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Letter 18

Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian,

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NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL

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| Monday 25th January | Week 1 dinner menu Richard Darcy doing sports with class 2 and 3. Children please come in school PE kit with track suit bottoms/warm layers rather than getting changed in school. |
| Tuesday 26th January | |
| Wednesday 27th January | Class 3 wear school PE kit please |
| Thursday 28th January | |
| Friday 29th January | |
| Please may I remind you to phone us if your child is absent so we know why they are absent and send a letter or email to school as soon as your child has returned to school, dated, explaining their absence for us to keep as a record at school. | |

WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

It has been another busy week this week with the added pressure of having road closures due to accidents and then the threat of the Swale bursting its banks and closing the roads. I keep wishing it was summer again, but we have a while to wait yet!

STAFF TESTING FROM MONDAY

The Government from Monday have introduced lateral flow testing for all staff at school. The ultimate aim of testing is to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19. As many as one in three people with COVID-19 show no signs of having it and are 'asymptomatic'. Testing helps to identify and isolate more asymptomatic people who test positive and are therefore, more likely to spread the virus, at the same time as minimising disruption for those who test negative. As these are taken, we are unsure of the impact this will have on the closure of bubbles due to any positive cases we may get, but I will endeavour to contact people at the earliest opportunity.

ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO FOLLOW SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

It is always very difficult ensuring everyone gets any emergency messages such as road closures and I am using the school Facebook page. If you don't follow us already, please do so. When you see any notices on there, please message your friends with children at our school to see they have got the message, particularly if you know they aren't on social media. I will also try and send an email.

OPENING SCHOOL TO ALL CHILDREN

There have been some rumblings in the media yesterday, questioning when schools will be open again for all children and whether specific year groups or areas. I have not heard anything from the Department for Education, but they have said we hope to be given two weeks' notice this time. In the meantime, our IT support are working in the background getting email addresses set up for our older children so we can trial doing live lesson introductions using Microsoft TEAMS.

NORTH YORKSHIRE SUMDOG COMPETITION FOR CLASS 2 AND 3

Sumdog's North Yorkshire Maths Contest starts today at 8am, and finishes at 8pm on January 28th. Students can play at any time. For the score to count, the North Yorkshire Maths Contest activity must be showing in the green panel on the left side of the screen when they click to start each game. Scores are based on correct answers and every student is limited to 1000 contest questions. To appear on the leader board, at least 5 students from a class need to play.

SCHOOL LEARNERS

Apologies I am not out every morning at the moment welcoming our children. When things like snow, flooding or low staffing occur I am often needed to be in the office or sorting out where I need staff within school.

It is very strange not having all our children in school, but everyone is working hard and we are enjoying seeing them in school.

REMOTE LEARNERS

Well done for all the super work our children are doing at home. We miss all our children and can't wait for the day we can all be back together. Their friends at school miss them, but will see them soon. Please remember there will be up days and down days, but hopefully you have all settled into your new routines.

Please can all work returned, be named and dated, whether it is sent as an email or returned as a hard copy to ensure we know whose work belongs to who. Staff are dealing with lots of paper from both in school learners and remote learners so this would help immensely.

CLASS 1 - PLEA FROM MRS MONTGOMERY

All children are now on tapestry. Please can everyone use this to send work back to Mrs Montgomery rather than the class 1 email address, so she can give targeted feedback through Tapestry.

CLASS TEACHER CONTACTS

If you need to contact your child's class teacher directly, they each have a school email address:

Mrs Montgomery (Reception and year 1) YASClass1@ainderby.dalesmat.org

Mrs Link (years 2 and 3) YASClass2@ainderby.dalesmat.org

Mrs Watts (Years 4,5,6) YASClass3@ainderby.dalesmat.org

Mrs Sharp (Year 6 Maths) Year6maths@ainderby.dalesmat.org

PRESCHOOL PARENTS

A reminder that as per the DfE guidance, Early Years Settings are open to all children.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

Hi Everyone,

This week we have been making Rain Sticks. The children painted a kitchen roll holder then we got them to break up dried spaghetti into small pieces and put some in their tube before sealing the ends. We then used them in our singing time, and we listened to the sounds that they made. This is an easy activity for you to do at home with your children. We have also created some suns to go on our wall display with the rainbows and rain pictures; it is looking really lovely in the classroom

Once again, we have been feeding the birds and we have made a display on the wall. We are keeping a track of all the different species of birds we see in the garden. The children love to watch the birds and we had a very friendly

blackbird which the children sat and watched as she dug in the leaves looking for worms, which she found as we watched.

It has been Aspect 3 in Phonics, tuning into sounds, so we have been doing Action songs with the children.

Don't forget to keep putting what you have been doing on Tapestry so we can see. If your child is at home, why don't you have a go at doing some of these activities and send in your pictures on Tapestry, we would love to see what you are all doing.

It would be really useful if you could send your children with named waterproof mittens if possible, for them to use when they play outside.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe

Tracy, Alison, Helen and Fiona

OTHER SCHOOL ITEMS SENT HOME TONIGHT

Please remember to look at all the attachments attached to the school email to ensure you have all the information needed regarding school. I am now putting all letters on the school website.

Yours sincerely



Mrs F. Sharp
Headteacher