



# The Wolds and Vale Federation

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*'Working Together, Putting Children First within  
our Christian Family'*  
*'Together we care, learn and grow'*

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Certificates**

### **Stars of the week -**

Class 1 – Harlea G - independent working and showing more confidence

Class 2 – Erik F - for his contributions to our debate in History. His knowledge of the monarchy was fantastic and he was really persuasive!

### **Children receiving praise postcards from the headteacher this week –**

Mary S and Crystal C

Ellie C and Kyanna C

Although we are not holding parents assemblies at the moment we are still celebrating and praising success in our class bubbles. Well done to everyone this week.

## **School lunches next week**

Monday – Sausage in a bun then melon and yogurt

Tuesday – Roast chicken in gravy followed by chocolate muffin

Wednesday – Pasta bolognese then shortbread

Thursday – Minced beef and mashed potato followed by Jelly

Friday – Salmon nibbles then cheese and crackers

## **Class Dojo**

Class Dojo is our online class communication and reward tool, again logins have been sent out. Staff will be adding class updates and information about what is happening in the classroom. You can also send a direct message to the class teacher during this period where we are unable to allow parents into the school buildings. If at any point we move to home learning, this is be a preferred platform for sending work home.

Please complete the below link so we can assess home learning environments.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dQGmf4NqwEuYOriB3ITeg7buO-cubPRAqyfhovqlCcNUMUNHWTRNV0M5Q1JER1JNOFFZWKIOSUxPVy4u>

## **Parents evenings**

This year to limit close contact our parents' evenings will be held as telephone calls home from the class teacher. These will take place w/c 19th October and w/c 2nd November.



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## Christmas card orders

Order forms and sample Christmas cards were sent home with children who had made them this week. This will be one of our limited fundraising opportunities this year as we will not be able to host events where parents come into school, like the Christmas fair. Please support us if you can by purchasing a pack of cards, wrapping paper or coasters. As Christmas will be a bit different this year, sending a card is a good way to wish someone you may not see a Happy Christmas and its great handwriting practice too!

Orders can be placed with cash or a cheque made payable to 'Luttons CP school' and placed into the envelop provided. Please can all order be returned by **Monday 19th October** so we can get the cards back in plenty of time for you to receive and send them.

## Adult learning opportunities

North Yorkshires Adult Learning and Skills Service is still unable to attend venues to support parents during this time though we do have a strong presence online. I have attached some free family learning courses which may be of interest to your parents and could support some of the work you continue to do. These vary from online safety to children's mental health especially with the impact Covid-19 has had on so many in our communities. Parents/carers can enrol onto these courses by going through the following link:

[https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/Page/ProspectusList?search\\_TOPIC\\_operator=Equals&search\\_TOPIC\\_type=String&search\\_TOPIC\\_value=FAM](https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/Page/ProspectusList?search_TOPIC_operator=Equals&search_TOPIC_type=String&search_TOPIC_value=FAM)

Anne Rucroft

Curriculum Manager Family Learning,

## World Mental Health Day

Just in case you missed them last week some great resources to help find out more about mental health below -

<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/world-mental-health-day-2020/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/life-and-wellbeing/1>

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/child-in-mind/>

## Reception places for September 2021

FAO Parents of Nursery Children (born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017)

If you have a child who falls into the age range above they are due to start school in September 2021 and you must apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception.

Important – you must apply for a school place even if your child has an older sibling at the school or they are attending the nursery attached to the school. You can apply for a Reception place at a primary school for your child from 12 October 2020 and the deadline to submit your application is 15 January 2021. [www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions)



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## **Pumpkin carving competition from North Yorkshire Catering!**

North Yorkshire Catering is excited to announce our very own Pumpkin Carving Competition open to ALL schools and pupils to enter!

We want to inspire primary and secondary pupils to get creative in their kitchens with this Autumnal inspired event, and to (safely!) carve a pumpkin at home. They can be scary or cute, you are the decider in this challenge! We are aware that for younger children pumpkin carving can prove hazardous which is why we would recommend allowing younger children to draw their designs on the pumpkins and to leave the carving to the adults. If you still feel this would be unsuitable, please feel free to decorate your pumpkin.

Prizes to be won! There are some exciting prizes to be won – including an Amazon Fire 7 Tablet with 7" Display and 16GB data for the winner, and runners up prizes of Rapidough Board Game and a Cook Book. We will also share a couple of tasty recipes to use up your unused pumpkin to reduce your food waste from carving your magnificent pumpkins!

How to enter

Simply email a photo of your carved pumpkin to: [helen.buxton@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:helen.buxton@northyorks.gov.uk)

Please include the pupil's name, age, and details of the school they attend (plus a name for your pumpkin if you like!).

Deadline: 17:00 on Sunday 1st November 2020

Maximum age to enter is 16.

The winner and runner-ups will be announced on Monday 9th November 2020 and the winning pumpkins published on our website and social media.

Please ensure you are being safe whilst carving, and have a responsible adult with you.

The best of luck to all – READY, STEADY, PUMPKIN!

## **Governor vacancy**

The Wolds and Vale governing body are looking to recruit a governor to the board, this is a Co-opted skills based position and not a parent governor role but anyone can apply.

### **Why volunteer to be a school governor or trustee?**

School governors make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. You will also be joining the largest volunteer force in the country: there are over a quarter of a million volunteers governing state funded schools in England. Schools need governing boards that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience to enable it to be effective. Ofsted (the national inspection body for schools) has repeatedly noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management – which includes the governing board.

### **Who can become a school governor or trustee?**



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Anyone aged 18 or over can be a governor or trustee (but there are some exceptions) and you do not need to be a parent. There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. There is plenty of training available to help you learn about education. Schools needs and benefit from a range of professional knowledge on their governing board including education, finance, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, property and estates management, and organisational change.

If you or someone you know is interested in the position, please contact Laura Waller (clerk to governors) for more information. 01944 710282 [admin@luttons.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@luttons.n-yorks.sch.uk)

A reminder please check your child's book bag every night and support them with their reading, it's a great way to spend some quality family time together.

Have a great weekend

Mr Taylor