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## *One family, branching out together*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to announce that we have recruited two exceptional teachers to cover Mrs Hugill's maternity leave.

Faye Lofthouse joins us as our new Head of School. Faye has previously taught at Monk Fryston and has been a successful maths lead at the school. She will continue her maths leadership across our federation and will teach Year 5/6 in the morning and Year 3/4/5/6 in the afternoon. Faye will join us for a number of transition days during the next few weeks before beginning with us on Monday 16th December, which is when Mrs Hugill aims to begin her maternity leave.

We also extend a warm welcome to Josie Trafford who currently teaches in the East Riding and she impressed us with her engaging personality and her practical approach to learning. She will start with us after Christmas and will teach Year 3/4 each morning.

Mrs Hugill intends for her last day to be Friday 13th December. We intend to say goodbye properly to her on this day and you are warmly invited to join us...but shhhhhh...it's a surprise!  
More details will follow via text...

### Free School Meals

From 1 April 2018 the Government introduced new regulations for people claiming free schools meals who receive Universal Credit. The change means that if your net annual earnings are more than £7,400 you will not be eligible to claim free school meals.

Pupils who received free school meals before 1 April 2018 and pupils who are assessed as eligible after 1 April 2018 will continue to receive free school meals until the end of the universal roll out period, which is expected to be March 2022. This applies even if they no longer meet the eligibility criteria at a subsequent point during the roll out period.

At the end of the Universal Credit roll out period, any existing pupil who no longer meets the eligibility criteria will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary or secondary school.



## Qualifying for Free School Meals

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month);
- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC); or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

If you think you might be eligible, please contact the school office in confidence for an application form.

### Admin Assistant Vacancy

We have an admin assistant vacancy live at the moment for 2 days - 1 day on a Tuesday at Burton Salmon and the other day floating between the 3 schools.

If you know anyone who might be interested please share.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admin-assistant-burton-salmon-community-primary-school-leeds>

### Christmas Productions

Our Christmas Production of Straw and Order will take place in Barlow Village Club, as follows:-

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30pm and 6.00pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 6.00pm

Tickets for the performances are available for you to purchase on ParentPay at a cost of £1.50 per ticket. Due to the restricted number of seats available to comply with fire regulations, tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and restricted to 2 tickets, per family, per performance.

Raffle tickets are also available for you to purchase on ParentPay at a cost of 50 pence per ticket. All donations of mixed adult and child related gifts such as chocolates, smellies, toys, books, etc for the raffle will be gratefully received and can be sent to the office.

Please note that performance and raffle tickets will be sent home in book bags the Friday before the performances and a text will be sent out to confirm that they have been distributed.

Regarding the costumes and props for the Christmas production, our Class Teachers will be sending home information to Parents and Carers in due course, advising the costume that your child will need and if they need any particular stage props that you may be able to help supply.



### Yorkshire Burger Day Meal

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November (Week 3 menu) the school meal will be a Yorkshire burger in a bread bun, potato fries and vegetable sticks with a pudding of a chocolate cookie with ice cream. Please let Mrs Briggs know if your child usually has a packed lunch or a jacket potato on this day but would like the Yorkshire burger instead.

### Class Christmas Parties

The Class 1 and 2 Christmas parties are booked for Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. We will be sending out further information in due course, regarding the full details of the afternoon.

### Young Voices – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (Sheffield Arena)

Our choir is now assembling with Elizabeth and Mary's Mum and the choristers have been provided with the lyric sheets for the event so that they can entertain you at home with their singing and dance moves. Who needs peace and quiet anyway? For users of Spotify the songs for the performance can be downloaded by searching Young Voices 2020. Also, on the Young Voices website <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/register> parents and carers are able to sign up for further information relating to our particular event.

### Harvest Collective Worship

Thank you to all the families that were able to attend our Harvest Collective Worship recently, we had a bumper turnout. As you can see from the photograph below and following on from Harvest, we had a fantastic response for Selby and District Foodbank and received a large selection of foods which are much needed and will be gratefully received in our local area.



### Parents' and Carers' Evenings

Thank you from Mrs Lane and Mrs Hugill for achieving 100% attendance at Parents' and Carers' Evenings earlier this week and thank you to Mrs Lane and Mrs Hugill for accommodating everyone. Please contact school by telephoning or emailing Mrs Briggs, if you are ever concerned about your child in any way, or would like further information relating to 'lesson' based queries. Our staff are always happy to help you and if we cannot solve your queries directly we can always signpost you to somebody who can help you.

### Selby District Cross Country Race

For those of you that know Jack B you will know that he runs around a lot and rarely walks anywhere! This high level of energy and endurance has paid off for Jack, who finished in the top 8 at the Selby District Cross Country Race which took place at Selby College on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September. Jack went on to represent the Selby District Team at the North Yorkshire Level 3 Finals on the 5<sup>th</sup> November at Dalby Forest. Despite the wet weather and the course being re-routed, Jack came an impressive 42<sup>nd</sup> out of 72 Year 5 boys. Well done indeed Jack and thank you to Jack's Grandad for taking him along to the event.



### Indoor Athletics - Year 5/6

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November Year 5 and 6 pupils from across the Federation entered the Sports cluster Indoor athletics competition. All the pupils participated in at least two running and field events. The morning was fast and furious with everyone enjoying themselves, making new friends and working as a team.

Overall one of our teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> with the other 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done to everybody who took part, including the staff that helped on the day.



### JRSO News

Elizabeth and Leighton would like to thank everybody who took part in their recent poetry competition, entitled Road Safety. The winners from Class 1 and Class 2 will be announced in the next newsletter.

Please note that the yellow 'zig-zag' and 'keep clear' signs have been re-marked on the road outside the pedestrian gate. It is illegal to park on this marked area and doing so may result in a fixed penalty fine which can be issued by NYCC Parking Attendants.

### Twig

Bright-eyed, keen to please and dependable, now that's enough about Mrs Hall! Twig arrived for her first visit to our school with Mrs Hall earlier this week, to become acclimatised and accustomed to the environment, enjoying her new adventure very much. Mrs Hall says that she was a very tired but contented dog by the end of the day! Over the next couple of weeks Twig will be integrating gradually with our children, so please ensure that you have returned your permission slip to Mrs Briggs allowing your child to interact with Twig and confirming that they are not allergic to dogs.

### Emergency School Closure Procedure

Sometimes it becomes necessary to close a school either during the course of a school day, at the beginning of the day or with one or several days' notice due to severe weather conditions, or another emergency, such as heating breakdown. There is an expectation that schools will remain open in all but the most severe circumstances but sometimes this is just not possible. We will, wherever possible, contact parents and carers by text to inform you of such an event and if the event is significant and publicise this information on the County Council website, which is used by parents, members of the public and the media to check on the status of individual schools via the link <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk>

In the event of a school closure due to severe weather conditions, these are also reported on Radio York and Minster FM.

### Doll Appeal by Class 1

If you have any lonely dolls that need looking after, please send them along to Class 1, who are short of baby dolls to dress and care for.

### North Yorkshire Police Message

The most common type of fraud reported to North Yorkshire Police is where the victim is contacted on the telephone by someone claiming to be from the police, or the tax office or a tech company who then



persuade you to go to the bank or log on to your online banking. This is an excellent and easy to follow guide on how best to safeguard yourselves. Please share amongst your contacts. The more people we educate, the better protected we are <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy-RSQfwLDw>

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Hugill  
Head of School



## Diary Dates

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHAPS Selby Hands of Hope – Charity Clothes Swap – Chapel Haddlesey Community Hall – 7.00pm until 9.00pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 SATs Information Evening – 5.30pm until 6.30pm</li> </ul>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHAPS Christmas Fayre at Chapel Haddlesey</li> </ul>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Crafts Open Day for Prospective Families and pre-schoolers from Kids Korner – 9.15am until 11.30am</li> </ul>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Dinner</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Production – Barlow Village Club - 2.30pm and 6.00pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Production – Barlow Village Club - 6.00pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Collective Worship – Parent/Carers welcome</li> </ul>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party Afternoon – Details to be confirmed</li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Uniform Day – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day</li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for Christmas</li> </ul>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to school</li> </ul>
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Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for half term</li> </ul>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Uniform Day – Melanoma UK</li> </ul>
Monday 24 <sup>rd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to school</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>
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>
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>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for Summer</li> </ul>

