



# Ralph Butterfield Primary School School Newsletter



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## Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

On Tuesday (27th June), you will have received a letter about the planned NEU teacher strike dates next week. To summarise: Classes 7, 9 and 11 will be closed on Wednesday 5th July and Classes 9 and 11 will be closed on Friday 7th July. A place will still be available for children with an EHCP and those who are eligible for free school meals. Please see the letter for full detail.

Next Tuesday 4th July, your child(ren) will have their first transition visit with their new class for the next academic year. That same day, they will bring home a letter which shares, with you, which class your child will be in from September 2023. Thank you in advance for reading this letter in full.

You may recall that in April, parents/carers received information regarding the election of a new parent/carer governor. I am delighted today to be able to share with you that Mrs Lauren Arbon will be appointed onto our governing board at the first full board meeting in September. Mrs Arbon has shared: 'I am passionate about education and trying to ensure that every child has a positive and fulfilling time at school. I have worked as a secondary English teacher for 15 years and have seen the impact that school has on a young person in terms of their skills, knowledge, confidence and happiness. I would love to be part of helping Ralph Butterfield Primary School provide the very best education for our children. My own daughter (currently in Year 1) has had a wonderful start to her time at Ralph Butterfield and I would like to be part of ensuring that every child is given every opportunity to reach their potential during their seven years of primary education'. We are very grateful to Mrs Arbon for her nomination; we look forward to welcoming her into her new role and benefitting from her contributions to support the future development of our school.

Yesterday, Mr Matt Messias enjoyed working with Year 6 children, thinking about moving forward to secondary school but also reflecting on who they might be grateful to within their primary education. Up to 50 people will now be receiving a surprise letter of thanks from them, which is lovely.

We are very excited about the upcoming performances of The Wizard of Oz from our Year 5/6 children next week; all of the children in school will have the opportunity to enjoy this extravaganza on Monday morning.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy the weekend.

Liz Clark



## Football

On Wednesday, our school football team took on Crayke Primary School in a highly enjoyable and competitive game. This was both schools' second game and it was great to see the game played in a friendly yet competitive spirit. Ralph Butterfield emerged 1-0 victors but the scoreline did not reflect the control and domination of the ball that we enjoyed.

I would like to pay tribute to all the players who participated as they represented the school impeccably.

Mr Keaney



## This Week's Attendance



Thank you for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible.

## RB Scramblers



On Saturday a small group of Ralph Butterfield primary school staff are taking part in the 'Macmillan Mighty Hike' to raise money for Macmillan cancer support. This is a charity that is close to a lot of people's hearts as we all know someone affected by cancer. If anyone would like to donate to this worthy cause, please click on the link below, it would be very much appreciated.

You can donate to their JustGiving page by [clicking here](#)



Thank you from the RB Scramblers- Mrs Atkinson, Miss Dawson, Miss Gibson, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Mountain.

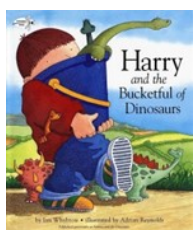


## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



This week, our dinosaur topic has explored whether dinosaurs were found in the United Kingdom, in the past. The children enjoyed learning more details about the palaeontologist Mary Anning and her wonderful fossil finds on the south coast.

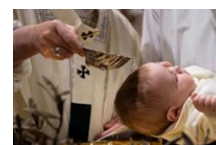
This week, in phonics, we have read words which have a suffix added to the end of them to change present tense to past tense words. Words with an -ed suffix ending can often be pronounced in different ways. An example of this is **bumped** – this word sounds like it ends with a **t** sound and **grunted** – sounds like it ends with an **ed** sound. We also continue to revise and learn how to read and spell the tricky words **the, I, go, no, you, said, so, have** and **like**.



In Literacy, the children have enjoyed reading a variety of 'Harry and the dinosaurs' stories. They selected and drew pictures of the things they would put in their bucket. Then, they wrote a sentence to explain their bucket. We are very impressed with the children's writing progress.

In Maths, we have continued to practise odd and even numbers in our areas of provision. The children have been tasked to make odd and even groups of dinosaurs from Harry's bucket of dinosaurs. We have also started a new teaching unit which focuses on deepening the children's understanding of adding, subtracting, doubling and sharing through problem solving. We will also be moving on to learning about mapping and how we can plan places on a map in relation to other items.

On Friday, we enjoyed our visit to St Mary's Church to take part in a mock baptism. Rev Kathryn explained what happens in the service and how Christians are baptised to become part of the Christian family. The children really enjoyed the visit and asked some great questions too.



We continue to learn about oral health in our PSED lessons. It would be lovely to see how the children keep their teeth healthy at home. Please share this on Tapestry so we can discuss their top tips during our upcoming sessions.

*Library visit reminder – next week **Class 2** will return and select new books.*

*Please don't hesitate to discuss any questions or concerns with us.*

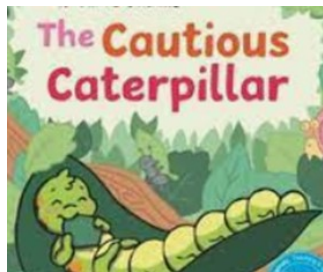
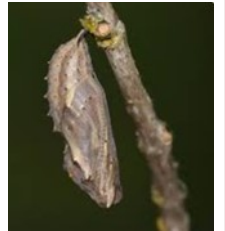
**Mrs Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team**



## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

We have had a lovely week in Key Stage 1 again this week, full of excitement and learning.

As previously mentioned, each class has 5 caterpillars to look after and we have been keeping a diary of observations as they have grown. Excitingly, all of the caterpillars have taken their first steps of the transformation into butterflies by forming cocoons around themselves. The children all found this fascinating: it was amazing how quickly the chrysalis formed on each one! We have now transferred them into a net so that when they emerge as butterflies, they will have room to move.



This experience has inspired us to write our own caterpillar fiction stories. We read a story called 'The Cautious Caterpillar' about a caterpillar's experience of metamorphosis and how she felt about these changes. We adapted the story so that our caterpillar characters met different creatures who told them about how they would change. It was lovely to read these stories: they were so positive and heart-warming.

In science, we have also explored how different conditions affect the ways that plants grow. We started by using our prediction skills to say what we thought would happen to beans that we planted with and without water or light. We then tested these predictions by placing beans in different areas of the classroom such as by the window or in the store cupboard. We are going to check these beans periodically and look forward to seeing whether or not our predictions were correct.



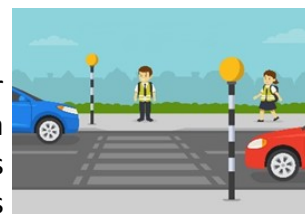
In History, we have been studying the human features of York and how they have changed over time. We used virtual tours of the city to explore the historical streets and looks at the fusion between modern buildings and those from different historical periods. There is such a lot to see in our city, from Roman ruins to Anglo-Saxon buildings. We are becoming very excited about our trip and are looking forward to exploring the city for ourselves!

Well done Key Stage 1. We can't wait to see what exciting things next week has in store for us.

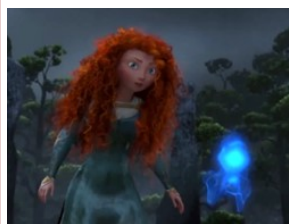
**Mrs Atkinson, Mr Merrall and Mrs Reeves**

## Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

This week all of the Year 3 and 4 children have taken part in two one and a half hour pedestrian training sessions. During the first session, the children learnt how to cross a road safely remembering to Stop, Look and Listen before making the decision to cross safely. They also learnt how to cross safely behind a parked car although the instructors told them that this should only be attempted when there is no other safer alternative.



Finally, they learnt how to cross at a T junction discussing expertly the potential hazards and all the directions in which you needed to look in before crossing. In the second session, the children walked into Haxby Village to learn how to safely cross busier roads using a zebra crossing and a pedestrian 'push button' crossing. Back in the classroom, they also discussed using traffic islands, footbridges and underpasses. The children listened to the trainers fantastically well, asked super questions and their behaviour was brilliant whilst out and about, even attracting compliments from passers-by which was so lovely to hear. Well done Year 3 and 4!



In English this week, the children have been refining some of their Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG) skills. We have revisited using subordinating and coordinating conjunctions, practised using fronted adverbials of time, place and manner, created expanded noun phrases, used inverted commas accurately and apostrophes for possession. The children then used all of these skills to create detailed descriptive paragraphs based on the wisps scene from Brave. We have been really impressed with

the descriptive vocabulary that the children have used and how well they have applied the SPaG skills that they have learnt throughout the year.

Over the last couple of weeks the children have been practising and taking part in the 'Athlete Champion' virtual competition. For the competition the children were required to complete four activities that included, standing long jump, throwing a tennis ball, 100m sprint and a longer 400m run. They rose to the challenge brilliantly and displayed great skills and encouraged each other fantastically.



Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions, queries or would like to share any news with us.

**We hope that you have a restful and enjoyable weekend.**

**Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham**

## Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

In preparation for our up and coming sports day, we have been taking part in athletic activities. We worked with Mr Walton and Mr Stephenson, our PE specialists, to improve upon the accuracy of our throwing and kicking, hurdling, sprinting and we took part in a standing long jump.



In our history lessons, we learnt about the everyday lives of Mayans and their faith. We used secondary sources to find out about what they ate, where they lived, how they worshipped, what they wore and whether they were educated. We were surprised to learn that their actions, daily life and society revolved around the belief in their faith; this included the role of animal and human sacrifices. If they did not worship their gods enough, they believed there would be dire consequences in the living world and afterlife.

In science, we learnt about the importance of a balanced and varied diet, and healthy lifestyle. We began to understand how different foods are used by our body, i.e. carbohydrates keep our energy levels up. We also found out about impact of exercise on our long term health and wellbeing.



On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 children will be visiting their secondary schools. Just a reminder, children are to make their own way there rather than coming to Ralph Butterfield Primary School first. Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

### Evening Performances of Wizard of Oz.

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.*

Please make sure that all children (unless already notified to school staff) return to school at 5:00 pm in order to prepare for their production. All children will need to be collected by an adult after each evening performance at ~6:45pm.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

**Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod**





## PTA News



### SUMMER FAIR – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 6-8pm

We are really excited that it's our **SUMMER FAIR** next Friday, let's hope the sun shines!

We will have a huge amount going on including tombola's, inflatable assault course, zorbs by local company Speedkix, splat the rat, hoopla, inflatable helter skelter, test your strength and much more.

There will be a bar selling beer and prosecco for you to enjoy and a BBQ with burgers and hot dogs, which was very popular last year.



This year we will have the wonderful Flying Ducks theatre group performing which will be a wonderful addition and we also have Play2par Golf Academy coming with a golfing game to enjoy.



To make it all run well – we need a few more volunteers on the night. This is our biggest fundraiser but we do need help to make it happen – please come forward to spare an hour.

Please complete the form below and hand in to the school office or email [ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com](mailto:ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com)

### Volunteer

Can you help at the Fair? Please fill in this slip and return to the school office or email [ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com](mailto:ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com)



Time slot:	Please tick all that apply:
5.55 - 6.30pm	
6.25 - 7.00pm	
6.55- 7.30pm	
7.25 - 8.00pm	

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Child's name / class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you so much in advance x*

## Uniform Bank

**Haxby and Wiggington Methodist Church** are running their Uniform Bank once again this year. This is a brilliant opportunity to buy school uniform at a much-reduced price.

<https://www.hwmc.org.uk/post/school-uniform-bank>

Please do donate any spare uniform you have and then go on the day to pick up items for next year.

This is a wonderful local initiative to support parents .



# School Uniform Bank

**Drop off your child's clean outgrown uniform, shoes, coats and PE kit and pick up the next size a few days later.**

### **DROP OFF POINTS:**

**AROMA COFFEE SHOP: MONDAY 17TH JULY - 26TH JULY**

**HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH:**

**9.30-4PM WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY**

Pick up the next size on Saturday 29th July 10-3pm and have a cuppa and cake while you are there. It's free but any donations will go to Refugee Action York

**HAXBY AND WIGGINTON  
METHODIST CHURCH**

If you have any queries, please contact Lorraine Jones our Family Worker on 07850 631168 or email at [families@hwmc.org.uk](mailto:families@hwmc.org.uk)

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