



# 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 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Certificates

### Stars of the week -

Class 1 - Maisy C – being kind and caring and helping others

Class 2 – Layla C for her amazing effort in school but also taking her learning home and practicing what we have learnt in school. Amazing effort; keep up the hard work!

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

Deighton S and Crystal C

Kyanna C and Belle L

## School lunches next week

Monday – Sausage in a bun, chips and beans

Tuesday – Minced beef and mashed potato

Wednesday – Chicken in gravy with roast potatoes

Thursday – Cheesy pizza

Friday – Fish, chips and peas

## Christmas

Our Christmas celebrations will be a little different in school this year but we promise not to lose any of the usual magic and sparkle! Unfortunately, we won't be able to hold the usual fair, play, panto visit and family lunches. These will be replaced by festive fun in each Class bubble. The staff are busy preparing lots of exciting things for the children to enjoy. We will let you know via the newsletter and class dojo what is happening and when in December.

## 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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## Children in need

Thank you to everyone who has donated to children in need, so far we have raised £28. Everyone looks amazing in their outfits! The winners of the decorated duck competitions are as follows –

### Class 1 –

- Head Teachers choice - Maisy C - Michael Schuquacker
- Best duck in class - Sara C – Princess Duck
- Most creative duck - Lewis P – Super Duck
- Funniest duck - Harlea G – Duckness of Cambridge



### Class 2 –

- Best duck in class - Layla C - Albus Duckledor
- Most creative - Bailey G - Mr Taylor-Duck
- Funniest duck - Adam H - James Pond
- Head Teachers choice - Ellie C - Doctor Duck





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## Remembrance Day

Class bubbles have performed their own acts of remembrance this week and discussed the importance of this date. We have been busy painting rocks with poppies and creating some whole class artwork that has been taken to Yorkshire Housing for a community notice board. More details from Mrs Ridley below-



*'As part of our 'Raising Aspirations' programme, where we encourage children to think about their future aspirations, we are providing opportunities for the children to speak to different businesses to allow them to gain an insight into different career paths and opportunities.*

*Yorkshire Housing, a charitable housing association, have partnered with Positive Footprints, who lead the 'Raising Aspirations' programme. Yorkshire Housing owns and manages over 18,000 properties and provide a range of services to help people in their communities live independently. They have a strong emphasis on helping customers into training and employment; our programme gets children thinking about careers from a young age.*

*For Remembrance Day, we sent some of our work to Yorkshire Housing for them to display in their communal areas. Our work will have been seen by members of the local community who work with them. Yorkshire Housing were delighted with the work that the children produced, and I think you will agree that their display looks fantastic.'*

## 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



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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 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)

Have a relaxing weekend

Mr Taylor