

One family branching out together

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Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into November with a bang, I hope that you all had a safe and pleasant Bonfire Night. We have another busy half-term ahead under another unfortunate Government-enforced Lockdown. We will face this together again as a community and help each other as before. Chin up, best foot forward!



Thank you once again for abiding by our stringent but necessary rule, applicable to all adults and children aged 12 and above, to wear a face covering when stepping onto our school grounds: **NO MASK, NO ENTRY**. This does also apply to those amongst our school community that are exempt, so if this applies to you or a member of your family that may collect your child(ren), please contact Mrs Briggs to make personal collection arrangements. We are all working together to keep our community safe.

In keeping with the fire theme of Bonfire Night, our children have been learning about Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London with some fantastic learning taking place regarding this chapter in our history.

Parents'/Carers' Evenings

This year due to social distancing and to keep us all as safe as possible, we are conducting our Parents'/Carers' Evenings by telephone appointments. You have all been sent an email via ScholarPack with details of the dates and times of the appointments for your child's individual class, so please reply to the email, as soon as possible to book your appointment. You will be sent a text to confirm the date and time once your appointment has been booked. Please be aware that the caller ID may be unknown or blocked when the call is made.

Year 1 and 2 Reading Books

To comply with our other federation policy, Year 1 and 2 reading books will now be changed on a Friday. Please can you remember to return your child's reading folder to school on a Thursday to enable our staff to change their reading books for them.



Forest Schools

Please could you send in any empty, clean jars of a jam jar size or similar so that Mrs Hall can use these with the children during her Forest Schools sessions. Thank you.

Let's Celebrate

The following children deserve a pat on the back:-

Class 1

Aaliyah for being a good friend in class and welcoming our new starters into school in a caring way every morning.

Aria for springing into school this week with a big smile on her face.

Class 2

Evie C and Eva W for both having excellent effort across all subject areas.



Class 3

Oliver for his brilliant story - full of fabulous vocabulary!

Tyler for being a SPaG superstar. Mrs Lofthouse was so impressed with his knowledge of relative clauses!

Introducing Sam Thornton – Pastoral Support Officer (Federation)



Hi I'm Sam Thornton and I am the Pastoral Support Officer across the federation.

Within the White Rose Federation, we want everyone involved to feel welcomed and supported. We aim to provide a safe place where individuals are valued, listened to and helped to overcome any barriers to learning so they can lead fulfilling and balanced lives at school and beyond.

We believe that good pastoral support focuses on nurturing the individual needs of each child. We aim to build trusting and empathetic relationships with all our pupils and their

families.

If you feel your child or family would benefit from some support please contact your child's teacher who will pass your details onto me.

Leading up to Christmas we will be focussing on the 5 Steps to wellbeing.

This fortnightly focus - **Connect**

- **Connect** with people around you family, friends and neighbours.
- **Connecting** with others helps us feel happy and secure.

Why not give a friend a call?



For all the children in the federation who would like to take part, please send evidence of you participating in the fortnight focus and email them direct to myself, one will be randomly selected and mentioned in the next newsletter.

JRSO News

We are really pleased to announce that our new JRSOs for this school year are Eva G and Jesse from Class 3 who, as you can see from the photo, are proud to take up these important roles. Mrs Collins is getting them up to speed (hopefully not literally, considering their role)!

Look out for further news from them soon, regarding a competition for all of our children to enter.



Harvest Festival

We apologise but the IT gremlins have prevented us from being able to upload the Harvest Festival video onto our website for your entertainment. However, we are able to send this to you via email so please look forward to this making its way to you next week.

Wellingtons

To ensure that children keep their school shoes clean and tidy, please could they all bring in a pair of wellington boots (with their names in) to keep in school. The children will then be able to take it in turns in their classes to spend time on the field. Thank you for your support.



Children In Need

Let's get spotty and stripy for Children in Need on Friday, 13th November for a donation of £1 per child. We are supporting this worthwhile cause again, so please make your contributions by ParentPay wherever possible, or cash if necessary.



After School Clubs

Unfortunately, due to a low take-up for Afterschool Clubs this half-term we have decided to postpone them until after Christmas and if we have enough children wanting to participate then they will run. We understand that family circumstances are different at the moment with a lot of parents and carers still working from home, so fully understand if engagement is currently low.

Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting this annual appeal to help our children to, in the words of the Royal British Legion slogan, 'Live on, to the memory of the fallen and the future of the living'.



We have a selection of items for sale including stick on poppies, poppy zip-pull reflectors, zip pulls, wristbands and snap bands at costs ranging from 50p to £1.50. These items are available to purchase now through ParentPay and will be sent home with the children. As we are trying as much as possible to avoid handling cash due to Covid, all items should be paid for **where possible** via ParentPay but we will take cash if it is not possible for you to use ParentPay.

ParentPay

A gentle reminder to please be responsible for checking your ParentPay account weekly and to credit your account with any outstanding payments. It is only acceptable for a limit of £30 per child to be reached and beyond this amount a payment agreement **must** be entered upon with Mrs Marwood, our School Business Manager.



We accept that times are particularly tough for everyone at the moment, so if you are having any problems in making payments, please contact Mrs Briggs for help in addressing this matter. If your financial circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to claim for Free School Meals, so please do ask for assistance with this also.



Flu Vaccinations

On Tuesday, 10th November, nurses from the Childhood Immunisation Team will be visiting school to give the flu vaccine to all children whose parents gave online permission for this to take place. The list of children to be vaccinated is generated by the Childhood Immunisation Team and ONLY children on their list will be vaccinated.

If you missed the opportunity to register, please be assured that you can still register to have your child(ren) vaccinated at a local clinic by following the details below:-

APPOINTMENT-ONLY CLINICS – Selby and Tadcaster Area

To book your child in please email us on hdft.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net with the following information:

- Clinic venue and date
- Your child's name and date of birth
- Child's allergies/health conditions
- Your postcode
- Contact number
- Appointment time preference (if any)

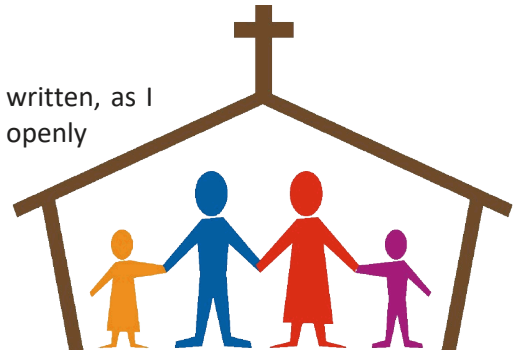
| Venue | Day | Date | Time | Address | Town | Postcode |
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| The Old Girls' School Community Centre | Tuesday | 24/11/2020 | 15:00-16:30 | 18 Kirkgate | Sherburn in Elmet | LS25 6BL |
| Selby War Memorial Hospital | Thursday | 10/12/2020 | 15:00-16:40 | Room 4, Urgent Care Centre, Doncaster Road | Selby | YO8 9BX |



News from Rev Pete

Hi all,

Please below a very lovely prayer. Do share as you want to. It was written, as I understand it, by a priest in Canada, who is happy for it to be openly circulated.



Why we wear our mask

Creator,
as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament
in the wearing of this cloth –
let it be “an outward sign
of an inward grace” –
a tangible and visible way
of living love for my neighbours,
as I love myself.

Christ,
since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
help me to speak clearly,
not only with my words,
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,
as the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully –
and full of care –
to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth
be shield and banner,
and each breath that it holds,
be filled with your love.

In your Name
and in that love,
I pray.
May it be so.
May it be so.



Yours sincerely

Mrs F Lofthouse
Head of School

Diary Dates

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| W/c 9 th - 13 th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Week for new families interested in our school |
| Friday, 13 th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children in Need – Spots and Stripes non-uniform |
| Friday, 18 th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School ends for Christmas |
| Monday, 4 th January | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training Day (school closed) |
| Tuesday, 5 th January | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Back to school |
| Friday, 15 th January | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for online applications for Reception 2021 new starters |
| Friday, 12 th February | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School ends for Half-Term |
| Monday, 22 nd February | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Back to school |
| Friday, 26 th March | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School ends for Easter |
| Monday, 12 th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training Day (school closed) |
| Tuesday, 13 th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Back to school |
| Monday, 3 rd May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May Bank Holiday (school closed) |
| Friday, 28 th May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School ends for Spring Bank |
| Monday, 7 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Back to school |
| Friday, 23 rd July | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School ends for Summer |

New Dates Added

