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Walk to School Week

This week is national Walk to School Week. Assembly today was focused upon the health benefits of regular exercise. Just walking to school a few days each week can have real benefits including helping children to feel more alert and ready to start the school day. If you live further away you could always park and stride; parking a 5-10 minute walk away from school and allowing time to complete the final part by foot.



KS1 and KS2 SATs

Well done to all of the children in Year 6 who demonstrated such amazing positivity and resilience during the SATs tests last week. We won't know the results of these tests until later on in the term but regardless of the outcome we are extremely proud of them all; their hard work and determination was truly commendable.

The children in Year 2 are currently completing their assessments which will be used to inform teacher judgements made at the end of the year. More information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2016-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>

Sun Safe

With the warmer weather on its way (I live in hope) please remember to send your child with a hat, sun cream and water bottle. We are fortunate to get a lot of sun in our playground and field but this means it can get hot out there even on seemingly overcast days.



New Play Equipment

The plans for the new outdoor play equipment have now been finalised following a school council design meeting last week. We are hoping the work will be completed in school time next month which may mean the other equipment will be out of action for a while too. We will keep you informed of the progress of this exciting project!

School Uniform

Thank you for supporting our recent efforts to clamp down on school footwear; the children are looking much smarter.

PE Safety

Please remember children must remove all jewellery including earrings prior to taking part in any PE activities. Only recently pierced ears can be covered with tape.



Visit to York Mosque

The children in KS2 are currently learning about the Islamic faith and the visit to York Mosque next month will provide them with a real experience of a different religion and culture. As a school, we are aware that children growing up in North Yorkshire may have little contact with people from other faiths and cultures, and we have a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to promote good relations between people of different beliefs and ethnicities as part of the single equality duty.

The school follows the North Yorkshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education and part of the curriculum encourages children to study Christianity in great detail, as well as finding out about other world faiths through school trips, visits from outside speakers and class teaching.

As a school we also have a responsibility to promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural education and are judged on the effectiveness of our planned provision by Ofsted. The visit to the Mosque will contribute significantly to this area which is part of preparing all pupils for a life in modern Britain. If you do have any questions about the visit, please do not hesitate to come in speak to me or Mr Jubb- the schools' Religious Education leader.

Sumdog Competition

Get ready for the next Sumdog maths competition! There is a national competition being held from 10th -16th June and the North Yorkshire one is set to take place between 17th-25th June. Children from Y2 – Y6 can use their usual Sumdog logins to enter.



World Environment Day

As part of World Environment Day in June, all of the children in KS1 and KS2 will be taking part in a litter pick organised by Greencore on Monday 6th June. There will also be activities related to environmental awareness and a competition with prizes awarded at the end of the day.



Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th May	Key Stage One- Quad Kids (PM)
Friday 20th May	Year 5 and 6 Kwik Cricket tournament at Cliffe School
Friday 27th May	Saturn class assembly
Friday 27th May	School closes for half term
Monday 6th June	School opens
Tuesday 7th June	KS2 visiting York Mosque
Friday 10th June	FoBBS event- Queen's 90 th Birthday celebration (PM)
WB: Monday 13th June	Y1 Phonics check week
Tuesday 14th June	Class photographs
Thursday 16th June	Year 3 and 4 tag rugby tournament
Friday 17th June	Neptune class assembly
Monday 20th June	Sports Leaders celebration event
Tuesday 21st June	Year 5 specialism day at Brayton High School
Friday 24th June	Jupiter class assembly
Thursday 30th June	Sports Day
Friday 1st July	Reports and class info for next year coming home today
Tuesday 5th July	Brayton and Barlby High Year 6 transition day
Friday 8th July	Mercury class assembly
Friday 8th July	School summer fair- from 2pm onwards.
Tuesday 12th July	Selby High Year 6 transition day
Thursday 14th July	School discos
Friday 15th July	Earth class assembly
Thursday 21st July	Year 6 leavers' assembly
Friday 22nd July	School closes for summer