



# The Wolds and Vale Federation

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**'One federation family, with transformation at its heart'**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Certificates

### Stars of the week –

Class 1 – Crystal C - For being adventurous in participation of phonics sessions.

Class 2 – **The whole of Class 2** - for blowing me away with their amazing persuasive letters. I am super proud of how hard they have worked on them and how brilliant they sound.

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

Being knowledgeable – Annie B-D

Being adventurous – Harry L

Being knowledgeable – Anabelle L

Being positive – Paige H

### School lunches next week

#### Monday – School closed bank holiday

Tuesday – Pizza

Wednesday – Pork Steak and vegetables

Thursday – Minced beef and mashed potato

Friday – Fish and chips

### Keeping safe

As the weather improves some of our older children may wish to walk to school on their own and play out during the evenings and weekends. Where I would encourage this independence, please ensure that your children are aware of keeping themselves safe when not under adult supervision. This may include road awareness, cycle safety and stranger danger. It is important that children are aware of what they should do if they ever find themselves in a difficult situation and the protocols that you have set for them. We will of course continue to teach potential dangers and risks that children may face when 'out and about' with friends or on their own.

### Warm weather protection

We are enjoyed the warm weather and making the most of our amazing outside spaces, please can all children in **Nursery and Class 1** please come with a named sun hat to stay in school if possible and apply sun cream before school on the sunny days.

### Parent Governor Election

With the upcoming resignation of Nicky Skelton from the post of parent governor at the Wolds and Vale federation we are inviting parents to express an interest in becoming the next parent governor. Details are attached to this email, if you would like any further information please contact myself or Mrs Waller.



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## Site Improvement projects

Work is progressing on our outdoor classroom we are very excited to see it progressing.



## National survey of children, The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ask – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that the government can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

## Community news



We would like to invite you to our stay and play sessions operating every Thursday 1pm – 2.30pm (During term time) at Sherburn Play School, Sherburn CE Primary School, YO17 8PG

There will be themed activities for you and your child to share, stories and songs.  
Please come to the blue side gate where staff will meet you.

All children under 5 along with one parent or guardian are welcome.



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## Monthly Family Wildlife Club at Scampston Hall - starting May 2nd

Each session will offer a wider range of hands-on fun and adventurous environmental activities, as well as an opportunity for outdoor play, crafts and games.

The club is designed to offer its members the chance to experience nature first hand, try new and exciting challenges and learn 'outdoor' skills.

Children can also use Wildlife Club to earn credit towards the Wildlife Trusts Wild Award. Activities can also be used for the children's university.

[wildlifewatch.org.uk/awards](http://wildlifewatch.org.uk/awards)

Have a great bank holiday weekend, see you all on Tuesday.

Ian Taylor

### Did you know?

At this time of year more and more birds are finding their way back to Britain after the winter months. Look out for the first swallows, sand martins and house martins to arrive in the village.



House martin

The house martin is a small bird with glossy blue-black upper parts and pure white under parts.



Sand martin

Sand martins are the smallest European hirundines (martins and swallows), with dark brown upper parts and dark under wings contrasting with otherwise pale under parts divided by a distinctive dark chest bar.



Swallow

Swallows are small birds with dark, glossy-blue backs, red throats, pale underparts and long tail streamers.