



## NEWSLETTER

Feb/March 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 21<sup>st</sup> century, each fulfilling their personal potential.

### *From the top of the stairs...*

During Collective Worship we have been revisiting some of the Parables of Jesus. We recently shared the Parable of the Lost Coin – Jesus told the story of a widow who loses one of her ten coins and, after much searching, greatly rejoices when she finds it.

As we shared and discussed this parable we recognised that Christians believe every single person is important to God, just as every single coin was important to the widow.

We reflected together that every single North Rigton child is important to our school; we might all be different sizes or shapes – just like the widow's collection of coins – but no one is more important or more special than another.

We are all equally, specially important!

*With every blessing, Amber Andrews, Head Teacher*

The congregation Of St John's Church are raising funds for the Leeds Donkey Sanctuary and our school. They are inviting everyone along to two events...

You are invited to join them for '**Cuppa and a Cake**' on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 at 2pm at our school. £3 per person – all welcome, including cake bake at the end of the day for the children and the option to join in with the school's Collective Worship at 3pm.

You are also invited to a **Family Service** at St John's Church on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, to celebrate Palm Sunday, where there will be a very special visitor from the Donkey Sanctuary! Everyone is to meet at North Rigton School at 9.15am, to leave promptly at 9.30am, to walk together to church. Refreshments will be served after the service.

If you would like further information about these two events please contact Caroline Liddle on 734346, thank you.

### **A Request from the Parish Council**

The Parish Council have been in touch and have asked if I could bring the following to your attention. It has been noted that at dropping off and picking up times some of our parents have been parking on grass verges near to school. Unfortunately this has led to the grass being removed and the underlying mud being churned up. I've been out to have a look myself and I must say that some of the verges do look a bit of a mess. Please can I therefore request that parents refrain from parking on grass verges and find another suitable place to park.

Thank you, Mrs Andrews

### **YCST Easter Service**

On Tuesday 27th March our KS2 Choir will be taking part in the YCST (Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust) Easter Service at St. Aidans. All church schools in the trust will be taking part and you are all welcome to attend. The service will be in Constance Green Hall at 6pm.

### **North Rigton Primary School The Three Trees An Easter Service**

We do hope you will be able to join us on Thursday 29th March at St Barnabas Church in Weeton for our Easter Service from 10.30am. Our service will be led by our Year 3/4 class who will be acting out a version of the Easter Story combined with singing from the whole school.



### **Supporting the Stroke Association**

Isobel and Emily from Year 6 organised a Cake Bake and a purple non-uniform day in aid of the Stroke Association. On Friday 2nd March the girls encouraged us all to come to school dressed in purple and they sold buns and small cakes. They raised the fabulous sum of £218. Big thanks go to the girls for organising this worthwhile event and to those of you who donated cakes and buns.

If you would like more information about The Stroke Association the girls have collected information and resources about this charity and produced a display in the downstairs corridor.

### **Sport Round-Up**

February has been a busy sporting month despite the cancellation of the Quick sticks hockey due to the weather. We have had great success at the gymnastics competition. We entered 3 teams from Pears, Busy Bees and Y5/6. All the teams qualified for the Harrogate and district finals and well done to the Y5/6 teams who have got through to the next round; the Yorkshire finals which will take place later in the term. Thank you to Mrs Down and all the parents who helped supervise at this event.

Also we completed our school gymnastics unit of work with an intra school competition. It was a very close result with a high standard of gymnastics across the school. Well done to everyone and particularly well done to the winners – Maple.

## FONR

We felt it was time to write to you to say THANK YOU so much for your help and support in the events we (with you) have put on this year. We really appreciate your help in facilitating these whether it's by selling buns or bringing them!

We thought you would like to know how much money you have raised, and what it has been put towards.

This year you have raised:

Christmas Fair £390

Valentines Party £160

Together with money raised in previous years we (you) have been able to donate the following to the children at school:

Computer funding £1500

Maths equipment £186

Class gifts at Christmas £145

Pantomime Ice creams £154

We are very grateful for your support and are glad to have been able to contribute these funds to the school.

We have some more plans! This term the children will be raising money with the smartie tubes and good deeds so watch out for those in your book bags....

And! We are planning a ceilidh on Saturday 12th May at the Almscliffe Hall. This will be great fun for all, the more left feet the better! This will be our only 'evening' event and so we hope many will come to join in the dancing.

Save the date! Tickets will be on sale soon.

### Student Teacher in Year 1/2

We will be welcoming a student teacher into Pears class next week. Her name is Sarah Lowry and she will be with us until June.



### News from Year 1/2

Pears class recently had pancake races and a pancake tossing competition. We also ate some really yummy pancakes whilst learning all about Shrove Tuesday.

### Calling all budding violinists!

Peta Kendall will now be offering violin lessons on Thursday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Peta at [petakendallmusic@gmail.com](mailto:petakendallmusic@gmail.com) for further information and to arrange a free taster lesson.

**Save the date!**  
We will be having a **Sport Relief Day** on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – more details to be announced soon but it will include fruit smoothies and sportswear!

**Computing/ICT Update**  
With money collected by the Sock It To 'Em appeal and a very generous donation from FONR we have recently been able to upgrade our ICT and computing systems and purchase 9 new student laptops. We are very grateful for the assistance of St Aidans ICT technicians with this as without them working tirelessly over the recent half-term this would not have been possible.

### A message from Sadie the Music Lady

I just wanted to let you know that Mrs Andrews and I have arranged a short musical recital for Piano, Voice and Choir students on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 14:30 (during Collective Worship).

It would be great if ALL my students could perform and showcase a piece or song. This is a perfect opportunity to show off what they've been learning in their lessons in a safe and supportive environment (which I'll express at the start of our performance). Every performance, no matter how small, is a huge milestone in a child's musical journey.

Could I please ask that you discuss this brilliant opportunity with your child, and let me know if they'd like to take part.

Thank you so much for all of your support! I can't wait for the rest of the school community to hear what the children have been getting up to in lessons and choir sessions!



### Our Super-Duper Gymnasts



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sep - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

Half-Term Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct

### Spring Term

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March

Half-Term Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Summer Term

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July

Half-Term Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 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