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Facebook Page

You may have noticed our School Facebook Page has not been updated recently. There have been some problems reported with a different user running a page and as a result our official page has been temporarily closed. I am hoping to either resolve these issues with Facebook or in the worst case scenario we will have to set up a new page, which will take some time. I am sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. For now, we will continue to update parents on key information via text message and the school website.

Spring Term at Barlby Bridge

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable time with family and friends over the festive season. The children have come back to school full of enthusiasm and raring to go. The behaviour and attitudes seen so far have been fantastic and it is so positive to see each class so ready for learning this term.

We launched our whole school topic 'Location, Location' on Friday. Hopefully, your child came home with some exciting information to share about this. As part of our launch, the children will all have the opportunity to take part in a school Geocache trail- if like me you haven't heard of this, it is basically an old fashioned treasure hunt that works with a GPS signal. As part of our topic, the classes will also have their own 'Travel Bug.' These special bugs will start off in a local Geocache (there are lots of these around apparently) and each class will set their bug a special travel related mission. We will be able to watch the progress of the bugs through a webpage that shows their location, how far and where they have travelled.

As part of this learning, Year 5/6 had the opportunity on Friday to complete a geography project at Selby Canal. The children practised mapping skills and learned more about the area; they will now complete risk assessments of their own so they can accompany and lead younger children to the planned route at a later time in the topic.

Reception class have also been on a local riverside walk, and will be completing this each Friday for the next six weeks.

All of the children will be working on the 'Location, Location, Location' theme this term, each one taking their learning in a unique direction. You can find out more about your child's learning by reading the class newsletter which will be published on the school website at the end of the week.



Internet Safety Workshop

Thank you for the responses received to the workshop for parents focused on internet safety. There is a lot in the press at the moment about this, and the meeting will be a really useful opportunity to get information about the potential dangers of using the internet and social media and advice relating to how you can help to protect your children. With online gaming and apps directed at younger and younger children, this workshop will be appropriate for all parents, regardless of the age of your child. If you have not requested a place, and would like to attend please let one of the office staff know. The workshop is being held at Longman's Hill Primary School, next Monday, 16th January at 6-7pm.



Wrap Around Care

From September 2016 a new law came in which means all parents of children in Reception up to Year 9 have the right to request wraparound and/or holiday childcare in the school their child attends. Wraparound care includes early morning "breakfast club" provision, for example, as well as after school childcare which extends beyond the end of the school day during term time and is also available in the school holidays. The first part of the process is to inform parents of the right to request wrap around care. You will receive a form today to complete in relation to this, which can also be downloaded from the school website in the 'Latest News' section. Please complete and return this form by 31st March 2017. After this time, school will consider the interest level and options available. Governors will make a decision and respond to parents who have requested Wraparound or holiday care.

Further details relating to the timetable for submitting requests, and response time from Governors is available on the school website.

Student Teachers

We have two student teachers who will be completing their final teaching practice with us this term. The students will be observing and working alongside the class teachers over the next few weeks and will eventually teach a large proportion of lessons in the classes towards the end of the term. Mr Joseph Gibbons will be working alongside Mrs Hockley in Year 4, and Miss Chloe Bell will be based in Year 1 with Miss Ellis. We welcome them both warmly to the school.

Robin Wood

Our Year 5 and 6 children are heading off on their travels today to Robin Wood activity centre. The residential is an excellent experience for the children and they will learn a great deal including team working skills and of course independence being away from home comforts for a few days! We wish all of the children a wonderful time away and look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return. Thanks to Mrs Walker, Mr Chappell and Mr Wood who are giving up their precious 'non-contact' time for the next few nights to accompany the children.

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th- Weds 11th January	Year 5/ 6 at Robinwood
Friday 13th January	Neptune (Year 6) class assembly
Monday 16th January	Parent workshop E Safety at Longman's Hill School: 6-7pm
Friday 20th January	Good work assembly
Friday 27th January	Saturn class open morning 9.00-10.00am
Tuesday 31st January	Parent reading session- last part of the day 2.40- 3.10pm
Wednesday 1st February	Robin Wood Celebration assembly- 9.00am
Friday 3rd February	Good work assembly
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
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Friday 3rd March	Mars class open morning 9.00- 10.00

Adverse Weather Conditions

Although temperatures have been relatively mild for the time of year up to now, there are warnings that the cold snap we are currently experiencing is set to last. We have not had to close the school due to snow for a number of years but I feel it is important to inform you of the arrangements in the event that school does have to close at short notice for any reason. If the decision is made to close school prior to the start of the school day, parents will be informed via text message as soon as possible. We will also put alerts out via BBC Radio York (103.7 FM). It will also be listed under school closures on the NYCC website at www.northyorks.gov.uk. In addition, you will receive a text message via our Teachers2Parents messaging system.

