

*'Learning, Growing and
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Headteacher update

Harvest

On Thursday 20 October the whole school ventured out in the rain to Portholme Church for our Harvest festival. It was an extra special occasion as it was the first time we had been able to gather as a whole school to celebrate Harvest with our families for 3 years! The children were in lovely voice as they performed their harvest themed songs including actions and Makaton signing. Year 6 read brilliantly and with confidence, as they told us all about how harvest is celebrated around the world. Reverend Macdonald challenged the children to see how many words they could make from the word HARVEST and used this to highlight why it is a time of sharing and giving thanks for what we eat. Thank you to everyone for the generous donations to Selby Foodbank which are gratefully received and will help the most vulnerable in our community. Unfortunately, we got caught in the heavy rain on the way back to school and had no option but to continue with the walk, so we are really sorry that the children had to bring wet items back home.

Parents' Evenings

We hope that the parents' evenings this week have provided a useful opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher about how they have settled into their class this term. Teachers are available on the doors at the start of the day for quick queries and longer meetings can always be requested at any point in the year. Following feedback at the meetings, we are exploring options for a regular homework club with access to laptops or a possible loan system for taking devices home. I am looking into funding options for this and will be in touch with more information, and if it is possible to facilitate this, next half term.

FoBBS Fundraising

It was excellent to end the half term with our Halloween discos yesterday. A huge thank you goes to our FoBBS team for organising such a successful event; with refreshments and Halloween treat bags which were gratefully received. This is the first of three discos which will be running this year along with a range of other activities and themed events. It has been fantastic to welcome new members to FoBBS and we are always looking for more parents or grandparents to help out if you think you are able to spare a little time.

As the half term comes to a close today, we wish all of the children a relaxing half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 31 October.

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Attendance update

Well done to Class Neptune who are our overall Attendance winners at 96.22%. This half term we have been hit with a variety of illnesses. We are hoping that that the next part of Autumn Term helps to raise the attendance figures for all classes. We have an exciting half term filled with Christmas productions and celebrations. Mrs Burdett and Mrs Burns are here to support for any attendance issues. They will be making weekly parental contact for attendance below 90%.



Class	%
Class	82.52
Mechanics	83.83
Yarns	77.50
Earth	96.15
Wares	86.80
Flour	80.73
Spines	94.50
Neptune	96.22

Overall School Attendance: 85.64%





School photos on first day back

A reminder that school photographs will be taken on Monday 31 October beginning at 8:45am with siblings who are of pre-school age invited to wait with parents / carers at the side door of the hall to join their older siblings, followed by siblings in different classes, and finally individual class photographs.



Important Dates for your Diary

Fri 21 Oct	School Closes for Half Term
Mon 31 Oct	Deadline for Year 7 High School applications
Mon 31 Oct	School re-opens School photograph day Special Halloween Menu
Thu 15 Nov	Pantomime in School
Thu 15 Nov	Open Evening for Prospective Nursery/Reception
Thu 17 Nov	Selby High Open Evening for Year 6
Fri 18 Nov	Children in Need
Fri 25 Nov	Non-uniform day for FOBBS tombola donation
Thu 29 Nov	Phonics information evening EYFS and Year 1
Thu 1 Dec	Christmas Fair
Mon 5 Dec	Kings Church Christmas Experience Visit (Y4/Y2)
Tue 6 Dec	Kings Church Christmas Experience Visit (Y3)
Thu 8 Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Please note that Year 5 / Year 6 Bikeability scheduled for November, has been cancelled due to NYCC staffing issues and will be rescheduled for February 2023.



School parking and pollution



After half term, we will be working to reduce the number of cars in Thomas Street which pose not only a safety risk but also raise pollution in our school locality. We are in the process of sourcing child parking cones which will be placed in the no parking areas of Thomas Street. In addition, there will be a pupil led Road Safety Team established, which will aim to involve the children in improving this issue. Please continue to report any cars that are illegally parked or pose a safety risk to the school office. A log of number plates is maintained by the office and reported to our local PCSO. If there are any parents willing to help the school in working together on this project, please get in touch with Mrs Hughes.





Important Internet Safety Information



We are sharing two of the Internet Safety Guides this week. The first is Roblox, a 7+ rated app which I know many children enjoy using. We have had some recent incidents in school relating to this app which pose a significant risk to children and which I feel all parents should be aware of. This game includes an online group chat function, making it possible for strangers to make contact with children via online chat groups. Once this chat has been facilitated, the individual (or group) can then attempt to ask the child to communicate on other less restricted platforms. This has unfortunately become an increasingly easy way to target children (on this and other apps) and it is really important that devices are set up with child controls, regularly monitored and that conversations take place with children about what to do if they see or hear something online that makes them feel uncomfortable.

The following information comes directly from Roblox about controls that can be put in place to further restrict this chat function for children under 13 years:

How Do I Control Who Can Chat with My Child?

If your child is under 13, we make it extremely difficult for strangers on Roblox to contact them. You can further restrict your child's ability to chat with others on Roblox by doing the following:

- a. Click the gear icon to navigate to "Settings"
- b. Select the "Privacy" tab
- c. Select "Off" under "Contact Settings"

Here's what the different options for controlling contact with your child on Roblox mean:

- "Who can message me" controls who can send a message to your child's "Messages" Inbox.
- "Who can chat with me in-app" controls who can send your child a chat message when they're using the Roblox app or website. This setting also controls whether a user can post on Group walls.
- "Who can chat with me" controls which users can chat with your child in real time when they're in an experience.

If you have set up a parental code on your child's Roblox account, these chat settings cannot be changed without that code. Note: while it is possible to turn off in-game chat, doing so may make Roblox less enjoyable, since many of our games are built around the ability to chat with fellow Robloxians.

The second guide relates to Snapchat, which is an age 13+ app featuring visible location settings. We strongly advise against children having or using Snapchat due to the age restriction and would advise for location



Mini Marathon



The children in school have shown so much determination and resilience with their Mini Marathon this week. When they started finding it tough, they slowed down, caught their breath, then got back on it! Classes have been cheering each other on and giving high fives and children have said how much the cheering and encouragement helped them to carry on. It's been wonderful to see children and adults pushing themselves and then experiencing that sense of accomplishment when they pushed through and finished. The support you and your children have shown us has been utterly amazing and we are so grateful to you all. We will let you know how much we raised for Parkinson UK and Mind after half term. Thank you all so much. Mrs Aston and Mrs Herrington.

