



April 26th 2024

Educational Visits

The Summer Term and the topics studied by our different year groups offer us good opportunities to go on Educational Visits, These visits enhance topics and give our children the chance to see things first hand, such as artefacts from their History topics. Over the coming weeks, each class will be going on an Educational Visit starting with Year 5 who will visit the Jorvik Centre and other museums in York next Friday. These visits can be expensive for school budgets, especially with increased transport costs which we subsidise, but it is something parents/carers have fed back to us that they value. We would welcome voluntary contributions to support these outings, details of which can be found on ParentPay.

Years 2 and 3 visits can be found in the Date for the Diary Section. The other class teachers are busy finalising their visit activities and dates.

Earth Day

Earth Day was celebrated with an assembly this week which Dr Blezard led. The theme for 2024 is "Planet v Plastics". It is encouraging countries, governments, organisations and individuals to take action to reduce plastic production by 60% by 2040.

Here are some incredible facts that we discussed:

- More than 500 billion plastic bags were produced worldwide in 2023. That is equal to one million bags per minute.
- Every square mile of the sea has more than 46,000 pieces of plastic in it.
- At least 11 million tons of plastic are dumped into our oceans every year. That is equal to dumping one refuse truck full of plastic into the ocean every minute.

We talked about the difference we could all make to our planet if we all pledged to make one difference. Suggestions given included swapping from a plastic to a bamboo toothbrush, using reusable bags and bottles, cooking only enough to eat to reduce food waste and walking, cycling or scooting for short journeys. We have set up a pledge tree in the hall to fill with our environmental pledges - together we can make a big difference!

FOMS Family Night

Tonight, FOMS have organised a Family Night Disco at Glaxo Sports and Social Club. As well as the disco, there will be a couple of party games for the children and refreshments such as hotdogs and sweets will be available.

Local History Group

Miss Rudge and I had a great visit to the upper chambers of the Butter Market with the Local History group this week. The children were intrigued to know the different uses of the Butter Market over time: from it's original use selling dairy products, to a fire station, cell and court room. The wooden staircase lead to an octagonal room with a fire place and gallery area where the judge, jury and accused would have been.

Mrs Unwin's Woodwind Tuition

Mrs Unwin will return to school next week and woodwind tuition will take place on Monday instead of Thursday from now on.

Community Art Work

Thank you to those families who have sent in plastic bottles tops for the Community Art Work at Whorlton Bridge. We will need hundreds so please keep sending them in – there is a collection box in the school foyer. Thank you.

Attendance

Please find below this week's attendance and the year to date attendance.

Class	Attendance (%)
Reception	95.5
Year 1	97.0
Year 2	94.0
Year 3	98.0
Year 4	94.7
Year 5	89.2
Year 6	90.0
Whole School	94.0

Dates for the Diary

April 26 th	FOMS Family Night 7pm at Glaxo Club
May 3 rd	Year 5 Trip to JORVIK Viking Centre
May 6 th	May Day Bank Holiday
May 7 th	Eco Council Visit to Cow Green (Key Stage 2 only)
May 13 th – May 16 th	Year 6 SATs
May 14 th	Year 3 Trip to Oriental Museum
May 17 th	Teacher Training Day
May 20 th	Teacher Training Day
May 21 st	School reopens – Nursery, Reception, Y1 and 2 in new classrooms
May 27 th – May 31 st	Whit Half Term Holidays
June 3 rd	Children return to school
June 10 th - June 14 th	Phonics Screening Check for Y1
June 3 rd – June 14 th	Multiplication Test for Y4
June 26 th	Year 2 Trip to Hamsterley Forest
July 2 nd	Reception – Y6 Sports Day
July 3 rd	Nursery Sports Day
July 12 th	Move Up Day
July 15 th	Monty Does the Movies rehearsal for Y3-6
July 16 th and 17 th	Monty Does the Movies at the Witham for Y3-6

Mr. C Minikin
Head Teacher

Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

