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## NEWSLETTER 4

4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### Certificate and Award Winners

Congratulations to the children who were presented with certificates and KiM Awards at our Celebration Assembly before the half term holiday. They were:-

	Certificates	KiM
<b>Class 1</b>	Ruby, Lucy, Edward, Betsy	Charlotte
<b>Class 2</b>	Rafe, Victoria, William B.	Carys

I must also mention Aimee and Harry H. who both gained Class certificates on the previous occasion, but who I missed off the last Newsletter.



### Football tournament congratulations.

Since the last Newsletter, I am delighted to be able to report that our school was very well represented in the KS2 area 7-a-side football tournament which took place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at Settle College fields. We entered teams in both the Yrs 3&4 and the Yrs 5&6 (using some "borrowed" Year 4s) tournaments, with

the younger team getting through their qualifying group and into the knock-out stages. All the children played very well against teams where some of the children obviously played a lot of club football. The pictures show our Year 3&4 squad and our children in action during a game in the Years 5&6 competition.



### Orienteering

Yesterday, all the children in Years 5 and 6 joined with other children from the area in an orienteering event at Williamson Park in Lancaster. This was a new venue for them, and it was very interesting to see how they found their way around the park from checkpoint to checkpoint using their maps.

### Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is next Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, and we will be marking this special occasion in school by various classroom based topics and learning activities during the week, and by holding a Remembrance



Celebration Assembly at 2:45pm next Friday afternoon. Please do join us if you are able to, and also please invite friends and other family members too.

Poppies for the children are currently available in school, as usual for a donation. Various other Remembrance items (e.g. pencils, hair slides, rulers, bracelets, etc.) are also available as priced. If you would like a poppy one yourself, please ask at the School Office.

#### **“Great Kirkby-in-Malhamdale Bake Off” and cake sale and non-schoolwear day**

This event is being organised by our School Council on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, which is Children In Need Day. Money raised will go to Children In Need. All the information you need to know is on the letter written by the School Council - I don't need to say any more.

#### **Music lessons**

All the children in Class 2 have been receiving instrumental music lessons from Mr. Waugh, one of North Yorkshire's centrally based music teachers. This is part of the Wider Opportunities Scheme, and will continue for the rest of this academic year. We also have the chance to extend this provision if some children and parents would like to, and this is detailed on the attached letter. If you would like to take up this opportunity, please return the form to school as soon as possible, or if you would like to discuss it further, please do get in touch with me.

#### **Ofsted Inspection**

We have still not received the finalised report following our Ofsted Inspection early in October, and I do not know exactly when it will be published. As I have said previously, please be assured that as soon as I know, I will let you know. Shortly after the report is published, and as is common in many schools, the Governing Body and I are planning to hold a Parents' Meeting when we will be able to explain the report in more detail, and answer your questions. Although we do not have a specific date for this meeting, it is likely to be held on Wednesday evening, and hopefully later this month.

#### **School Calendar up-date**

The attached up-dated School Calendar lists all our forthcoming events for the remainder of this term and into 2017. Please do make a note of those events that will involve you and/or your children.

#### **School Cook**

Towards the end of November we say “Goodbye” to our School Cook, Mrs. Heidi Suter. We will be recruiting for a replacement cook very shortly, and anyone interested in finding out more about this appointment is asked to contact the School Office.

#### **And finally ...**

I am very pleased that my period of time working at this school has been extended to the half-term holiday in February. This gives the school a bigger time-frame and stability for teaching, and also for my helping in any way I can in planning the longer-term future of the school. I would like to thank the governors and my staff colleagues, as well as the children and parents for the assistance, welcome and enthusiasm for the school I have experienced this term.

**Chris Norris, Acting Headteacher**

