

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday.

This week has been very busy indeed. Monday saw us supporting the Army Benevolent Fund with a Red White and Blue Day. This enabled the charity to undertake some filming to promote their work. The children spent a large part of the day finding out about women in the armed forces over the last 100 years and life during WW1. The older children took part in workshops led by Corporal Parsons ~ recruiting officer. The children were able to wear a uniform of the day, enlist and swear the Oath of Allegiance to King George V. The day culminated in a tea party and thankfully the weather held so we could celebrate outside.

Thank you to the school catering team and the extra help from NYCC Caterers for making the party food. Also thank you to all the parents who helped us clear away at the end of the day.

Please remember if a member of your family is going away on a tour abroad within the near future and you feel you or your family might find this time difficult, Mrs Barritt our Home School Support Adviser is available to talk with. Please ring school for an appointment if you feel she could support you. We have a number of staff who understand how difficult this time can be. If we are aware, we can help and support you as much as possible.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 3.15  
ON FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AND  
REOPENS ON TUESDAY  
25<sup>TH</sup>**

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON  
MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY FOR  
MAY DAY MONDAY.**

**WEEK BEGINNING  
MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY KEY  
STAGE 2 ~Y6 SATS TESTS**

## ATTENDANCE

Over 100 children got their 100% certificate for this half term. Well done. Please have a look in book bags for certificates.

If your child is absent from school for any reason please remember to let the admin team know. Until we know the reason for absence we can not authorise absence.

Current attendance for the whole school is 95.6% we need to be at least 97%.

## SCIENCE AFTERNOON

A huge thank you to Mrs Holliday our Science Leader for organising our Science Fair on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see so many parents attending and joining in. Thanks also must go to the Science Department and the students from Risedale who ran the different investigations in the hall.

## BLUE WHALE ~SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

I need to make you aware of a growing social media trend that has recently come to my attention. A social media site called, Blue Whale is being used to target young people through their online chatrooms. Users are inviting children to join private chats where they are then asked to take part in the 'Blue Whale Challenge'. This entails completing a set of tasks, one of which is to cut the shape of a blue whale into their skin. I have added more details to the school website under the safeguarding table which you may like to look at. [www.carnagill.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.carnagill.n-yorks.sch.uk)

More information on how to approach online safety can be found on the following websites:

[www.NSPCC.org.uk](http://www.NSPCC.org.uk)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

[www.safetynetkids.org.uk](http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk)

## STAFFING UPDATE

We wish Mrs Bullock well as she starts her maternity leave. We all eagerly await for the news of a safe new arrival. Mrs Mc Adam will be teaching the class to the end of the year.

Mrs Holliday will be leaving at the end of the school year to pursue life away from teaching. We wish her well for the future and thank her for all the contributions she has made to our school over number of years.

## FOUNDATION STAGE ~ RECEPTION CLASSES

To help prepare our children for life in Year 1 as from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May the Reception will be coming in to the cloakroom on their own. This will allow the children to become more independent putting their coat on their pegs and sorting out their book bags. The staff will be around in the cloak rooms to help them and will still be on the door if you need to pass on messages.

## EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Well done to the winners of the competition Charmaine Y5/6, Finley Y4/5, Olivia Y3/4, Elsie Y2/3, Emme Y1/2, Leon Y1, Jack David FS2, Evalyn FS2, Freya FS1 and Rochanne Hardstaff ~ parents .

## SPORTS

Well done to the Kwik Sticks hockey team who came second in the Richmondshire Tournament played at Richmond School this week. Thank you to Mrs Stephens for coaching the team. Next term we will be taking part in the swimming gala ~ you might like to get some practice in this holiday if you think you might like to take part!

## GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in being a governor please speak with Mrs Lennon our Clerk to the Governing Body. Being a school governor is a voluntary role however it is a demanding role and does require a time commitment. Not only are you expected to attend meetings at least half termly, there is an expectation you will also visit school regularly. The role of a parent governor requires someone with, integrity and discretion and above all the ability to deal with information in a sensitive, professional and confidential manner.

## FIRE PRACTICE

We held our termly fire practice on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. The children were out of the building in 1 minute and 47 seconds which is the quickest recorded time for a number of years. One child was kept back with a member of staff and their class teacher realised immediately they were missing. This all helps to test our systems and make sure everyone is vigilant.

## SCHOOL DRIVE AND SCHOOL CAR PARK

After Easter I will be limiting access to vehicles on the school drive during our busiest time. Thank you parents for keeping your children to the foot path. The gates at the top of the main school drive will close at 8.45am and not reopen until 9.00am and close again at 3.10pm and not reopen until 3.25pm. Pedestrian access will still available during these times. If you have a blue badge and need to use the accessible parking bay during these times please let the office team know so we can make arrangement for you. **Parents must not use the staff car park.**

## FOOD IN SCHOOL SHOP BOUGHT ONLY PLEASE

Please remember that we are now only accepting shop bought food items for birthday treats. Thank you for your support with this.

1. Please let your child/ren's class teacher know that you would like to provide a treat for the class. This will allow the class teacher to plan a suitable time to distribute the items during the day. The class teacher will make you aware of allergies in the class and make a suggestion of items which could be sent in.

2. Please send items in on the agreed date. **All items sent in must be shop bought and wrapped in the original packaging. Any items sent in must be easily distributed.**

3. **Lollipops on sticks must not be sent in to school.**

All food prepared, cooked and eaten in school has been prepared by staff who have a hygiene certificate.

## CONCERNS

If you are in anyway concerned about your child/ren's learning, progress or wellbeing in school please contact school via the office. Class teachers are always the best people to speak to first, as they know you child/ren very well. If it is a more serious matter then the Key stage Leaders; Mrs Barker (EYFS), Mrs Brown (KS1) or Mrs Bullock (KS2) are the next contact and then myself.