



31 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and well. I don't know about you but I'm looking forward to getting February started with lighter mornings and evenings. I'm not sure if the weather is going to improve much though! With this in mind, please keep sending your children to school with appropriate clothing – thank you.



### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.20% which is below our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **Penalty notices are being issued for unauthorised absences which reach the local authority limit.** Thank you for helping us to maintain high rates of attendance. **Well done to Class 2 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**



### KEY STAGE 2 CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, I had the pleasure of accompanying all the Key Stage 2 pupils to a cross country competition in Northallerton. Cross country is a very challenging event and the children need lots of resilience to take it on. The Year 3/4 children ran 1200 metres and the Year 5/6 children ran 1500 metres. The attitudes on display were absolutely fabulous and our pupils showed real determination to complete their races. Well done to all the children for taking part and congratulations to our amazing medal winners:



**Jack** – Silver medal and outstanding effort award

**Eva** – Bronze medal

**Arthur** – Gold medal

**Fabian** – Silver medal

**Dylan B** – Silver medal

**Maddie** – Silver medal

**Max** – Outstanding effort award

**Zak** – Bronze medal



### READING REWARD SCHEME – REMINDER

As you know, the children are encouraged to read at home and school every day with comments written in their reading records. Older children are able to write their own reflective comments and younger children have comments written by an adult. Each comment represents an occasion when a child has read their book. Comments are counted and added to a tally chart by the class teacher and awards are won after a certain number of times that a child has read. Awards are presented for the following:

20 comments	Bronze sticker	5 team points
40 comments	Silver sticker	5 team points
60 comments	Gold sticker	5 team points
80 comments	Bookmark	5 team points
100 comments	Book	5 team points

Please see the attached letter, which was sent out in September, for more information. Thank you for your support.

## FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

### TESCO STRONGER STARTS COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Friends of the School have been successful in applying for a Tesco community grant. Our school is currently one of three organisations featured in the Northallerton store for shoppers to vote for. Please vote for us by using the blue tokens given at the till and help us receive a grant towards continuing to provide free fruit for pupils at the school. The more votes/tokens we receive in the shop the higher the grant we receive. Thank you for your support and help!



### NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 5.00PM

Please join us at the next meeting – everyone is welcome. After School Club is available for free from 5.00pm.



### BOOK SALE – THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

The Friends are hosting a book sale on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March to coincide with World Book Day. The event will take place in the school hall from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. Any remaining books will also be sold the following day outside school after Celebration Assembly. We would be very grateful for any unwanted books (children's or adults' books would be appreciated). Please bring any donations to the school office – thank you.



### BINGO NIGHT – THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 6.00PM

Back by popular demand! Save the date for our Bingo Night. More information will be provided soon.



### EASTER EGG COMPETITION AND ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> April

Our Easter assembly will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm. We will provide more information nearer the time.



### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our parent consultations will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 3.30pm until 6.00pm and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. Booking slips will be sent home with your child.



### EYFS DONATIONS

Many thanks to Mrs Taylor, Mrs Burkitt and Mr and Mrs Ogle for providing us with lots of great resources for our EYFS classroom and outdoor area. It's very much appreciated and will make a big difference to the children's learning.



## PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons take place in school on a Wednesday afternoon. Children can head towards the ABRSM exams or learn just for fun! Lessons are 20 minutes long with fees paid on a half termly basis. If you are interested and would like further information please contact Caroline Dyke - [carolinedyke@gmail.com](mailto:carolinedyke@gmail.com)

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark  
Head Teacher



- 11<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> February - School closes for Half Term
- 24<sup>th</sup> February - School opens
- 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friends meeting – 5.00pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Parent Consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Consultations – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - Book Sale in School Hall – 3.30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> March - Book Sale outside School – 3.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> March - Y3/4 Tball – Northallerton Leisure Centre
- 13<sup>th</sup> March - Bingo Night – 6.00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Assembly – 2.00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> April - School closes for Easter
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - School opens

## ABSENCE



Please ensure the school office by 9.00am either by telephone or email if your child is absent from school due to illness.

Thank you.

## COMMUNITY LINKS

Used stamp collection for bone cancer research trust and RNIB.

Please keep sending in your used Stamps. Thank you.



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please let us know your club arrangements. Booking forms and Parental Contracts are available from the office.

**CLUB ACTIVITIES – w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**



<b>MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2025</b>	<b>COOKING – PASTA POTS</b>
<b>TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025</b>	<b>CRAFTS – GRAFFITI NAMES</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025</b>	<b>COMPUTER GAMES</b>
<b>THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025</b>	<b>INDOOR GAMES</b>
<b>FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025</b>	<b>FILMS &amp; GAMES</b>
<b>MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025</b>	<b>COOKING – CINNAMON ROLLS</b>
<b>TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025</b>	<b>CRAFTS – PAPER BIRD FINGER PUPPETS</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025</b>	<b>COMPUTER GAMES</b>
<b>THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025</b>	<b>INDOOR GAMES</b>
<b>FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025</b>	<b>FILMS &amp; GAMES</b>

## LUNCH MENU W/C 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH



Monday - Pizza & Potato Wedges **OR** Egg Mayo sandwich  
 Tuesday - Curried Chicken Rice **OR** Cheese Sandwich  
 Wednesday - Minced Beef Pie **OR** Tuna Sandwich  
 Thursday - Meatballs with Pasta **OR** Ham Sandwich  
 Friday - Salmon Star & Chips **OR** Cheese Sandwich

## LUNCH MENU W/C 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - Chicken nuggets & diced potatoes **OR** Cheese JP  
 Tuesday - Creamy Cheesy Tomato pasta **OR** Baked Bean JP  
 Wednesday - Roast Gammon & Mash **OR** Tuna JP  
 Thursday - Nacho Beef Bake & Veg Rice **OR** Cheese JP  
 Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips **OR** Baked Bean JP