



NEWSLETTER

18th May 2018

Whole School

Today has been a day of celebrations in school. As well as the usual weekly celebration assembly, we have had a late celebration of World Book Day with children dressing as characters from well-known stories which they shared with everyone. The children (and we suspect parents!) made a fantastic effort with some superb costumes (the Oompa Loompas were brilliant!).

In readiness for tomorrow's Royal Wedding, we have today undertaken our own celebration activities and learnt about the wedding itself, and enjoyed a special royal wedding dinner.

Class 2

What a busy week! Well done to all the year 6's who this week completed their SAT papers; their chance to 'show off' all they have learnt during their time so far at primary school. They kept their cool in the test room and got through the week. Thank you to everyone else in the school who were as quiet as mice while a test was in progress.

This week in KS2 we have extended our work on fractions by applying our knowledge of finding equivalent fractions in order to add or subtract fractions where the denominators are different and then simplifying our answers, if possible. This has really tested our times tables knowledge.

Work on preparing to write a biography continues in English with the children really immersing themselves in the life of Sir Edmund Hilary.

In geography we used Oreo biscuits to recreate the effects of tectonic plate movement where there are divergent, convergent or transform boundaries. It was an exciting lesson which everyone thoroughly enjoyed especially when the children got to eat their creations - after photos had been taken!

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

This week has certainly tested the five R's, respectfulness, resilience, resourcefulness, reflection and responsibility. Resilience was definitely at the forefront in the SATs as well as in the classroom. Mrs Peacock and Mrs Scholey were pleased to award gold stars to several children who demonstrated great resilience during lessons they were finding tricky. They persevered and, with support, reached their learning goal - well done.

Class 1

This week in English we have begun thinking about the appearance and personalities of the characters from our story, brainstorming adjectives and adverbs which could be applied to them in the descriptive writing we will undertake next week. In maths, we have been revisiting 2D and 3D shapes, becoming more familiar with their names and properties.



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On Monday, the children had a history themed day during which they looked at farming in the past, including jobs undertaken on a farm, clothing worn and equipment used. In P.E, we have continued to work on our throwing and catching skills, and had a competition to see who could get the ball through the netball hoop. This week, Year 2 have completed two of their end of KS1 SATS tests: SPAG and Maths arithmetic. Next week they will complete the tests with a maths reasoning paper and two reading papers.

Team of the Week: **Blue Merlins**

KS1 Star of the Week: Shared out this week between Lexah, Jacob and Eva – for all eating brilliantly at lunchtime and a special well done to Jacob for winning the netball hoop competition!

KS2 Star of the Week: Lily for helping Jacob a lot and looking after him. Well done Lily.

LAST WEEK - Huge apologies to Jack Harland for wrongly reporting that Jack Spark had been awarded KS2 Star of the Week. Belatedly well done Jack for all the fantastic research he did for his work on volcanoes and sorry again for the error.

Diary dates for the week commencing Monday 21st May 2018

Mon 21st:	Music lessons – children will need their instruments & books with them at school
Tues 22nd:	Yr4 Cricket finals – see yesterday's letter
Wed 23rd:	Yr5 Forest Schools – wear appropriate clothing
Thurs 24th:	KS1 Science – NO Forest Schools after school – Netball Club
Fri 25th:	after school – Football Club School finishes for half-term

School resumes on Monday 4th June 2018

Diary dates for the week commencing Monday 21st May 2018

Mon 4th:	pm – Caedmon staff visiting to speak to those Yr6 pupils going there in September
Tues 5th:	pm – Orienteering event – CCW – subject to confirmation - letter to follow to relevant pupils
Wed 6th:	Yr6 Forest Schools
Thurs 7th:	KS1 Forest Schools

Bonus Ball winners

- 05/05/18 - 41 – Ruth Brew
- 12/05/18 – 5 – Karen van Meerbeeck



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Tues 22nd May – Yr4 Cricket finals

Please can all consent forms be back in by **Monday at the latest** so your child can go on Tuesday. Don't forget that your child will need to **bring their own packed lunches, drinks and snacks** for the day as school is unable to provide them. Thank you.

Tues 22nd May – YEAT filming day

Mrs Evans and 4 pupils from West Cliff School will be visiting for half an hour on Tuesday morning. They are going round all the schools in the Academy Trust, and will then be putting a film together which you will be able to see at the YEAT Launch Day on Friday 15th June. **If you do not wish your child to appear in any photographs or filming please let Mrs Ashton-Wickett know on Monday.**

Tues 22nd May – Yr6 Welcome Evening – Eskdale – 6pm

To those pupils going up to Eskdale in September, they and their parents are invited to attend this meeting in the School Hall. Relevant pupils should have already received an invite.

MISSING – Jack Harland has lost a baseball cap. It's black and blue with "Quiksilver" written on the front. Please have a look in bags to see if it's there and either give it to Jack or drop it into the school office.

North Yorkshire Police – "Lifestyle Challenge"

Lifestyle Challenge is an activity that gives young people **aged 10-17 on 31st August 2018**, who are resident in North Yorkshire something positive to engage in over the summer holidays. It gives them the opportunity to make a difference in their community as a team, whilst demonstrating what young people are capable of when given the right opportunities. Please go to the following link for more information:

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/news/summer-holiday-challenge-for-young-people-as-lifestyle-2018-launches/>

This includes a promotional film, on-line registration form and further information.

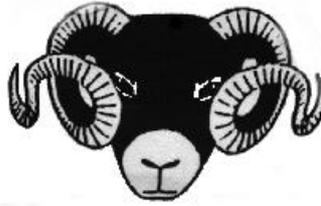
Yorkshire Arboretum – Wed 30th May – Junior Rangers Day

Please see the **attached** flyer about this event during the half-term holidays – booking is essential.

News from the Castleton classes

This week **KS1** have been super detective. On Monday we found a crime scene in the staffroom which left a lot of vegetables in distress! We think the Evil Pea is behind it and have been busy writing eyewitness reports for the Police and sent letters and e-mails to Supertato asking for his help. Hopefully the Evil Pea will be caught soon! We have also enjoyed the lead up to the Royal Wedding, writing invitations and even acting out our own wedding in class!

KS2: A huge WELL DONE to all Year 6 pupils for all the hard work they have done building up to the SATs which has been worth it. Everyone tackled their tests with calm, sensible determination and resilience. We



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couldn't have been more proud of them. We even had a moderator in on Monday who said their behaviour and attitude was "exemplary." Enjoy your weekend Year 6.

While Year 6 were hard at work in their SATs, Years 3, 4 and 5 have been studying patterns in Maths. Year 3 were cracking codes and Year 4 had some investigation work to do. Year 5 had some very challenging number patterns to solve and got very excited when they finally started spotting the answers.

In English, KS2 are now ready to write their balanced discussion text. This is the sort of writing they will find themselves doing all the time if they go on to College and University. They have some very strong opinions; luckily we have also done some work on bias to balance this out!

Finally, in Science, we finished our work on evolution and inheritance. Years 3 and 4 then looked at the structure of the earth, including a look 250 million years into the future, to see what our continents will look like.