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### Headteacher's Message

Hello

If you visit our school office on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday or Friday, you will be greeted by our new school secretary. I'm sure you would join me in extending a very warm welcome to our newest member of the staff team, Mrs Fliss Mawson. Mrs Mawson has many years' experience in the administration sector and is very much looking forward to getting to know our school families. Welcome Fliss!

Please be aware of a letter sent home yesterday via ParentPay (Rec-Y5), sharing that the end of school day finish time for all year groups will be 3:25pm from September 2023.

Wow! The Year 5/6 performance of 'Wizard of Oz' has been absolutely stunning this week. Audiences have been thrilled with truly amazing singing, acting and dancing and those costumes! Fabulous! Thank you so much to every child, staff member and parent/carer who has enabled such a memorable experience for our oldest children this summer term.

Our Year 2 recorder players and recorder club members also did a magnificent job this morning of performing a concert for their parents/carers and/or children, demonstrating the wonderful musical skills they have developed in the last year. Also playing were some amazing clarinettists. What talented musicians we have! Thank you to all of the children who took part this morning.

With still (slightly) more than two weeks of term to go, before we break for the summer, there remain many more opportunities and learning experiences for our children to enjoy. We are very much looking forward to seeing those of you who can join us for our sports days, next week. We are very grateful to those adults coming along to help and support the event and to the PTA for organising the coffee van to attend! I would also like to share my thanks, in advance, to those volunteers who are going to be escorting various classes on multiple excursions between now and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

The standards and testing agency (STA) have published information leaflets about end of Key Stage 1 and end of Key Stage 2 assessment results. Year 2 and Year 6 parents/carers may like to read the relevant leaflet, in advance of receiving their child's results over the next week, via clicking on the links below:

[Key Stage 1 leaflet](#)

[Key Stage 2 leaflet](#)

Hopefully many of you are able to enjoy and support our summer fair this evening (6:00pm – 8:00pm). See you there!

Liz Clark



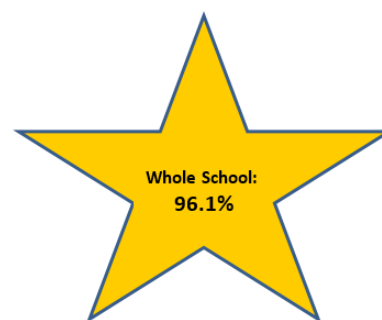
### This Week's Attendance

### Football

On Monday, our school football team entertained Skelton Primary School in a highly enjoyable game. Despite this being Skelton's first competitive game, they equipped themselves very well and managed to withstand the barrage of chances created by Ralph Butterfield in the first half, with the 1-0 scoreline being a slightly harsh reflection on the flow of the game. In the second half, the game opened up more and with chances being created for both teams. R.B eventually ran out 5-1 winners. At the time of this newsletter going to press, our year 3/4s are taking on Skelton 'away'. We'll have news on that in next week's newsletter.



Mr Keaney



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

The last few pages of this newsletter contain information about local events and summer clubs



## RB Scramblers - They did it!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us and donated to such a good cause. We had an amazing day although it was challenging at times. There were a lot of hills and it was wet and windy, but we carried on and had lots of giggles along the way.

Thanks again

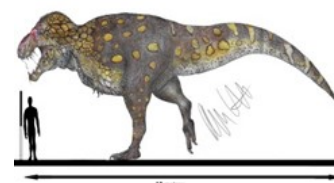
Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves, Miss Dawson, Miss Gibson & Mrs Mountain



## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

This week, our dinosaur topic has explored the size of dinosaurs. We have related this to how long our classroom and playground are and the height of a person. We discovered that the Spinosaurus was the largest carnivorous dinosaur and the Brachiosaurus was the largest herbivorous dinosaur. The children were also interested to learn that some 'dinosaurs' were actually prehistoric reptiles. This included the Plesiosaur and Pterodactyl. Scientists believe these reptiles were alive at the same time as dinosaurs so they are often classed as dinosaurs!

Tyrannosaurus rex



This week, in phonics, we have revised reading words which have the suffix endings **er** and **est**. An example of these are **sprinter** and **softest**. We have learnt that adding these endings changes the meaning of the words. Adding **er** changes the word from a verb to a noun, for example **print** – **printer**. Adding **est** changes the word into a superlative which is a word that means the most, for example **soft** – **softest**. We have also reviewed our Phase 4 learning, prior to carrying out our half-termly assessments next week. We continue to revise and learn how to read and spell the tricky words **to, into, all, are they, out, today** and **one**.

In maths, we have practised adding using a variety of resources. The children were introduced to Cuisenaire Rods. These rods represent a number and assist them in solving missing numbers in a number calculation.

$$4 + 6 = 10$$



We have also continued our understanding of patterns by exploring more complicated patterns, for example ABBC. These patterns could be colours, for example, Red, Blue, Blue, Green or animals, Pig, Horse, Horse, Dog etc.



In our RE lessons, we have continued to explore how people belong to different groups. This week, the children learnt about the Muslim naming ceremony Aqiqah. During the ceremony, the baby has prayers whispered into their ear and money is donated to charities in the name of the baby.

On Tuesday, the children were excited (if also a little nervous) to meet their new teachers for Year 1. They all returned from their transition visits with smiles and they were able to share their feelings about what they were looking forward to next year. We shall be talking about this more over the coming weeks and there will also be another chance to visit new classes, next week.

Transition to  
**Year 1**

Library visit reminder – next week **Class 1** will return and select new books. Next week, this visit will take place on **Wednesday**.

Please don't hesitate to discuss any questions or concerns, or share your news, with us.

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



## Little Wandle Reading Books - Reception/Year 1 & 2

We would like to request that all of our Little Wandle reading scheme books are returned to school during the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July, please. All books will then be audited to ensure we have full sets ready for our reading practise sessions in September. Please return any books regardless of when these were taken home during the year.

The children will continue to practise their reading in school but they will not bring their group reading books to share with you. They will, however, have their reading for pleasure books.

Thank you for your support.



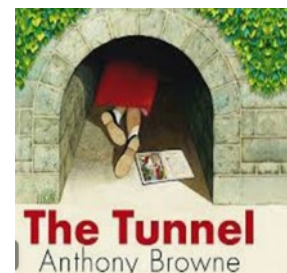
## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

With only two full weeks to go until the end of term, we have been as busy as ever in Key Stage 1! It has been a big week for us, as we have met our new teachers and classmates on our first transition day. It was great to welcome the new members of Key Stage 1 but also exciting to see our Year 2s take their first steps into being juniors. Many of us were feeling both excited and nervous about the changes ahead but being able to visit our new classrooms with our friends and meet the friendly teams that will be teaching us made us feel a lot better. We played fun games and did some special work all about ourselves. There will be more opportunities to visit our new classes next week.



On the subject of taking the next steps in life, we have been delighted to watch the butterflies emerge from their cocoons this week. In Class 5, this happened right in front of our eyes. We enjoyed watching them flutter and were dazzled by the wonderful patterns on their wings. It was sad, after a few days, to unzip their containers and see them go but also happy to think that they were free to now lay their own eggs so that the life cycle could continue. Who knows: if you discover caterpillars in your garden over the next few weeks, they could even have come from our insect friends!

It wasn't just our butterflies embarking on an adventure this week either. In English we emerged from Anthony Brown's tunnel in his classic picture book about a boy and a girl who go exploring and end up finding adventure and danger. We started by talking about the atmosphere that the author created and predicted where the tunnel would lead. We had some wonderful (and at times terrifying!) ideas, all inspired by the story start. Eventually, our teachers read the surprising end of the story but not before we had brought our own imagination to life and created our own story ideas.



With the summer weather comes a fun and exciting event of the school calendar: Sports Day! We are all looking forward to taking part in the event and we started practising this week. It was great to have a go at them and cheer each other on. Sports Day will be a lot of fun and we are looking forward to having all of our friends and families join us when we do the real thing next week!

Once again, it has been a full and active week. Now we are in July, we are on the final stretch until the end of the year but we know that we will make every moment count. Keep up the great work, Key Stage 1!



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

### Reading books for Years 3-6

We would like to request that all of our reading scheme books and reading for pleasure books are returned to school during the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July please. All books will then be audited to ensure we have all books ready for September. Please return any books regardless of when these were taken home during the year.

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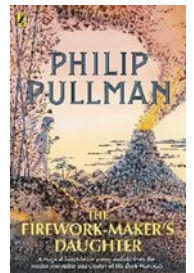
### Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

What a great week Year 3 and 4 have had! We were all very lucky to start our Monday morning off by watching the wonderful performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' by Upper Juniors. Their performance was outstanding and we all thoroughly enjoyed the story line, fabulous acting, super singing and brilliant solos.



In PSHE this week, the children have started their new economic wellbeing topic. They delved into the various ways cash can be represented / obtained. These included debit card, credit card, loans, contactless and cheque. Once they learnt about the key features of each of these ways to pay, they discussed the advantages and disadvantages of them.

This week, the children concluded their class novel 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. They were relieved to find out Lalchand and Lila were successful in the firework competition and won the approval of the other firework makers. This resulted in them winning the prize of the thousand coins and gold cup as well as the King sparing Lalchand's life. By the end of the story, after dreaming about it her whole life, Lila finally became a fully-fledged firework maker. The children have enjoyed learning a wide range of new vocabulary and grappling with understanding the themes within the plot.



To further support the children in their transition to their new classes, they have been writing a formal letter to their new class teacher. The purpose of this is to share interesting facts about themselves so that their new teacher can get to know them more before the start of the new academic year. Throughout the week, the children have been looking at the format of a letter and the formal language used within it. Alongside this, the children have continued to embed previously taught writing features.

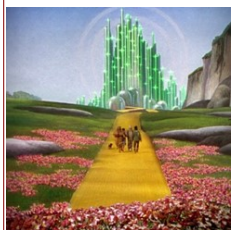
Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions, queries or would like to share any news with us.

We hope that you have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

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

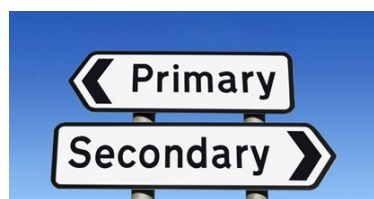


## Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



Wow! The staff, family members and governors, who came to see our performance of Wizard of Oz, were so impressed with our theatrical talents. The chorus, actors, dancers and stage hands played their parts and ensured the show was a huge success. Thank you for all your support.

The staff were delighted to meet their new pupils this week. We welcomed the new Year 5s to Upper Key Stage 2 and began to get to know our new class mates. Our new teachers told us about themselves and we had the opportunity to share information about ourselves. We cannot wait to get together again next week!



We have had some fantastic feedback from the new Year 7s and their day out to their various secondary schools. They talked excitedly about the lessons they had undertaken and the new friends they had made.

### Reading books



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

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

## Top five tips to help with the move to secondary school:

Practise your new journey to school before your first day so you feel confident.



**Find out more at:**  
[www.york.gov.uk/StartingSchool](http://www.york.gov.uk/StartingSchool)

# SUMMER HOLIDAYS WITH **totalsports**

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## Summer tennis camps 2023

- 1/2 day sessions for all levels
- 9am-12pm 5-10yrs & 1-4pm 11-16yrs
- A fantastic tennis experience!

### Dates:

24-27th July, 31-3rd Aug, 7th-10th Aug,  
21-24th Aug, 29th-1st Sept

- Individual sessions £35 (£30 members)
- All week (4 days) £120 (£103 members)

For more details go to:  
[www.downthelinetennis.co.uk](http://www.downthelinetennis.co.uk)  
07843 581883

# Carnival Holiday Scheme

**Wednesday 9th August.**

**10am to 1pm**

**at Haxby Memorial Hall.**

for further details & to book

please email on

[hmholidayscheme@haxbymemorialhall.co.uk](mailto:hmholidayscheme@haxbymemorialhall.co.uk)

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Open to children in Pre School, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3  
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**Family Fun Day**

**Saturday 29th July**  
**Haxby Memorial Hall**

**10.00am till 3.00pm**

**Entry by Donation**

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# PARTY BY THE PARK

Saturday 22nd July  
12pm to 3pm

The Green between New Lodge and the Folk Hall

FREE ENTRY

Join us for lots of fun!



Free family day filled with entertainment, outdoor games, music making, free hot drinks, refreshments & more!

Email [folkhall@jrf.org.uk](mailto:folkhall@jrf.org.uk) for more information



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## Youth Fitness Sessions

Mondays 5-6pm on the Oaken Grove Field

Sessions run by an experienced Fitness Trainer

Free! For Young People Ages 11-16

Chat to our  
Youth Workers  
from 6-6:30pm

More Details



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# NEWS LETTER

 [engagement@yiks.co.uk](mailto:engagement@yiks.co.uk)

## New Autism Service Launched

Contact is running a new NHS England-funded Autism Hub for London and the Midlands.

The hub is delivered in partnership with Ambitious about Autism on behalf of Autism Central. Parents co-designed the service to make sure peer educators provide high-quality and accessible autism information, education and coaching to families and carers.

Parents (wherever you are in England) who need support [can book a session online](#). Parents interested in becoming a paid Autism Hub peer educator can email [AutismPeerEducatorHub@contact.org.uk](mailto:AutismPeerEducatorHub@contact.org.uk)



## Free Inclusive Cricket

All disabilities welcome ages 12-25  
At the York Hub Saturdays 9am to 10am, York St Johns Sports fields, Haxby Road, York.

For more information contact: Tom Hudson on 07593438533 or email [t.hudson@yorkshirecb.com](mailto:t.hudson@yorkshirecb.com)  
[https://www.lordstaverners.org/\\_/ch/aritable.../super-1s/](https://www.lordstaverners.org/_/ch/aritable.../super-1s/)



## Coffee Morning

Come Join us for a peer support coffee morning

Wednesday 12th July  
The Range Cafe,  
Huntington. 10:30 am

## Listening Event

Managing Finances and Benefits

Susan Wood is CYC Welfare Benefits Strategic Manager and has agreed to talk to us on Thursday 13th July 6-7pm via Zoom.

- Are you claiming everything you are entitled to?
- Are you spending what you need on bills?
- Where can you go to get advice and support

If you would like to attend this remote session with time for questions and answers please email [pcf@yiks.co.uk](mailto:pcf@yiks.co.uk) and you will be sent joining instructions

## Want to find out more about the PCF ?

If you would like to find out more about how to be part of a group of people with life experience as parents/carers of children and young people with special needs or disabilities please email Mary on [pcf@yiks.co.uk](mailto:pcf@yiks.co.uk)

Alternatively come along to meet us at the coffee morning detailed above.

## Family Hubs Network Vision Statement

"We believe that all children and young people in York deserve the best start and the chance to thrive. Every family, child and young person should be able to get help, information and support at the right time and place. They should be able to reach their full potential and lead healthy, happy lives. Families and communities help provide a foundation for children and young people to grow, develop and feel safe. Raise York brings together children; young people; families; communities and professionals so everyone can get the connections, help, and support they want and need."

## Family Hubs Update. Get Involved.

Work is underway to understand how people want to access information and support and the gaps in provision.

Natasha ALMOND is Coproduction lead for this project and keen to continue to hear from people that have not yet had chance to get involved.

There are 2 ways you can do this:

1. Get involved in the Coproduction Core Team and help lead the change. Please contact [natasha.almond@york.gov.uk](mailto:natasha.almond@york.gov.uk)
2. Let Natasha know what emerging themes resonate with you through the online collaboration tool Padlet, just put a thumbs up to themes that you think should be prioritised. Click this link to complete: <https://padlet.com/YorkFamilyHubs/york-family-hubs-and-network-gbf82xzy2ayueb5c>



## Consultation on Breaks for Carers

We know caring can impact your health and wellbeing and we understand how difficult it can be. So having breaks from caring can make all the difference.

We want to improve the provision of breaks for carers. Please ask any carers – adult or child – to tell us what matters to them at our [Carer Breaks Consultation survey](#) before midnight on Wednesday 9 August 2023.

## Truly Inclusive Dance Club with YIKS

Full detail on  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1421122415310933>

