other schools in the area to attend the above event at Selby Abbey. We took all of our classes from Reception to Year 6 and the children behaved superbly throughout the afternoon. The children were treated to stories and interactive sessions with the guest Authors and Illustrators and listened intently throughout.

Please see the photographs below showing some of the children in Class Lennon enjoying a workshop with author Liz Million. Children learnt all about her work and she demonstrated how she drew characters in her books. She drew a spaceman to go with our topic work. Liz Million is a crazy, lively Illustrator and Author of children's books that will have you chuckling, drawing, writing and learning within minutes! She claims to be able to draw any animal in the world and will gladly show you how to draw them skateboarding or dancing!!

Please visit the link [http://www .selbycrf. com/](http://www.selbycrf.com/) for further details.



Our children have been very busy in every class, producing videos of their favourite pop song for Comic Relief. Parents and carers were given a VIP showing with refreshments on offer whilst voting for the best DVD commenced. The winner of the best class DVD went to Reception, followed by Year 2 then Year 6. We had over 150 parents and carers who came to watch the DVD and vote for their favourite performance which is a record number of attendees for a school event. Thank you so much for your support.

If you haven't yet sent your slip back to say allow your child to be included in reproductions of the DVD for sale to parents and carers, please call at the office and let us know. If ALL parents and carers return their permission then we will be selling the DVDs at a cost of £5 each.

Readathon – Helping Children

Our three week Readathon event has now landed on March 17th. Well done to all of the children who took part and asked their family and friends to support this worthwhile cause. Please send your sponsor form and money to the school office by no later than Friday, 7th April.

We look forward to hearing about all the exciting books that the children have been reading and updating you with the amount raised from this event.

Easter Egg Raffle Draw – Wednesday, 5th April 2017

Tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle are on sale now from the school office at the cost of £1 a strip. Please see the photo below showing some of the 40 prizes that can be won in the hamper, along with over 55 Easter eggs. Winners will be announced this week before we break up for the Easter holidays.



Parents'/Carers' Afternoons – Monday, 24th and Thursday, 27th April 2017

This January we had our best ever attendance at Parents'/Carers' Evenings ever at 97%. As always if you have any concerns or comments about your child's progress during the school year then please talk to their class teacher, or make an appointment at the office.

This year our Parents'/Carers' consultations will be on the following dates:-

- Monday, 24th April – 1.00pm until 4.00pm
- Thursday, 27th April – 2.30pm until 5.00pm

Police Message Regarding Car Safety

Due to confusing and conflicting information regarding new regulations for child car safety the local Police have asked that Parents and Carers are notified of the following website

www.goodeggcarsafety.com

Here you will find information and legal advice related to the choosing, buying and fitting of car safety seats.



Health & Safety Matters

We have had a number of children coming to school wearing 'Heelys' trainers which have wheels attached to the soles. Please **do not** let your child wear them to school as they are not suitable footwear in the classroom environment. Unfortunately, we have had accidents caused when children have worn them and we need to prevent further accidents from occurring in future. **Please note that if your child is found to be wearing Heelys in school you will be contacted to provide alternative footwear.**

2 Year Old Funding Applications

If you are not sure whether or not you are eligible for 2 Year Old Funding, please follow the link below to check :-

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/24354/Early-education-places-and-funding>

School Holiday Calendar

Please follow the link below to see our calendar for 2017-18.

<http://selby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/Calendar-2017-2018.pdf>

WEEK 1

Monday

Battered Fish
Peas & Carrots
Roast potatoes
Wholemeal Bread
Muffin & Custard
Fresh fruit

Tuesday

Pasta Bolognese
Green Beans & sweetcorn
Herbie Bread
Biscuit, Cheese & Raisins
Fresh fruit

Wednesday

Sausages
Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
Chips
Pitta Bread
Chewy Oat Square
Fresh fruit

Thursday

Chicken Korma
Broccoli & Carrots
Rice
Naan Bread
Lemon Drizzle Cake
Fresh fruit

Friday

Pizza
Peas & sweetcorn
Potato wedges
Artic roll & Peaches
Fresh fruit

WEEK 2

Monday

Bacon Pasta
Broccoli & Carrots
Garlic Bread
Iced Banana Cake
Fresh fruit

Tuesday

Minced Beef & Tortilla
Mixed Salad
Potato wedges
Chocolate Krispie
Fresh fruit

Wednesday

Meatballs in creamy tomato sauce
Sweetcorn & Carrots
Brown rice
Pitta Bread
Forest Fruits Flapjack
Fresh fruit

Thursday

Roast Chicken & Gravy
Stuffing
New Potatoes
Medley Of Veg
Jam Sponge & custard
Fresh fruit

Friday

Salmon Fillets & Tomato Sauce
Grated Carrot & Peas
Chips
Wholemeal Bread
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit salad

