



NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 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...

As ever, the first half of term has flown by – it seems like just a short while ago that we were welcoming children back into new classes and staff into new roles.

The partnership with All Saints Kirkby Overblow has started well. We have already had a number of joint governing body meetings and made the decision to move to one governing body overseeing both schools by the end of this term. We have named our new partnership – it will be called *The Fellowship of All Saints Kirkby Overblow and North Rigton Church of England Primary Schools (The Fellowship for short!)*, I hope you like it as much as I do. Our first joint school trip will take place just after half term when I will take both Year 6 groups to a Remembrance Service at Christ Church. Mrs Wallen has commenced her role as Base Leader (teacher in charge when I am off site) and she is thoroughly enjoying this new aspect to her job. If you do have any questions or concerns about the recent changes and the impact it may have on your children or aspects of school life please do pop in to see me.

I wonder if you have noticed that school has turned from yellow to blue? During the holidays we had the decorators in and they have done a great job of sprucing up the walls and giving us a new colour scheme. This combined with the work Bill did ensured that our building was spick and span for our return – thanks Bill.

This newsletter is full of information and photographs of some of the things that we have been getting up to over this half-term, it also contains some useful reminders and details of upcoming events. Enjoy the read and have a super half-term break.

With every blessing, Amber Andrews, Head Teacher

A Visit from a Vet – Pears

Our local friendly Vet (Mrs Springle) came into school recently to visit Pears class. Pears have been learning all about animals in science. Mrs Springle helped us to understand how Vets help animals and showed us how animals should be looked after.

When she had finished speaking we were able to try all sorts of equipment and to look at interesting pictures and objects. Pears send a big THANKYOU to Mrs Springle for this interesting workshop.



Sports Competition at North Rigton, Autumn 1, 2018.

What a busy half term of Sports Competition we have had!!

Very soon after returning to school in September Busy Bees sent 2 mixed teams of prospective archers to the Harrogate Archery Festival. It was great fun and both teams showed great koinonia and perseverance. Olivia L was awarded a band for self-belief.

Also the Year 5/6 sent a mixed team of cyclists on what turned out to be a very windy day and even though they were a person short they showed extreme determination and team work to complete all of the courses.

On the 27th of September Mrs Down took a mixed team of Busy Bees to a football competition, a number of matches were played and the team came an over all 4th.

4 of our children volunteered on a Saturday morning to compete in the level 2 Cross Country competition on the 6th of October. They were Annabelle I, Lottie, Charlie B and Tomas. Charlie and Annabelle have qualified to go to the level 2 competition in the Spring. Well done to you all!

To conclude, this half term a mixed team of footballers from Year 5/6 were entered in the level 2 football competition at Harrogate Town FC. The focus of this game, was all about sharing the ball and playing as a team, they proved themselves time and again. After 5 matches they came joint
FIRST!!!

Toilet Twinning

Why not take a little time to look at our Toilet Twinning display on Parent's Evening? There will be a collection box out and just £1 per family will see us well on our way to twinning with several toilets.



Harrogate Advertiser

Who spotted our new starters in the Harrogate Advertiser last week? Mrs Down is having a lovely time with her new class and they are already growing into wonderful North Rigton children.



Esme's House

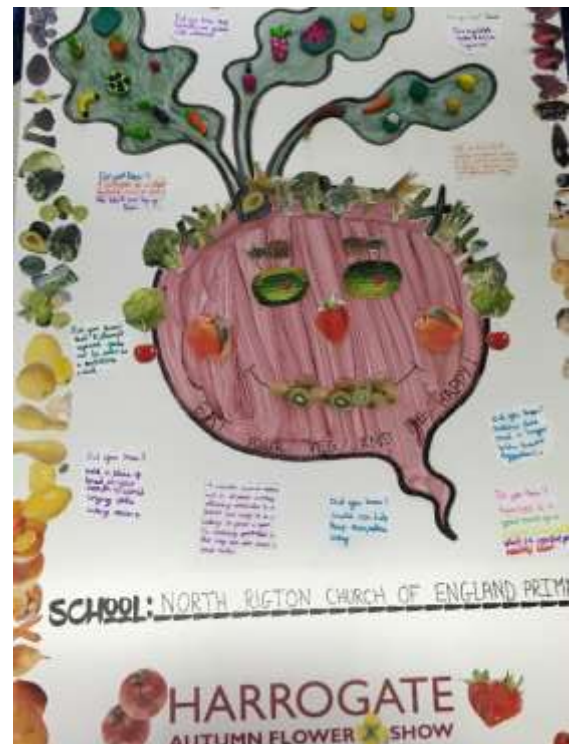
Apples class would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fundraising in memory of Esme Thomas. We have upgraded our play house outside with a lick of paint, a lovely new kitchen and some stunning new curtains. Thanks also to the dream team of Nicola Briggs, Claire Varley and Julie Thomas for giving up a Sunday and Molly and Grace's Grandma for sewing the curtains.

Thank you

Thank you to all those parents who listened to my plea about rucksacks at the end of last term. Now that we are using school book bags instead of oversized rucksacks our school is a much safer place. Bags can fit on coat pegs or in lockers and even in spaces in the classrooms. We no longer have overstuffed lockers and bags falling off pegs creating hazards or impeding corridors. Thank you!

Congratulations Year 4 and 5

We have won the School's Autumn Harrogate Flower show competition again this year by decorating our radish in a creative and informative way. Great work!



A Walk to The Crag – Busy Bees

The Busy Bees have searched for dogs around the village to learn about map reading and taken part in a blustery walk to the Crag this half term searching for Dragons and doing beautiful artwork of the views in our area. The art work is fantastic and some of them are up on display in their classroom. The children used mark making to create texture, tone and detail on their drawing. The search for dragons has inspired the children to write descriptive and imaginative recounts that are wonderful to read. Thank you to all the parents who helped with these two visits.



Gardening Club

Gardening club have had a lovely half term planting bulbs, tidying the gardens, watering the plants and building the bug house. Miss Ellis applied for a grant to get a cold frame and she was successful so during this term a wooden cold frame and lots of other goodies will be delivered for us to grow our plants in. A big thank you to Bill for giving us a waterproof shed to keep everything in too. Great work gardeners.



Uniform Reminder

Please remember to send your child to school in the correct uniform which is all fully labelled. If you lose any items of clothing have a look in the beige boxes underneath the TV screen. Remember:

- Black school shoes – no trainers
- Grey or black socks/tights – no trainer socks or multi-coloured fluorescent socks
- Understated hairbands/bobbles – no large bows
 - Plain PE kits – no labels

As the weather turns colder please make sure your child arrives at school in the morning with a coat.

Thank you

FONR News

The PTA – Friends of North Rigton School (FONR) held the AGM on Tuesday 9th October. Thank you to all that attended including Mrs Andrews and Mark Wilkinson (Parent Governor), who's input was gratefully received. The current committee were re-elected for another year, and we are also delighted to announce that a sub-committee of additional parent/carer volunteers has formed which is already making such a big difference in helping to organise things.

If you would like to join the committee or sub-committee just let us know, contact the school office or mention it to your teacher. We are always very happy to see new faces and hear new ideas.

It's a great way to get involved in supporting your child's school, with the added bonus of being a really good way to make new friends! We also have a facebook page "Friends of North Rigton – FONR", where you can find out what's going on and other information – if you're not already a member, give us a shout and we can add you.

Popular events such as Movie Night, Christmas Fayre, the Christmas Party lunch, Valentines Disco, Easter smarties tube challenge, the Summer Raffle and the Summer Fun Day, are all organised by FONR PTA to raise much needed funds.

The money raised goes straight back into the school to pay for things that otherwise would not be possible. In the last couple of years the money raised has paid for (amongst other things):

Improvements to the school IT network and server

Maths equipment for years 2 and 3

Funding for the phonics scheme ReadWriteInc

SATS revision books

Ice creams on the annual school pantomime trip

The oven for reception

The very treasured leavers books

Without all those fundraising events and the support of all the parents and teachers we would simply not be able to pay for these extras for our children. The governors passed on their thanks and reiterated how invaluable this extra money is to small village schools.

Keep an eye on the FONR facebook page and also the calendar on the school website for upcoming events.

Thank you for supporting FONR PTA

(Committee members: Nicola Briggs, Leonie Springle, Emma Chambers, Francesca Jenkinson)

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all who attended our Harvest Festival and donated non-perishable goods. The tins, cans and packets have been delivered to Harrogate Foodbank who received them gratefully. Well done to all the children for their performances and their teachers who helped. Thank you to Mrs Wallen for making sure it all happened and that everything was organised. A great big 'thank you' goes to Molly who, after listening to Collective Worship about one of our values – compassion, made a link to Harrogate Foodbank through her Grandma.



“The Guns Fell Silent”

and

“The Bells Rang”

An opportunity for everyone to join in with Music and stories from the war years at a Community Event to commemorate and reflect upon 100 years since the end of World War 1

11th November 2018

6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

in

St John’s Church, North Rigton.



Tickets: £5 adults, £1 Children

Contact: m.e.hopkins@btinternet.com (01423 734745) to reserve your tickets

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EVENING WITH A READING OR SOME MUSIC, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.



Our School Advocates

At the beginning of term myself and Mrs Storey found ourselves with a very difficult task on our hands – we had to make a decision about who was going to be Head Boy and Head Girl. It was an almost impossible decision to make and in the end we opted for Heads and Deputies! So, this was our decision:

Head Girl – Eve

Head Boy – Ralph

Deputy Head Girl – Elena

Deputy Head Boy – Tom

Our other Year 6 children became our school advocates and have various roles of responsibility around school – all advocating for a different area; they are already doing a fantastic job and the school is a better place because of them.

Each class/year group also elected a School Council Representative who will also take on an advocate role. The Council have already met to discuss the impact our values have had on the school and how we decide ‘class of the week’ each week.

An Inspirational Visit

This half term, we have used the theme of Dogs as a whole school initiative to inspire creative writing. During September, volunteers and their dogs from SARDA, Guide Dogs for the Blind, a secondary school with a therapy dog and Dogs’ Trust ran interactive workshops for different key stages to excite and enthrall our learning and writing. The impact has again been hugely successful and whilst for many classes, the subsequent writing is still flowing, the Key Stage One and EYFS display board is testimony to the enthusiasm for writing that this has generated.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION SHEET

CLUBS

MON Drumming
afternoon

TUES Guitar morning
Recorder lunchtime
Dance 3.30 -4.30

WED Sports lunchtime
KS1 Choir lunchtime
KS2 Choir 3.30 – 4.30

THURS Ukulele 12.00 –
12.30
French 12.00 – 12.30

2018 – 2019 TERM DATES

Autumn Term

Tues 4th Sep - Fri 21st Dec

Half-Term Mon 29th Oct – Fri 2nd Nov

Spring Term

Tues 8th Jan – Fri 12th April

Half-Term Mon 25th Feb – Fri 1st March

Summer Term

Tues 30th April – Mon 22nd July

Half-Term Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May

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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