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Headteacher's Update

Hello



I would firstly like to sincerely thank parents/carers, who really supported a reduction in potential transmission of Covid-19 in the lower junior phase of the school, through ensuring close contacts had a PCR test last weekend. Hopefully you would agree that it is sensible to sustain our outbreak management plan, as shared with you on Monday, until half term. This break will then support a stabilization, with transmission in school not being an option for the virus. Next week, we are hoping to see Mrs C Greenwood (Class 7), return to school. Reception teachers Miss Griffiths and Mrs N Greenwood do require a longer recovery period. Miss Griffiths may not return to school this term, whereas Mrs Greenwood may be able to return at the start of November. I continue, as I know you do, to send all of our children and staff with, or recovering from, Covid-19, our love and best wishes.

I am sorry that the staffing challenges we have been experiencing have impacted on some of our parents/carers' and teacher meetings. I hope those of you whose appointments stand, find them useful, and all outstanding, postponed appointments will be rearranged after half term. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.



In a roofing update, I can inform you that the new expected end date for the works is Tuesday 23rd November. Delays have been caused by both Covid-19 and challenges around distribution of materials. I have to say, it is incredible how little disruption and noise there is throughout the school day and we are grateful to Hobson and Porter, the construction company completing the works, for their consideration of our school needs.

I can't wait for you to be able to come back into school on a regular basis to explore what your children are doing! There is so much fabulous work going on, and if you could see your child(ren), I know you would feel really proud. I hear wonderful discussions that are awe inspiring, I see the most wonderful creations, and I experience dedicated children who continue to display a love of learning and a determination to do their best. Hopefully it won't be too much longer before we can hold an event for you to come along and enjoy some of this for yourselves.

Have a lovely weekend if you can.



Key Stage 2 Break Time Snacks

These snacks should please be nut free and healthy; thank you for your support with this.



Upcoming Events

w/c 18/10/21	Parents' Evening Week - face to face appointments
21/10/21	School Photographer in school
w/c 8/11/21	Robinwood Residential Trip (Yr6 pupils)

EYFS

This week we learnt about **turtles**. Ask your child what interesting facts they can remember! A highlight for us was during a drama session later in the week. The children listened to an under the sea sound scape and explored what it would be like to play under the sea like a turtle. The children impressed us with how carefully they considered their movements when travelling like a turtle and this continued into their child initiated play in the outdoor classroom.



We listened to the story of the turtle and the changing sea. The children showed empathy when hearing of how rubbish was destroying the home of so many sea creatures. This story provoked an interesting discussion into how we could look after the world around us better. The children shared their knowledge of recycling boxes at home and how they have previously donated toys to charities. We are very proud of how the children care and want to look after the world around them.

Miss Knowles & the Reception Team



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

A fabulous week in Key Stage One with a variety of different learning skills shown through in each lesson. Although routines and people around them have continued to be slightly different, everyone continues to work together and show support, which is lovely to see. Well done everyone!

This week in English, we have continued to develop our learning behind writing instructions. We started on Monday by making a leaf rubbing, which we then wrote the instructions for. We remembered to use time connectives and imperative 'bossy' verbs as well as numbering our short and clear sentences.



On afternoons throughout the week, we have explored the question 'What it means to be a Christian?' We have enjoyed looking at religious artefacts and exploring the bible story of 'Jonah and the Whale'.

Have a nice weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone for a lovely final week of the half term.

Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Miss Keith.

*** A little reminder.... We wanted to give you plenty of notice as we are doing a super fun craft with a shoe box after the half term but wanted to let you know now so you can find/ keep a shoe box safe ready for when we need them.



Thank you ***



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

The Year 3 and 4 children, both in school and at home, have risen to the challenges presented to them and we are extremely proud of how they have worked.

After designing our cartouches last week using hieroglyphics, we had great fun creating our own out of clay in school. After rolling out and cutting the clay to form the shape of a cartouche, we modelled the hieroglyphic images and attached them to our background. The children did amazingly well and manipulated the clay brilliantly to create detailed cartouches. The children at home have also been super creative and created their own cartouches out of materials such as play dough. We have been very impressed with the outcome!



As part of PSHE, the children have been learning about cyberbullying. We discussed the different forms of online bullying and how the children should respond if they, or a friend, ever experience online bullying. To further raise their awareness, the children created posters to highlight the four steps to stay safe against cyberbullying.

Well done Year 3 and 4, you have had another super week and worked extremely well!

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

This week in English, we have been learning how to take effective notes about mammals in preparation for writing a non-chronological report. We have been building up our vocabulary bank linked to this topic to enable us to use this technical vocabulary accurately.



As part of our science topic, we learnt about the process of metamorphosis. We now understand the varying stages involved within these transformations as part of life cycles. We were particularly surprised by the transition of amphibians.

In computing, we have begun to write our own algorithms to program a traffic light simulation. We found out the sequence involved was more complicated than we first thought.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns, especially regarding children returning to school after their isolation period.

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Mr Daniel, Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod



We hope everyone enjoyed the **Break the Rules Day** and thank you for all your support we raised an amazing **£463!**



Thank you also for those that attended the **PTA AGM** on Monday! We successfully elected a new committee and reviewed last year. The minutes from the AGM will be on the [School Website](#) shortly so please take a look!

Christmas Cards



Hopefully you have all sent in your child's Christmas Card design and we have been able to get ones from those that are isolating. Thank you to the office team in supporting this too! Proofs will be ready shortly and then you will be able to order your Christmas cards, labels and gifts.

Date for the Diary....

Bags2School collection will be on Friday 12th November, from 8.45am in the School playground. Please keep any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, bedding, towels etc. More details will follow.

Getting organised for Christmas?

Our school is registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising – at no extra cost to yourself! You can shop at John Lewis, M&S, Just Eat, Argos, Booking.com etc. We'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.



Please download the easyfundraising app which you can use whenever you shop from your mobile or tablet. You can then search for a cause and enter **Ralph Butterfield Primary School**. Install the Donation Reminder onto your desktop in just a couple of clicks - it will then automatically highlight retailers where a donation is available while you're browsing

Thank you for your support!

Joanne – PTA Chair



TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

4 sessions on managing our anger and our children's anger

Starting Thursday 4th November 12.45 to 2.45pm
Online via Zoom

To book contact Helen on 07393 147 259 or email helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk or for more info visit www.fmy.org.uk

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A Big Draw to Remember



23rd - 30th October



@YorkArmyMuseum

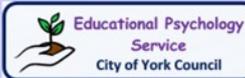
Come join in our 'Big Draw' for Remembrance Day 2021.

We've a huge canvas for people to doodle and draw memories, reflections and words of respect. Add a poppy, be inspired by our display and archive or something else.

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Educational Psychology (EP) Support Line

A confidential telephone support service, staffed by Educational Psychologists, to talk through questions or concerns about children and young people's wellbeing or learning.

Open to all parents/carers of children with additional needs or SEND, living in the City of York, and practitioners working with children who live in/attend an educational setting in York.



Calls of up to 30 minutes, available during term time:

Wednesday mornings 9.30am-11.30am

From 3rd November – 15th December 2021

To book a slot, please e-mail: EPsupportline@york.gov.uk with your name and a contact telephone number.

On the following Wednesday morning, we will e-mail you with a time slot for your consultation. Booking for each session will close on Tuesdays at 5pm. Spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please note: the helpline offers short slots to talk with a psychologist about particular concerns; unfortunately, within the time available, we cannot advise on complex situations where different agencies need to work together to support a child or young person.

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FAMILY FUN AT YORK DESIGN WEEK!
20 - 26 OCTOBER 2021



Spanning the October half term, York Design Week will have fun and educational events for all the family. Come and take part in workshops, exhibitions and events that aim to help make our city a better place to live by working together and sharing perspectives. Learn about drawing machines, explore dream spaces, make your mark on a big shared painting and help build a cardboard prototype community space. Come and shape the future of York!

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