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Wear Red Day

On Friday, children can come to school dressed in their own clothes and something red in order to raise awareness of Children's Heart Surgery Fund. Suggested voluntary donation: 20p. Thank you.



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Headteacher – Mrs Claire Hughes

Deputy Headteacher – Mr Gavin Dyer

E-Safety Event

As part of this term's P.H.S.E theme 'Keeping Myself Safe', all of the children have been learning how to keep themselves safe whilst using the internet. Remember there is an assembly being held tomorrow to celebrate the end of this topic, and more importantly to inform everyone about how to keep safe whilst using the internet. The assembly will start at 2.15pm; please come to the main office.

For more tips about keeping your child safe online please have a look at the E-Safety parents' presentation on the school website. It can be found under the Parents tab- 'Keeping Children Safe' or if you're reading this newsletter online just CTRL and click on the picture below. The Growing Up in North Yorkshire survey completed by our Year 2 and 6 pupils last year revealed a real concern with our younger children recognising the risks of having online 'friends'. It is vitally important that parents are aware of their child's activity online as even innocent looking apps and websites can have the capacity to link with strangers in the outside world.



Pupil Premium Funding

The school has recently taken part in a project based around maximising the impact of Pupil Premium funding. You can find out more about how this money is being spent by going to the 'About Us' tab on the website followed by 'Pupil Premium Funding'. As well as subsidising activities, the funds are spent on providing additional adult support in classes, cover at lunchtimes and enrichment activities such as additional clubs and experiences in school.

School receives £1320 of funding for each eligible child, spending which directly impacts upon your child's education and opportunities in school. To check eligibility, please collect an application form from the school office. You will need to indicate which benefit you are currently in receipt of from a list such as income support, jobseekers allowance or employment and support allowance. You may also be eligible if you are in receipt of child tax credit provided you are not entitled to working tax credit. For every new successful application, parents will receive £50 per child which can be spent on purchasing school uniform.

Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to our 12 nominees who shared their work with the school and parents during assembly time on Friday. There were a wealth of achievements to share linked to excellent artwork, writing and positive attitudes to Forest Schools. Well done to: Neptune- *Etienne and Luke*, Saturn- *Billy and Daria*, Jupiter- *Victoria and Logan*, Mars- *Natalie*, Earth- *Mario and Ava*, Venus- *Danny and Lily-Joy*.



Parent Survey

Please share your views of the work of the school by completing and returning the questionnaire sent home today. We appreciate comments about aspects that are working well and your suggestions for how we can improve further.



Staffing News

Friday was Mrs Dutton's last day as a teaching assistant at Barlby Bridge. Mrs Dutton has worked at the school for just over two years, and in that time impacted significantly upon the educational and pastoral care of the children in school. We will all miss her greatly and thank her for all of her hard work throughout her time at the school. You may still see Mrs Dutton from time to time as she has made the decision to return to a teaching career and will be covering supply and classroom relief. We already have her booked in to cover a few classes in the next week or two.

I am pleased to inform you that we welcome back a much missed face to Barlby Bridge this week. Following a successful interview process, Mrs Burns will be returning to the school as a learning mentor. This role will involve supporting groups of children with catch up work and also providing pastoral support. As part of this role, Mrs Lynch-Burns will also offer a link to parents in relation to children's well-being and attendance and will be available to provide information about the support available both in school and through outside agencies.

Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7th February	E-Safety Parents Assembly at 2.15pm
Wednesday 8th February	FoBBS meeting in school at 2.00pm- all parents welcome
Friday 10th February	Jupiter class open morning 9.00-10.00am
Friday 17th February	Good work assembly
Friday 17th February	School closes for half term
Monday 27th February	School opens
Tuesday 28th February	Parent reading session- 2.40 – 3.10pm
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Friday 3rd March	Mars class open morning 9.00- 10.00
Thursday 9th March	Metacognition Parent Open morning.
Friday 10th March	Good work assembly
Friday 17th March	Earth class open morning 9.00- 10.00am
Thursday 23rd March	Parents' evening

Barlby Bridge's Geocaching Fun

All of the children have taken part in a special Geocache treasure trail around the school grounds, in preparation for launching their special Travel Bugs into a Geocache near to the school. Each class has now sent their Trackable Travel Bug out into the world with their own travel mission, and the children will be competing against each other to see which one will travel the furthest distance or make it to the most unusual place.

Year 5 and 6 pupils completed a visit to Selby Canal in January, organised by Adam Pritchard-Jenkins, Head of the North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service. As part of this work, the children carried out a fieldwork story of the area using maps, observed geographical features and completed their own risk assessments. They plan to take younger children from other classes on the same walk later in the term.

The Reception class are also taking part in weekly mile long riverside walks this term as part of an initiative funded through North Yorkshire Public Health. The aim of this project is for the children to walk a mile once a week to get them more active in the local area. The children walk their very own Sammy squirrel around planned routes to help him find his lost acorns.

