



Ralph Butterfield Primary School School Newsletter



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Headteacher's Message

Hello

Numbers of positive cases of Covid-19 within school has remained low for a few weeks now. At the moment, we have 0 staff members and 2 children isolating. Unless anything is announced over half term that impacts our risk assessing at this time, we feel that it is safe to make a couple of changes in relation to our Covid-19 operations:

- ◆ In school, we have really missed opportunities to bring the whole school together and we will return to whole school assemblies after half term.
- ◆ Face coverings for staff and visitors will become optional as long as numbers of positive cases remain low.


Children will still be given hand sanitiser on the way into school and into the lunch hall, with regular hand washing encouraged throughout the day; ventilation continues to be an important control measure for our classes too. As ever, we will continue to monitor and review any changes in circumstances as the weeks progress in March. Our aim is always to keep everyone as safe as possible.

As another half term draws to a close, I would like to thank you again for your ongoing support and for working closely with us. This really helps to ensure that we are doing our best for your child(ren), to provide the conditions in which they can thrive. Please be aware that our phone lines will be closed next week and any emails will be picked up on the morning of Monday 28th February. Staff are encouraged to have a proper break so that they can return fully refreshed and raring to go, ready for the next busy half term.

I know that many of you will be working next week, but I do hope that everyone is able to enjoy that bit more family time together over half term. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 28th February.



Upcoming Events

3 rd March	World Book Day 
W/c 7 th March	Year 6 Parents' /Carers' Evening Week.
18 th March	Non-Uniform Day
W/c 21 st March & W/c 4 th April. <i>Please note change of date.</i>	Reception - Year 5 Parents'/Carers' Evening Weeks - further information will follow.

Our last week on our topic 'Amazing Animals' has involved us learning about British Wildlife. Although 'The Gruffalo' is only a fictional character, the children really enjoyed drawing some amazing story maps recalling the story and the woodland creatures that appear.

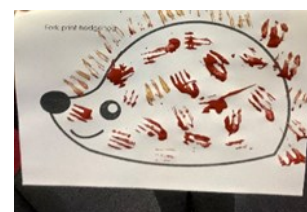
Our maths work this week has focussed on adding by combining sets. The children enjoyed using hearts on our ten frames on Valentines Day rather than the usual counters! We have also used the farm set to combine animals from 2 fields to see how many altogether.

Next half term PE will be on a Friday afternoon but please leave kit bags at school all week as sometimes we have a change of plan. Please could we ask you to check your child's PE kit and trainers for size, the children have certainly grown and some of the kit is getting a bit tricky to put on now.

In phonics this week the children learnt the sounds ear (as in beard), air (as in pair), ure (as in pure) and er (as in ladder). Our tricky word to read is the word 'they'.



For our creative activity this week we did some more printing and this time we used forks to create printed spikes for our wonderful hedgehogs!



Next half-term our topic is 'In the Garden', we will be finding out about plants, flowers and some garden creatures as well as investigating Spring.

Miss Griffiths, Miss Knowles, Mrs Greenwood, and the EYFS team.



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



This week, we visited everyone's favourite story... 'The Gruffalo'! We enjoyed reading the story and developing our knowledge of The Gruffalo, thinking especially about adjectives to describe him as well as verbs and adverbs to explain how he moves through the woods. Everyone worked really hard to turn the adjectives into expanded noun phrases to describe The Gruffalo in a character description. Well done!

Last week, in RE, we virtually visited a church and learnt lots about the special and sacred elements of the building. This week, we virtually visited a Jewish synagogue and an Islamic Mosque. The children enjoyed looking at these sacred buildings and learning about their different aspects including the different areas, sacred objects and services.



This week in PE, with Miss Eaton, we recalled all of our seasonal dance moves to put them together into a whole performance encompassing all of the elements. Everyone did a great job of remembering all the dance moves we have learnt over the half term. The finished dances looked fantastic and the children really enjoyed performing them.

Have a lovely and relaxing half term and we look forward to seeing your happy smiles after our holidays.

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Reeves.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

The year 3 and 4 children have worked extremely hard and enjoyed lots of creative and hands on activities this week.

They have taken part in the RSPB Big School Bird Watch and learnt interesting facts about common birds that we may find in our local environment. After viewing pictures of a variety of birds such as robins, blackbirds, starlings and blue tits, they spent some time outside to see how many different kinds of birds they could spot.



Our geography river project was a definite highlight for the children and staff. The children worked brilliantly together in small groups and referred back to their plans that they had previously developed to help them create their models. The detail that was included and the written explanations of the different parts of the river were amazing and showed the children's knowledge of the parts of a river brilliantly.

The children finished off their pointillism topic this week and enjoyed finishing off their paintings. They discussed their work with a partner, talked about what they liked about their own painting and their partners. The lovely comments and praise that the children gave each other were delightful.



It has been marvellous seeing the children, and adults, across school stop and admire the rivers homework projects that are on display in the Lower Key Stage Two corridor. The children have blown us away with their creativity and hard work .

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

Wishing you all a lovely half term.

Miss Hodgson, Mr Taylor, Mrs Greenwood and Miss Clapham



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



In Geography this week, the children took on the role of banana farmers. They quickly realised that the odds were stacked against them and that, even with the support of Fairtrade, without team work and hard work the pressure was always on to make a living for themselves, their family and the community.

In English, we have been writing explanation texts about the pollination and fertilisation process. Children recalled their prior learning in science from last term and used this to construct their work. Our particular focus was making sure it was a cohesive piece of writing with a range of varied sentence openers and punctuation.



This was our last week of archery with Mr Stephenson. The children created their own games which they then demonstrated to their peers. They had opportunity to develop as coaches and pass on what they have learnt whilst also refining and improving upon their games.

Wishing you all a relaxing half term.

Mr Daniel, Mrs Stephenson, Mr Tod and Mrs Walker.



Thank you to all the Year 1-2s who attended the Film Night – we hope they enjoyed it and we raised **£184** for school



All your **Bags2School** donations raised an amazing **£164** which is fantastic. The next collection date will be Friday 17th June.



Finally, a huge thank you to Aire Logic, who has again been able to donate a wonderful **£250** to the PTA again. This makes a huge difference to our fundraising

World Book Day Appeal



The deadline to hand in your form for the '**Sponsor a School Book Appeal**' is Thursday 3rd March, after half term. Forms are available from the school office or on our Facebook page and detail how to pay.

This is a lovely way to support school fundraising whilst leaving a little legacy in school for years to come. Certificates are available if you wish too.

Parvin Night

We have organised a Quiz Night at Parvin Indian Restaurant in Haxby on **Monday 4th April** at 7pm. It will cost £20 per person and all profits will go to School. This will include a Quiz and a delicious three course meal. There will also be a small raffle and stand up-sit down bingo.

There will be tables of 4, 5 and 6 available (5 and 6 on a first come first served basis).

It will be great social evening with friends or family or to meet other parents at school.

Please get a table together and email Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com for tickets and details of how to pay.

Have a wonderful Half Term Break



Snippets from the Log Books of Ralph Butterfield School



R N I B

23rd February 1976 - Mrs Lydon area organiser for RNIB came and spoke to the children about the work they do to



Tapestry for EYFS parents



We hope you are enjoying looking at all the wonderful things the children are doing at school through Tapestry.

Don't forget you are also able to upload photos of your child from home and add in your own observations. A few examples could be:

- ◆ Mary has now learnt to ride her bike without stabilisers and is so proud. (with a picture of Mary riding her bike)
- ◆ Mark has been playing football for the past few weeks and this week he scored a goal – he was very excited as were we!! (alongside a photo of Mark in his football kit)
- ◆ We went out as a family and Moira had a great time playing throw and catch on the beach and she chatted about the sound of the waves and how the water felt. (with a photo of Moira on the beach)

I am including a link direct from the team at Tapestry to support you with adding an observation on Tapestry if you need it.

<https://eyfs.info/forums/topic/46836-adding-an-observation/>

The tutorial will mention linking the observations to the Early Learning Goals. Please don't worry about that bit, we will link them at school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see one of the EYFS team.

Miss Griffiths, Mrs Greenwood & Miss Knowles.



Volunteering in School

We are passionate about ensuring all children love reading and develop secure reading skills in their early years and while they move throughout primary school. **Do you love reading and helping children to enjoy their reading?** If you do, and you have a little time to spare each week, we would really appreciate you becoming one of our reading volunteers.



All of our prospective volunteers will receive an application pack and will be invited to meet with a member of our senior leadership team to discuss the role in school. After this, you may receive further information relating to the process of a DBS check. All necessary training for volunteers will be given and each volunteer will also receive a named contact within school.

We do hope that you will be inspired to volunteer at Ralph Butterfield and support our children to further develop their love of reading and skills.

Please get in touch with Mrs Robinson, via the school office, to apply.



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PARENTHOOD SUPPORT

Legal advice

Open to all parents, providing free legal advice
Every Tuesday, 12:00 - 13:00
York St John University Campus, room DG/011

Dad's group

Social group open to fathers and father and babies
Every Tuesday, 13:00 - 14:00
York St John University Campus, room DG/011

Online dad's group

Social group open to fathers and father and babies
Every Thursday, 19:30 - 20:30
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