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**Letter 20**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Dear Parents/Guardian,

**ALL LETTERS ARE ALSO ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE NEWSLETTER TAB**

**NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL**

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| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>   | Week 3 dinner menu<br>1.15pm Class 3 TEAMS social get together<br>2.00pm Class 2 TEAMS social get together<br>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. |
| <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>  |   |
| <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>   | Class 3 wear school PE kit please   |
| <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>  |   |
| <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>  | <b>BREAK UP FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM</b>  |
| 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. |   |

**LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM OUR NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Ainderby Steeple Church of England Primary School, a legal committee of the Dales Academies Trust Board. Before I do so however, I would like to thank my predecessor Hayden Rees Jones for all his hard work and dedication over his six years as Chair.

My name is John Austin Kelly and I feel privileged to have been elected as chair of governors, a responsibility I take very seriously. This is driven by my long association with educational provision in the area and by the fact that both my now, grown-up daughters, attended Ainderby School as children.

I have been fortunate that my passion for wanting the best learning and educational experiences for young people has meant that my professional life has included being a teacher for forty years, firstly in York, then as Vice Principal of Northallerton School and Sixth Form College and finally as the Head at Risedale Sport and Community College in

Catterick for eight years before retiring. This together with the joy my family continues to give me, has kept me pretty well occupied. Walking, reading and gardening have filled the gaps!

Governors are volunteers and our main role is to work with the school and the Trust ensuring that your children receive the best education in a supportive and safe setting. To this end we help the Trust Board govern the school by focussing on:

- ~ Providing strategic leadership - making sure that everyone, including yourselves is clear about the school's vision for your children and how the school plans to realise the vision.
- ~ Working with the Head Teacher to ensure that your children are achieving to the best of their ability and that all staff are trained and supported to achieve this end.
- ~ Making sure that funding is well spent and targeting resources to areas that will best help your children achieve their full potential.

We all want to give your children the best possible chance in life to succeed. I believe with the right commitment from everyone, the governors, the staff and yourselves, we can continue to strengthen the partnership that will enable this to happen.

Finally, I want to thank you and the children for the remarkable fortitude and resilience that you are showing during this difficult time. It will pass. In the meantime, the Head, staff and governors will continue to maintain and develop their support for you and your children.

When eventually you see me in school! Please come and say hello, but if you would like to contact me before then, or any of my fellow governors-please do so by contacting me through the Head Teacher or the School Office.

Best Wishes

John A. Kelly

Chair of Governors

## WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

### ANOTHER CRAZY WEEK!

It has been another crazy week! Snow on Tuesday, enabled the children in school to make some super snow men. I could not believe how bizarre it was though, that we could have snow, it could be even worse in Bedale and non-existent in Northallerton! We thought there would be a quieter end to the week, only to be plagued with internet problems today which has meant children in school couldn't access any work which had been set online and we have had to move class 2 and 3 TEAMS social meetings to Monday afternoon. I am so sorry that we have had to change the day as I am sure many children would have been looking forward to seeing their friends.

### DALES ACADEMIES TRUST SUMDOG COMPETITION - CLASS 2 AND 3

STARTING TODAY there is a sumdog competition especially for schools in the Dales Academies Trust. All class 2 and 3 are signed up for this. Get logged on and play some games and let's see if we can beat some of the other schools in the trust - not that I'm competitive at all!

## REMOTE LEARNERS

A recorded message to our remote learners. <https://www.loom.com/share/4000f01461024d90b5c13d87162b605a>

Please send in pictures of other activities you are doing at home. We have set literacy, numeracy and one other lesson so that your children can do other activities the rest of the day. I would like to create a celebration of activities page on the school website, to share what people are doing. It may give ideas to others too. I have been told about an online art group this weekend - please do send me some pictures.

We still have a couple of children who have not been available on the phone to speak to, please can we ask that parents phone school at a convenient time so we can speak. Check emails too where staff are feeding back on work and emailing any messages to both children and/or parents. Many thanks.

**REMINDER:** 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 who work belongs to. Staff are dealing with lots of paper from both in school learners and remote learners so this would help immensely.

### **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](mailto:YASClass1@ainderby.dalesmat.org)

Mrs Link (years 2 and 3) [YASClass2@ainderby.dalesmat.org](mailto:YASClass2@ainderby.dalesmat.org)

Mrs Watts (Years 4,5,6) [YASClass3@ainderby.dalesmat.org](mailto:YASClass3@ainderby.dalesmat.org)

Mrs Sharp (Year 6 Maths) [Year6maths@ainderby.dalesmat.org](mailto:Year6maths@ainderby.dalesmat.org)

## **PRESCHOOL PARENTS**

A reminder that as per the DfE guidance, Early Years Settings are open to all children. Please remember that preschool arrival time is between 8.45 and 8.55am.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL STAFF**

Hi Everyone,

This week seems to have gone really quickly and it has been a busy one in preschool. The wall displays in the classroom look amazing with all the children's beautiful artwork, some of it we will be sending home next week as we break up for Half Term next Friday 12th Feb.

On Monday we created some snowy pictures and talked about how snow is formed and what happens to it when it gets warmer.

The children did some foggy day pictures which you could do at home. Get your children to draw a picture with wax crayons and then they can paint a wash of watered-down grey paint over the top and then watch their picture emerge from the paper.

We have made kites and the children had to decorate them and count how many circles they had put on.

In our Phonics the children wanted to play 'I Spy' they did their names, guessed things around the classroom, animals and forms of transport.

When practicing letter formations at home try to encourage your child to start in the right position and form the letters correctly.

We have been practicing our numbers 1-10 and some of the older children beyond this.

We hope you have a good weekend

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.

Sumdog Poster

Yours sincerely



Mrs F. Sharp  
Headteacher

