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NEWSLETTER 8

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New Year – New Term – New Beginnings – New Activities

Following a busy end of term before Christmas, I hope everyone had a very enjoyable holiday. Now we're back in school, we are already planning lots of exciting events for the children. These were outlined on the Calendar for Parents which the children took home last week.

Our topic titles for this term are "Australian Adventure" in Class 1 and "Land of the Free" in Class 2. As usual, these topics provide a unifying umbrella for much of the children's learning in the different curriculum areas.

For the current half term, on Tuesday mornings, all the children are having basketball lessons, which are led by Mr. Mark Gunn. Funding for these lessons comes through the school's PE and Sport Grant.

We said "Goodbye" to our cook, Mrs. Suter, towards the end of last term, and we are now delighted to welcome Mrs. Nicola Fox to our staff who has been appointed as our new cook. Many parents will also know Nicola as the mother of one of our children. We look forward to lots of delicious dinners!



Certificate and Award Winners

Congratulations to the children who were presented with certificates and KiM Awards at our Celebration Assembly last week. They were:-

	Certificates				KiM
Class 1	Edward	Flynn	Madeline		Harry H.
Class 2	Anna	Hance	Carys	Oscar	Thomas

Special Events

We are in the process of arranging two special activity days for the children.

- On Monday 23rd January, we are holding a workshop day as part of the YDNP's "Dark Skies" project. Kat Kilner, one of the YDNP's rangers in our area, will lead the day's activities which will focus on the stars and what we can see in the sky.
- On Thursday 2nd February we welcome local artist Stephen Waterhouse to school. Stephen, who is a children's illustrator, will lead a day's workshop designing a mural, which we hope will be unveiled at a special event just before the Easter holiday.

There are also 2 other events that were not on the Calendar sent home last week:-

- The PTA are organising a Supper Night at the Farm Shop in Airton on the evening of Saturday 11th February. Further details will be available in due course, but please do book the date in your diaries now.
- Friday 24th March is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief.

Class 1 Music

We are delighted that Mr Nigel Waugh, one of the County Music Service teachers, has been able to extend his time in school to teach music to all Class 1 children. This takes place for 30 minutes each Tuesday afternoon.



Bewerley Park

The meeting about the residential visit next month to Bewerley Park will take place on Monday (16th January) at 2:30pm. This meeting is for parents of children in Yrs 4, 5 and 6, and will be led by Erica Cresswell who is one of the senior outdoor education staff at Bewerley Park. Please do try to come to this meeting if at all possible. Prior to the parents' meeting, Erica will meet for 30 minutes with the children to explain a little more about the week's activities. At the meeting, we will give further information about clothing, etc. that the children will need to take, and also about the medical consent and emergency contacts form which we will give you to complete.

I would like to remind you that all payments (£275 in total) have to be made in full by Monday 13th February at the latest.

Reminders

I will take this opportunity to re-state the reminders that were in the last Newsletter. It has been very helpful where parents have already done this. Thank-you.

- a) **Naming clothing** - During the Christmas and New Year holiday, please could parents ensure that all children's clothing is named appropriately for the current wearer. We have had many cases where "hand-on" garments still have the previous owner's name in them- very confusing when we are trying to sort out clothing at the end of PE lessons. Thank you.
- b) **Reading bags** - All children should have a red "official" school reading bag which they should use each day to carry reading books, homework, letters, etc. to and from school. There has been a tendency over the last few weeks for some children to be using bulky rucksacs for this, and these take up far too much space in the cloakroom. Please can all children use the school reading bag each day. Thank you.
- c) **Outdoor PE clothing** - We try to do PE outside as much as possible, even on cold and damp days. To cope with these weather conditions, all children need to wear warm leggings, joggers, etc. and a warm sweatshirt or similar.



Loose Change?

Coming from one of our training events has been the benefits of children using real (as opposed to plastic) money. So ... if you have any loose change of a few pence, we will be able to use it very productively to support the children's learning. We will arrange for a collecting container to be available in the School Office, and at the next Celebration Assembly. (The picture is for illustrative purposes only!!)

Vacancies on the Governing Body - update

There have been developments relating to the parents on the Governing Body. Sophie Eddleston is in the process of becoming the new Parent Governor, and Rachael Caton is currently applying to be nominated as the Local Authority Governor. I hope these processes take place as quickly as possible so that Sophie and Rachael can take up their roles officially.

The next Governing Body meeting is at 7:30pm next Wednesday, 18th January 2017.

Forthcoming Events

Mon. 16 th Jan.	2:30pm – Meeting for parents of children in Yrs 4, 5 and 6 re. Bewerley Park.
Wed. 18 th Jan.	7:30m – Governing Body meeting
Fri. 20 th Jan.	2:45pm – Celebration Assembly
Mon. 23 rd Jan (t.b.c.)	All day - All children taking part in the "Dark Skies" project, led by Kat Kilner of the YDNP.
Fri. 27 th Jan.	Morning - Some Class 2 children taking part in the North Craven Sportshall Athletics Tournament at Giggleswick School. Next Newsletter
Thu. 2 nd Feb.	All day - All children taking part in art project, led by local children's illustrator Stephen Waterhouse.
Fri. 3 rd Feb.	Morning - Some Class 2 children taking part in the North Craven Swimming Gala at Settle Pool.
Tue. 7 th Feb.	Safer Internet Day

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