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*'Working Together, Putting Children First within
our Christian Family'*

'Together we care, learn and grow'

Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Certificates

Stars of the week -

Class 1 – Harry L - for working really hard in his phonics work this week

Class 2 – Bailey G - for his outstanding effort across all curriculum areas and in particular, the progress he has made in writing this half term. Such wonderful effort and enthusiasm; keep it up!

Children receiving praise postcards from the headteacher this week –

Henry T and Harlea G

Adan H and Shonee HH

School lunches after half term

Monday – Pizza and chips

Tuesday – Cheesy wrap, wedges and veg sticks

Wednesday – Meatballs in tomato sauce and pasta

Thursday – Sizzling Sausage in a banger bun, rocket chips and banger beans followed by a chocolate firework bun

Friday – Fish, chips and beans

A huge thank you for your support over this last half term it is with your help and the hard work of the staff and community we have managed to avoid any positive cases within our schools. It has been a challenge to keep the schools running in a calm and efficient way over this period of uncertainty and new methods of working however the children have prospered on their return to school and I am proud of the way they have developed in their attitudes towards learning. Well done to all!

Test and trace continues to be a concern for the efficient functioning of the schools and the potential loss of learning for children and we have worked hard to devise a system where our remote learning mirrors what we do in the classroom (information provided on school website). I urge you to sign up to Class Dojo so you are able to access this system if needs be. Having said all that, our schools' attendance has been the highest it has ever been for this time of year (Sherburn 96% Luttons 94%) which is well above the current national average. I suspect that all this handwashing has had an impact on the everyday bugs and illness that we see in the Autumn – so again well done to all.



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Please remember over this short break the need for social distancing around the village and the mixing of households. It is vital that we continue to follow guidelines and regulations, the impact of self-isolation on families can be difficult to manage for those who work but also on the sustained education of children.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/local-covid-19-alert-level-and-restrictions>

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-cubPRAqyfhovqICcNUMUNHWTRNV0M5Q1JER1JNOFFZWkIOSUxPVy4u>

Parents evenings

This year to limit close contact our parents' evenings will be held as telephone calls home from the class teacher. Some have taken place already and the remainder will be when we return w/c 2nd November. After your parents evening review please login to the Ofsted Parent View website and give your views <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

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

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



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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
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?

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 need 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.



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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

Have a great half term holiday!

Mr Taylor