



NEWSLETTER

January 2018



Our mission at North Rigton Church of England Primary School is for all learners to be motivated confident and competent, ensuring that they grow as independent and informed spiritual beings and as responsible citizens, skilled for the 21st century, each fulfilling their personal potential.

From the top of the stairs...

Do you know the story of Finn McCool?

Well, the story goes that Finn McCool is the giant responsible for creating the Giant's Causeway. We heard the story in Collective Worship this week and found out about different kinds of causeways.

Did you know there is a Yorkshire Causeway?

Yorkshire Causeway is the name of the multi-academy trust that we joined at the beginning of December – Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust (YCST). We used what we had learnt about causeways in Collective Worship to discuss why our multi-academy trust decided to call itself Yorkshire Causeway. The children came up with lots of good reasons why and agreed that it was a good name to call a group of individual schools who share common aims and values and who work together closely.

With every blessing, Amber Andrews, Head Teacher

Big Bird Watch

Our children have been taking part in a Big Garden Birdwatch this week. They have been observing and counting the many different types of birds that have appeared around school. Once Miss Ellis has collated all of our results we are going to send the numbers to the RSPB. If you would like more information about this, or would like to do your bird watch please visit the website: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>



Christingle Service

All our school families and friends are invited to a Christingle Service at St John's Church, North Rigton, on Sunday 28th January 2018 from 9.30 – 10.30 am. This is a Non-Communion Family Service where you may make your own Christingle Symbol – all materials will be provided. The preacher will be Rev'd Stuart Lewis and refreshments will be served after the service.

Year 3 and 4 Athletics Competition

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 athletes who competed in an athletics competition recently. Events included track (running and hurdles) and field (throwing and jumping). Our team came 3rd out of 7 and displayed wonderful behaviour and very positive attitudes. A special mention must go to Jack K for his encouraging attitude to others.



500 Words 2018

500 Words is back for 2018!

The world's biggest short-story writing competition for children has returned! Please access the website to find out everything you need to know about 500 Words. Entries are open NOW until 7pm on Thursday 22nd February. All stories must be submitted via the online form on the website. Parents can register for a SUBMITTER ACCOUNT. Once an account has been created, it can be used to upload your child's story.

What Are The Prizes?

As well attending a spectacular 500 Words Final from Hampton Court Palace, where superstar celebrities will read the winning stories live on the radio, this year there is an extra-special prize for the 6 winners - a ride around the Hampton Court Palace grounds in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang PLUS tea on the Thames aboard Her Majesty The Queen's rowbarge, Gloriana!

The winners in each age category will also receive:

Gold Winners - Chris Evans' height in books (plus 500 books for their school)

Silver Winners - HRH The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books

Bronze Winners - Their own height in books

RED KITE CLUB

If your child goes to Red Kite Club before and/or after school, please remember that it is a separate organisation to school and any changes to arrangements must be made with Red Kite Club – thank you.



New House Group Names

At the request of our House Captains we have selected 4 new tree-themed names for our school houses. We now have:

HAWTHORN **WILLOW**
MAPLE **ROWAN**

A Message from The Adult Learning and Skills Service...

INTRODUCTION TO WORKING IN SCHOOLS

HARROGATE start Thursday February 22nd

An excellent opportunity to gain qualifications for employment as a teaching assistant in the primary and secondary school sector

This course introduces the skills required to work in a classroom setting and includes FREE Functional English. Learners will also be encouraged to complete Functional ICT and free Functional Maths as these are relevant to the classroom setting.

The course will run over 15 weeks in 4 hour sessions and requires a minimum of 3 hours (half a school day) per week voluntary work in a school over the 15 weeks. This is to build up work based experience.

Learners may then progress to the work based CACHE Level 2 award Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools.

We offer concessions for those seeking employment in this sector who are unemployed, on low income and in receipt of means tested benefits. In some cases the course is **FREE**.

This is a very popular course so don't delay

Contact us NOW on 01609 533983 or

Email: south.adultlearning@northyorks.gov.uk

to book an appointment for Information Advice and Guidance and assessment



SUPER HOMEWORK!

A big well done and thumbs up to Jemimah and Molly for their super Tudor homework. Jemimah made a Tudor lady and Molly made a Tudor outfit for her doll. Both girls had to work hard on researching Tudor costumes and then deciding on how they could show what they had found out.

Miss Ellis is very pleased with the quality of the Tudor Homework this term and how much effort the children are putting into it.

Catering Monitoring Report

We regularly have Catering Monitoring Inspections conducted in our school kitchen by North Yorkshire County Council. In our most recent inspection Emma and Donna managed a staggeringly high score of 92 out of 98! The Inspector monitored health and safety, temperature control and storage, preparation and service of food and carried out a kitchen condition survey. He commented that it was a well organised kitchen and good food safety was being followed. Another well done to Emma and Donna!

A Visit from the NSPCC

On Monday 15th January representatives from NSPCC visited school with their mascot Buddy. The NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe programme has helped to make sure that our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools.



Healthy Food

I hope you received the Change4Life 7 day Challenge booklet that was sent out recently and you are enjoying your fun family snack challenges!

If your child brings a packed lunch to school please can I remind you that there should be a healthy balance of all food groups in it and high sugar and high fat content foods must be avoided.

Read Write Inc Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Read Write Inc Information Evening on Thursday – I hope you found it useful. If you have any feedback about the event please let Mrs Andrews know, thank you.

Sports Competitions/Events

We are delighted that we are able to offer so many sporting competitions and events, in partnership with HSSP, and many of our children have the opportunity to take part in these.

These events often start during the afternoon and run over the end of the school day; they are not part of the school curriculum but we offer them as we believe that our children should have the opportunity to take part in as many sporting activities as possible. Our teachers and teaching assistants often give up their own time to accompany children to these events. Mrs Wallen, Mrs Hamill and Mrs Clegg spend a lot of time organising these events; gaining permissions and picking up gaps in transport where family members are unable to help, arrangements have fallen through or arrangements have not been made in the first instance.

Without the support of parents in arranging transport to and from events we would not be able to offer the same number of competitions as we do at the present time. Whenever we can, we try to use a minibus or staff cars – coaches, unfortunately, would incur a cost. I am very grateful to Mrs Wallen, the office staff and our teachers and teaching assistants for taking the time to enable these sporting events and competitions to go ahead. Likewise, I am very grateful to all our parents and extended family members who volunteer to transport our children and make arrangements between themselves.

If you have any comments concerning how we organise our sporting competitions and events please pass these onto Mrs Wallen or the school office.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION SHEET

CLUBS

MON Drumming
afternoon

TUES Guitar morning
Recorder and Homework
lunchtime
Dance 3.30 -4.30

WED Netball lunchtime
KS1 Choir lunchtime
KS2 Choir 3.30 – 4.30

THURS Ukulele 12.00 –
12.30
French 12.00 – 12.30

2017 – 2018 TERM DATES

Autumn Term

Tues 5th Sep - Fri 22nd Dec

Half-Term Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct

Spring Term

Tues 9th Jan – Thurs 29th March

Half-Term Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb

Summer Term

Tues 17th April – Fri 20th July

Half-Term Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Wednesday 8.30am –
3.00pm

Thursday to Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm

RED KITE CLUB

Breakfast Club: 7.15—9.00am

After School Club: 3.30—6.00pm

SCHOOL HOURS

Whistle 8.45am

Morning Session 8.50am - 12.00pm

Lunch time 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Afternoon Session 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Headteacher: Mrs Amber Andrews