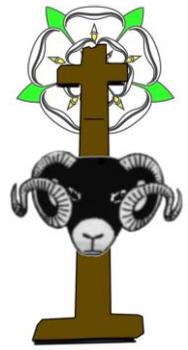




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NEWSLETTER

20 October 2017



"Outstanding Together"

Class 2

This week we have been exploring the function of noun-phrases and how they can make our writing more interesting. This has been undertaken through the context of travelling through a desert and arriving at a busy, bustling bazaar. To set the scene for this activity, the children played a trading game in which they had to exchange goods that would have been transported along the Silk Road. The tricky part of this was trying to decide which goods might have had the highest value. As it turned out, nutmeg was one of the best commodities to have.

In maths, we have been looking further at estimating and using the inverse calculation in the context of addition and subtraction.

Yr6 Applications to Secondary School

NYCC School Admissions have asked us to remind parents that the final date to express a preference for a Secondary School place is **31st October**. We did, however, point out to them that the local Secondary Schools had just been holding their Open Evenings and parents were probably waiting until after these had all taken place.

Harvest Festival

Many thanks to everyone who donated food and attended the Church service yesterday. We were very proud of the children and the positive attitude with which they joined in with everything they did. I am sure you will agree that all the hard work taking place in school really pays off on these occasions. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to donate 8 carrier bags full of food to the Whitby Foodbank.

Wear It Pink Day

It was good to see so many children and staff wearing pink today and making donations towards Breast Cancer Research. A total of £45.63 was raised. Thank you very much.

Football

The year 5/6 federated team took part in the Level 2 School Games Football Final at Eskdale on Wednesday. They competed against six other schools – Malton, Norton, East Whitby, Lythe, West Cliff and Helmsley. The boys worked amazing as a team, encouraging each other. The football skills and passing was outstanding. Our first goal came from the determination of Owen and from then on the team kept pushing forward for more. With Huw and Jack in defence, the opposition struggled to get past them and with Greg pulling off some amazing shot stopping we were on fire. Our wingers Felix and Rueben were flying into the box and giving the opposition's defence lots to worry about. Our midfield was super strong with Archie tirelessly running from box to box. If that wasn't enough, we had Charlie who had lots of determination to get our team more goals. The results were in **we came 3rd!!** Out of the 7 large schools on the day and the 52 who entered the competition, we came 3rd! This is a massive achievement for the boys, including Danny who was unfortunately on holiday this week but part of the team in the first round. Mrs Medcalf was unbelievably proud at the boys' performance, attitude and sportsmanship. A big well done to you all from the pupils and staff at both schools!



Class 1

This week in English we have been using pyramid spelling to support our learning of words sent home. We have, also, focused on understanding words, what they mean and how to use them appropriately in writing, as a means of furthering the vocabulary available to us in both written and verbal communication. This has involved revisiting and embedding our recognition of word classes within writing and of using them accurately in our own work. All of our English work has, of course, been linked to our focus text for the term, *Where the Wild Things Are*.

In maths, alongside our regular work on counting, bonds and times tables, we have looked further at British coins, focusing on totalling coins and exchanging coins of different values. As well as the practical aspects of this theme, we have engaged in problem solving around real life situations. Any opportunity to allow your children to handle coins by playing shopping games or buying and paying for items in local shops and supermarkets would greatly benefit the children's understanding of the concepts around money.

Our music learning continued this week with its focus on sounds with children using hands to create sounds of their own and time spent describing and identifying these. The children also had an enjoyable time exploring percussion instruments and studying the sounds that they make and how they can be varied for different purposes and moods.

Much of the week has been devoted to preparation for the Harvest festival with children learning and rehearsing poems, songs and the story map. This time was undoubtedly not wasted, as the children's performance in church clearly showed. All of us in Class 1 are extremely proud of efforts.

We hope all children have the well- earned rest and fun time that they deserve during half term and look forward to seeing them back in school, bright-eyed and bushy tailed!

Becky Webster – leaving today

Becky Webster, who supports our admin/Headteacher/children in so many areas, finishes her work at school today and will be relocating to move closer to friends. We will miss her hugely and would all like to say a big thank you and the very best of luck.

School resumes on Monday 30th October 2017

Diary dates for the week commencing 30 October 2017

Wed 1st Nov: Yr5 Forest Schools

Netball Tournament at Glaisdale (selected children)

Thurs 2nd: All KS1 Forest Schools



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Flu vaccine for Reception & Yrs 1 – 4 (only for children whose parents have consented)
KS2 Cross Country at Caedmon (only children who have returned consent forms)
6pm – PTFA Halloween Bingo at The Robinson Institute

Fri 3rd: Football Club after School

Xmas Play

Please note that the dates for the Xmas Play this year are:

- 13th Dec – Evening performance
- 14th Dec – Afternoon performance (no Forest Schools for KS1 that day)

Bonus Ball winner – As on 14/10/17 - Babs Flintoft – 42.

Please note that monies are now due – see Gemma Brew.

2V2 Football Tournament – 26th October

Please see the **attached** flyer about this event next Thursday morning at the Quarry in aid of Cancer Research UK. Please attend and support this worthwhile cause.

PTFA Halloween Bingo – 2nd November

Please see the **attached** flyer about this event. **Tombola prizes are urgently needed, so please bring them into the school office at the beginning of next term in time for the Thursday.**

Whish Craft Fair & Open Day – 12th November

Please find **attached** a flyer with details of this event next month. Please attend to see all the work this local charity does for children with hidden impairments.

News from Castleton Classes

This week in KS1 we have been using our imaginations and applying our story writing skills to write our own versions of “Lost and Found.” Everyone thought of a new character and had some great ideas. What fantastic authors we have!

Well done to everyone for a super Harvest Festival at the Church. We were very proud of all the children. We are sure that we will all be singing “Big Red Combine Harvester” till Christmas now!!

A reminder that years 1 and 2 children have weekly spelling to practise at home and that a little practise each night is much more effective than completing them all at once.

Have a lovely half term everyone and thank you for your continued support.

KS2: Mrs Grace was really impressed with the children's confidence to read aloud in Church. It is quite a daunting space and they all read clearly. Thank you, in particular, to the year 6 who contributed their own facts to the Harvest Festival. It just reminds us how lucky we are. Thank you also for the very appreciative audience it is always a greater experience when you have an audience to perform to.

In Maths we have been looking at area and perimeter of shapes so if you have any practical problem solving Maths on these subjects hopefully the children will be able to help out. New carpet? New fencing? (You never know if you don't ask.)

We have certainly been ARTastic this week. The caravan of (clay) camels are looking exhausted after a long trek on the Silk Road. There has been some fantastic Ancient Chinese and Islamic patterning because ideas and art travelled along the Silk Road as well as jade, gold and of course silk.