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**Letter 21**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents/Guardian,

**AFTER HALF TERM AT SCHOOL**

Collective Worship Theme for the Week: Fairtrade, equality for all

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12.30 school council meeting 3.30pm Gym club with Su Dixon for competition children	<p><b><u>Weekly Attendance</u></b>  <b><u>13<sup>th</sup> February - 17<sup>th</sup> February</u></b>          Class 1 98%          Class 2 99.4%          Class 3 98.3%          Class 4 99.2%</p> <p><b><u>Highest Attendance</u></b>          Well done to: Class 2</p> <p>School attendance total for the week 98.7%</p> <p>School attendance total for this half term is 94.9% - a lot of sickness!</p>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	'Power Down Pete' in school to look at energy and being green Keyboard lessons 3.30-5.00pm, 7.00pm-9.00pm FASS Boden evening	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	3.30pm Fun French club	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Y5/6 squash finals am Brass lessons	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Group music lessons 2.30pm Fairtrade café in the school hall	

**SCHOOL NOTICES**

**Dinner Money**

If you wish to pay for the full half term up to the Easter holidays it will be: **27th February - 7th April - 30 days @ £2.10 = £63.00**. I would like to remind you that dinners should be paid in advance at the beginning of the week or beginning of the half term. We are seeing an increasing number of people not paying and it is very time consuming for staff in the office writing dinner payment reminders and chasing people up. Like in a restaurant, food must be paid for at that time, not weeks later.

**Well Done Netballers**

We would like to say a huge well done to our children in year 5/6 who went to the Northallerton small school netball competition. They had an excellent time and played really well encouraging each other throughout.

**East Barnby Residential**

Many thanks to Mrs Watts and Mrs Simons for going to East Barnby to accompany the year 5/6 children. They had a very cold but excellent time doing some outdoor adventure activities such as kayaking and hiking up Roseberry Topping. Our children mixed really well with the children from the other schools, made some great friends and all



tried really hard at all the activities. Thank you also to the children who didn't go, they got on with all the jobs the other children normally do without any complaints, they were super.

### **Attendance**

We have had a lot of illness this half term and hopefully the half term break will help put an end to bugs. Please may I remind you to send a letter/email to school on the day your child returns. We have to regularly monitor attendance, particularly those children with less than 90%. Since we are now half way through the school year, letters have been sent home to any family where a child has less than 90% attendance for this half of the year.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Molly for generously donating her Barbie dolls and clothes to Ainderby Kids Club, I am sure they will get a lot of use in coming months.

### **Power Down Pete**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February we welcome 'Power Down Pete' (Peter Bell Carbon Reduction Officer) from NYCC. He is leading an assembly and workshops with classes to look at how to save energy and possibly working towards an Eco schools award.

### **Fairtrade Café**

After half term we are celebrating Fairtrade week. The children will be learning about food products, their origins around the world and the way we can support workers by buying Fairtrade products. At 2.30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March you are invited to our Fairtrade café. Children will be making produce using Fairtrade ingredients which they will be selling. Come along to the café, buy a cup of Fairtrade tea/coffee and have some Fairtrade food. If you are unable to come but are happy for your child to buy something from the stalls, please provide money, (£1 max). If you use Fairtrade products at home, could you please send any empty packaging into school so that we can use them during the week. We hope you can join us.

### **World Book Day**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, is World Book Day. We are **not** dressing up this year due to doing Fairtrade activities as we are alternating annually between Fairtrade and dressing up for book day. Please encourage your children to bring a favourite book to share in school. Please ensure your child's name is in their book.

## **FASS**

### **Next FASS Meeting**

The next FASS meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall. All are welcome to attend, helping to organise social events and fundraising for the school.

### **Boden Evening**

3.30pm-5.00pm and 7.00pm-9.00pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February in the school hall. Come and have a look at the clothes, try them on and help raise money for school. Every purchase made gets a discount of 20% and a percentage of all purchases go to FASS. There will be a raffle to win a £50 voucher.

## **LOCAL NEWS WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SHARE**

There will be a charity coffee morning at Scruton village hall on Saturday 18 February from 10am to 12pm. It will be supporting a charity called Roxy's Magic which was set up by Darren and Victoria Caskey after their daughter Roxy was unexpectedly born with cerebral palsy. The charity's aim is to help purchase equipment and services to enhance the lives of disabled children.

Everyone is welcome to come along and we would also be extremely grateful for any help on the day and any donations of cakes for the cake stall or raffle prizes. You can contact Victoria on 07767 411364.

## **OTHER ITEMS SENT HOME TONIGHT**

Songwires flyer Y1-6 only  
Northallerton school letter Y6 only

Yours sincerely



Mrs F. Sharp