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## *One family, branching out together*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and I hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas break and all remain healthy. January is a great month for reflecting back on the year, whilst looking forward and making plans for the forthcoming year.

Incidentally, January takes its name from Janus the Roman god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks to the future and to the past. Our Class 2 and 3 children will be digging into the Roman era this term and will be sure to share some of their Roman facts and findings with you at home.



### Welcomes

We give a warm welcome to Josie Trafford who has joined us this week as Class Teacher in our new Class 2. Josie will teach the Year 3/4 children in the morning in her own classroom and on an afternoon they will merge with Class 3 and be taught by Mrs Lofthouse.

We also give a warm welcome to Mrs Julie Handforth who is our new federation Admin Assistant. Julie will work part-time across the federation and will spend structured time at each school, supporting our admin team.

### Federation Life Coach Afternoon for Year 5/6

Next week on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, the Year 5/6 children across our federation will be taken to and from Burton Salmon School by coach to attend a Life Coaching Session. The session will be run by a qualified Life Coach and the children will be coached in aspects of friendships and hormones and how they affect mood. The session will cover how to deal with issues surrounding this, together with how to deal with conflict and resolution. We understand that children are dealing with a lot of transition in their minds and bodies during the final couple of years in primary school, along with the transition to High School, so having a Life Coach to discuss their hopes and fears for this transition period will be very beneficial to them.



### Class 2 Selby College Coaching Sessions

Mrs Hall has arranged for our Class 2 and 3 children to attend Selby College for 2 PE sessions, to enable Selby College sports students to coach them. Our children will be transported to and from the college and will need to arrive wearing their PE kits and bring their uniform in a bag. The dates are Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

### Swimming Lessons

Our first block of 4 weeks of swimming lessons took place today. Thank you to all parents and carers who have paid already. A voluntary contribution of £5 is asked per child, per session and is available to pay on ParentPay, either weekly or in full.

### Young Voices

On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January a group of 22 children from Barlow joined our federation schools at Sheffield Arena for the Young Voices choir event. Thank you to Mrs Edenbrow, Mrs Sally Smith and Miss Parker (Elizabeth and Mary's Mum) for rounding our choir up and looking after them for what was, a very long and hot day. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable time singing and dancing to some timeless rock hits and I am sure that the parents and carers that were in the audience were uplifted by the performance also. We all should be very proud of our children whose behaviour was exemplary which is becoming a fantastically common trait when our children are out and about representing our wonderful school.



### Flu Immunisations

If you missed the appointment to have your child(ren) immunized against flu then please pop along to the last catch up FLU CLINIC in Selby. This will be the **final** opportunity for parents and carers to have their child(ren) vaccinated.

The clinic will take place at **Selby North Children's Centre, Flaxley Road, YO8 4DL** on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January** between **3.30-4.45pm**. It is a **DROP IN** clinic so no appointment is necessary and you don't need to bring anything with you (apart from your child(ren), of course).

### School Dinners

Just to advise you that on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Miss Godfrey-Davies will be serving vegetable noodles instead of pasta.



Congratulations and well done to Miss Godfrey-Davies who has been awarded the highest rating of 5 in our most recent Food Safety and Hygiene inspection which was carried out by Selby District Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### Vandalism

It's a shame to start the newsletter on a good note and end with a sad note but over the Christmas holidays, vandals ripped down some guttering at the back of Class 2/3 and tore off



our goal post netting. Please may I ask that you are vigilante if living nearby the school or in the area and spot any unauthorised person or persons on site that you please report any activity to the Police on 101.

Yours sincerely

Mrs F Lofthouse  
Head of School



## Diary Dates

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming Lessons Block 1- Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 - --bbey Leisure Centre</li> </ul>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline for Parents/Carers to apply for Reception 2020 school places</li> </ul>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5/6 – Federation Life Coach Afternoon at Burton Salmon – 1.00pm -2.45pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collective Worship – Parents/Carers welcome from 3.00pm</li> </ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthy Child Team – R &amp; Yr6 Height &amp; Weight and Yr6 Transition to High School Presentation and Questionnaire – 9.30am – 11.00am</li> </ul>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 2/3 – Selby College Coaching - 9.00am - 10.30am</li> </ul>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chinese New Year Lunch</li> </ul>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 2/3 – Selby College Coaching - 9.00am - 10.30am</li> </ul>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collective Worship – Parents/Carers welcome from 3.00pm</li> </ul>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-Uniform Day – Melanoma UK – supported by Welsh family</li> </ul>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Break up for Half-Term</li> </ul>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back to school</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> March, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming Lessons Block 2 – Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 – Abbey Leisure Centre</li> </ul>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5/6 Federation residential trip to Chateau du Tertre, Normandy</li> </ul>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collective Worship - Parents/Carers welcome from 3.00pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 1st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Lunch</li> </ul>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mothers’ Day Lunch - Mothers welcome</li> </ul>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Service at St Wilfs - all welcome – 2.30pm</li> </ul>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Break up for Easter</li> </ul>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back to school</li> </ul>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VE Day Anniversary Lunch - Grandparents invited</li> </ul>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May Day holiday – revised date</li> </ul>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Break up for half term</li> </ul>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back to school</li> </ul>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fathers’ Day Lunch - Fathers invited</li> </ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leavers’ Lunch - picnic, Parents/Carers invited</li> </ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Break up for Summer</li> </ul>

New dates added

