

KETTLESING FELLISCLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2024

FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

| | WHOLE SCHOOL | CLASS 1 | CLASS 2 | CLASS 3 |
|--------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| RIPLEY | 96% | 96% | 96% | 97% |
| BECKWITHSHAW | 98% | 99% | 95% | 98% |
| KETTLESING | 97% | 95% | 98% | 98% |

A reminder that all absences must be reported to the school office before 9am on each day of absence. Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours, but when unavoidable a letter, text or email confirming the appointment must be given to the school for your child's attendance records. If we do not receive this documentation, children's attendance will be marked as unauthorised leave.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that, we come to the end of another successful half term. This first period of the academic year is where new beginnings commence; expectations embedded and where success is built upon. The theme of my message today is that of thanks: thanks and gratitude to all in the federation community. As our parents and carers, I have been blown away with your positivity and offers of some amazing opportunities. School asks, and before any time has passed, responses arrive in abundance - what a team!

Telling the world about our amazing federation and growing our school numbers/community is vital. Not only do we have our new website, but I am also delighted that we now have new marketing materials kindly created with the expertise from Mrs Charpentier. Please do let us know if you are able to 'leaflet drop' and these will be placed in your child's book bag upon return to school. This period in Autumn 2 is the 'golden window' for Reception '25 and so your support is vital. There is no doubt that this will have the desired impact and result in us growing together, guided by love with many more children's lives to be transformed.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to give thanks to our wonderful PTAs for whom without them, we would not have access to hugely vital, additional funding to provide resources and enrichment experiences. The on-going fundraising and Halloween events have been superb. Please do contact the Chair. Mrs Crabtree if you would like to support further.

As a personal note to the staff, I thank them for sharing the vision and living out the focus of your children being first in everything they do. We now have a stable and outstanding staff body: students who have a desire to work in our

DATES FOR THE DIARY

| DATE | EVENT (10) | | |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| 25th Oct | Last day of Autumn 1 half term and Halloween Bingo | | |
| 28th Oct - 1st Nov | Half term | | |
| 3rd Nov | Queens Head Bonfire Night Party | | |
| 4th Nov | School re-opens to all pupils | | |
| 6th Nov | Ripon Cathedral Remembrance Service for service families | | |
| 11th Nov | Remembrance Day | | |
| WC 11th Nov | Anti Bullying Week | | |
| 15th Nov | Celebration assembly 8:50am | | |
| 15th Nov | Children in Need - SPOTacular | | |
| 18th Nov | Statutory assessment parent/career information evening | | |
| 22nd Nov | Walk to School | | |
| 26th Nov | Whole school cross country event | | |
| 28th Nov | Nasal Flu Immunisation | | |
| 1st Dec | Otley Victorian Fayre - Choir performance | | |
| 2nd Dec | Christmas post-box launches | | |
| 6th Dec | Christmas Fair - Village Hall | | |
| 7th Dec | Royal Hall Christmas Concert - Federation Choir | | |
| 12th Dec | Christmas jumper and Christmas enterprise day | | |
| 13th Dec | Celebration assembly 8:50am | | |
| 13th Dec | Whole school panto trip | | |
| 18th Dec | Nativity - 2pm | | |
| 20th Dec | Christmas lunch and party | | |
| 20th Dec | Last day of term | | |
| 23rd Dec - 3rd Jan | Christmas holidays - school closed | | |

Reminders, Updates, and Information

federation; initial teacher training providers who want their students to train under our model; those who worked in my previous settings who made the move with me; those who have been recruited by myself and senior leaders and those staff who remained with the federation throughout its journey. I can assure you all – your children are incredibly lucky.

The Governors who have completed their first full term at the federation – an expert body with a forensic strategic overview who are wholly committed to their role and the future success and sustainability of the federation. I feel proud to be led by such an inspiring body of highly professional individuals.

You will be aware that our school has recently received their Ofsted inspection. This was on the back of Ripley - November '22/March '23, Beckwithshaw – January '22/ July '23 and the SIAMS CE inspection of Ripley- October '23. As ever, we were more than prepared and the areas for improvement from previous inspections, completed effectively. Although we cannot share any judgement yet what I can say is that the continued progress of our federation and the tireless work of staff did not go unnoticed. We expect the report to be with us following the holidays and as a federation, we give thanks to all of you for your continued support as we navigated our way through a record number of inspections. And so, as we break for the holiday period, I leave you with this:

'The children are really, really lucky...they will be better people for being in this Federation.'

Have a peaceful and restful half term.

Much love and God bless,

Miss Kirkman

Executive Headteacher



Reminders, Updates, and Information

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

A reminder that children should have a coat in school at all times, and a tracksuit for PE lessons. Children go out in all weathers and suitable warm/waterproof clothing should be provided.

JEWELLERY, WATCHES AND ITEMS FROM HOME

A reminder that children may wear small stud earrings and a watch to school, however these must be removed before PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, please ensure they are removed before coming to school on PE/sporting event days. Hoop earrings, smart watches and all other jewellery, is not permitted in school.

INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS

These are due back imminently and will be sent out by the end of the first week back. Photos will be available to order directly through the Yorkshire Schools Photography website.

PARENTMAIL ACCOUNTS

As we approach the end of the half term, please ensure all accounts are up to date and sessions/ meals are paid for in advance of them being taken. The admin team will be applying final charges on Friday 25th October. Please ensure all remaining balances are cleared in full before Monday 4th November 2024.

STATIONARY

From after half term, all children should have their own stationary in school. Please see communication sent out in Miss Kirkman's letter on the 06.09.24

WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - 26.11.24

Please complete the coach permissions on ParentMail Friday 8th November 2024.

CHILDREN IN NEED SPOTACULAR FUNDRAISER

For a donation of £1.00, children are invited to wear something spotty to school on Friday 15th November to raise money for children in need. Outfits can be as SPOTacularly creative as you wish. Payment is available via ParentMail or cash can be brought in on the day. If you wish to donate more than £1.00, you can do so by adding multiple donations to your ParentMail

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST PANTO - 13.12.24

We would like to say a very big thank you to the Friends of Kettlesing School who are very kindly paying for the whole trip this year. This includes the tickets, coach and an ice-cream/lolly for every child. Mrs Hartland will be providing a packed lunch on this day. Please complete the coach permissions, lunch choice and ice-cream selection available on ParentMail no later than Friday 8th November 2024.

As always, if you wish to discuss any financial matters in confidence, please contact a Mrs Randall in the school office.

Clubs for Autumn 2

Tuesday 3.30- 4.30pm - Dodgeball Club with Mrs Neate from Sporting Influence

Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm - Chess Club with Mr Farrimond

Thursday 3.30- 4.30pm - Football Club with Harrogate AFC

Dodgeball will replace tag rugby, offering children more of a choice in the sporting activities they participate in across the academic year.

Both Football and Dodgeball have limited spaces so be sure to book these early to avoid disappointment.

All Clubs will be charged at £6.00 per session and run for 6 weeks from WC 04.11.24 - WC 09.12.24. The full payment of £36.00 will be required to secure your child's place. Please note, there are no clubs on the last week of term.

Booking and payment for all clubs are now available on Parentmail, and will be on a first come first serve basis.

BOOKING WILL CLOSE AT 5PM ON FRIDAY 1st NOV 2024

Federation Choir

For those children who secured a place in the Federation Choir, rehearsals will start WC 4th November, and take place every Wednesday lunchtime with Miss Brown.

House of the Half Term!

Congratulation Team **SCARGILL!** Well done on being this half terms winning house. The children in Scargill will be enjoying a doughnut each on Friday 25th October 2024.

House Point Tally







Swimming

A reminder that children in years 2-6 will continue swimming lessons every Monday in Autumn 2.

A voluntary contribution of £30.00, to cover the coach and lesson coast, for the Autumn 2 half term, is now available to pay via ParentMail.

LANGUAGES DAY

We have taken part in a Language Day based on the theme - 'Peace'. The schools came together to learn how to speak in

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various languages relating to the theme, creating bespoke artwork to showcase their learning. At Kettlesing the children all created their own self portrait, which will be displayed around the school with speech bubbles showing a greeting from around the world.

WATER SAFETY TALK

We had a very informative visit from Yorkshire Water across the federation, who met with each class to discuss water safety. The children engaged well with this visit and learnt many facts and safety tips about open water. The children can explain in detail, how to keep safe by open water. This is important for our schools



as water safety is a contextual safeguarding element for us, due to being near open water - such as the beck and local reservoirs.

A huge thank you to Yorkshire Water for their partnership with our schools with this.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

For World Mental Health Day on October 10th the children across the federation were invited to donate and wear something yellow to raise awareness. Throughout the day, children took part in various HELLO YELLOW activities

HELLO YELLOW day is a day where we show young people that they are not alone when it comes to their mental

health. As a federation we encourage togetherness – this year's Hello Yellow was about being loud and proud, as we all stand — together to support young people's mental health. By taking part, we are encouraging our school community to come together and be proud of who they are.

We have also increased awareness regarding mental health—by getting our school involved with Hello Yellow, raising awareness among staff, students, and their families about how to look after their mental health, so that everyone knows they don't have to feel alone if things get tough.

NORTH YORKSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

Children across the federation took part in a very special workshop where they were treated to some incredible music performances from North Yorkshire Music Service. They were shown a range of Instruments that are on offer, and we had a lot of budding musicians keen to learn.

We hope this has inspired some children to take up lessons and very much look forward to seeing what instruments they choose, if this is something they/you choose to pursue.





Class 3

Over the course of this half term, Class 3 have been delving into the past through the lens of the Census. We have been exploring life in Victorian times, particularly the jobs children undertook in Victorian society, as well the evolving role of women and how the Census enables us to explore past lives as a primary source of information. In Science we have been learning about how plants and animals are classified by their

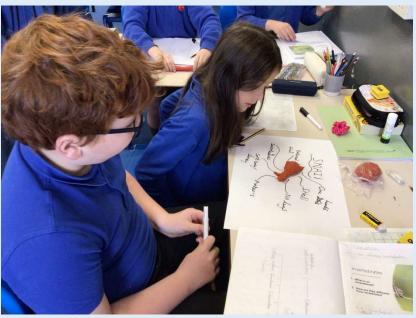




characteristics. We have been researching different plant and animal groups and identifying the characteristics which make them unique. In maths, we have been improving our mental maths skills and working very hard to improve our times table knowledge. We have also been reviewing our understanding of place value and are currently working on the four operations. We have all thoroughly enjoyed reading our class novel, The Nowhere Emporium, and writing our own suspense narrative. We have been designing our own waistcoats in DT, and I must say I can't wait to share photos of the finished projects, but I am firmly convinced that Class 3 will have some of the best dressed teddies in the Dales. I particularly enjoyed our art afternoon, when all the classes came together to create self-portraits. It has been a busy term so far

and as always; Class 3 have all worked exceedingly hard this term to improve their skills and understanding. They have tried in every way to follow and uphold our values of Ready, Respectful and Safe.





Class 2

This half term, Class 2 have been fascinated with the Iron man by Ted Hughes. They have made creative predictions, deepened their understanding of vocabulary and made accurate summaries of the text. They have also created detailed character descriptions and have just finished their own narratives. We are now working on writing a





persuasive letter, which will hopefully motivate the Iron man to save the people from the space-bat-angel-dragon!

The children have been working very hard in their place value topic in Maths. We have been rounding numbers up to 10,000 to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000! In Science, we have been learning about food and the process of digestion and the four different types of teeth and their roles. In DT, we investigated what makes a structure strong,

stable and stiff so that we can begin to design and make our pavilions. In our French lessons, we have been learning how to greet people. We finished this with a theatre-masked performance!

The children have loved PE this year with Sporting Influence and swimming at Nidderdale every Monday. In History, we have been studying how children's lives have changed from the Tudor times to Victorian times to present time, and in Computing we have been learning how to code and create animation.



Class 1

Class One have had a busy first half-term.

Year One and Two have come back full of enthusiasm towards their learning and our new Reception starters have been fabulous explorers.

Year One and Two have been engrossed with finding out about how schools were different in the past. They have particularly





enjoyed looking at the real life artefacts from our very own school of Kettlesing, such as old photographs, punishment books as well as the Head Teacher log books. They found it quite funny that back in the 1930's there was also a teacher with the surname Brown! In English, the Year Ones and Twos have been learning all about Indigo Wilde and her unusual family of explorers. They have created character descriptions for both an unusual creature from the story as well as their own mystical creatures. They have also received

a letter from Indigo Wilde herself, and are learning all about informal letters, so we can write back to her! In Maths the children have been focusing on place value. They have been learning to count up to 100, in ones and in tens, estimating where numbers go on a number

line, as well as partitioning larger numbers into tens and ones. The children have been working exceptionally hard with the new concepts they have been shown.

The Reception children have been sharing facts all about themselves as they begin their journey with us here at Kettlesing. They have shared their favourite food, favourite story, their family and friends as well as foods they do not like! In Early Maths they have been learning all about the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. They have been developing their understanding of the numbers through various play based activities - linking these to number blocks. They have also been learning how to explore and learn within the provision areas. They have loved the developing role play area, with the new babies and our new telephone! It has been fascinating listening to their lovely conversations. They have also enjoyed making up their own stories in the Autumnal tuff tray and small world area. Outdoors has also been a huge hit - weather permitting of course! Many sandcastles have been built, along with a variety of mud pies, cookies and soup in our fabulous Mud Kitchen.

What a fantastic start to the year Class One!





Royal Hall Charity Concert Update

24 September 2024

Dear Victoria.

A Huge THANK YOU for supporting Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity

It is with great pleasure to be writing to you on behalf of Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity (HHCC) to express our gratitude for your incredible donation of £3287.00 raised at the Rural Schools Concert on Friday 26 April 2024. Your generous charitable gesture will have an amazing impact across the services provided to all under the care at the Sir Robert Ogden Centre (SROMC) at Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT).

As you know, HHCC is the registered Charity for #teamHDFT, our aim is to enhance the facilities and environment for patients, their families and colleagues. The dedication of our donors is integral towards our cause and ongoing support. The HHCC and Volunteer Team and I had a wonderful time at the concert, thank you so much for inviting us along, we were delighted to be part of your event.

This vital work of going above and beyond the necessities and enhancing experiences within the NHS would not be possible without the incredible generosity of individuals such as yourselves. Your ongoing kindness is creating a lasting legacy towards those who access our SROMC for many years to come.

HHCC celebrate the impact our donors create by providing updates on the latest HHCC news, events and information. Please find our Keeping in Touch and Gift Aid form on the next page for you to complete and hear about how we are using donations such as yours to help do more for service users and their families.

Thank you once again for your invaluable and immense support. The regular and meaningful giving from all who choose to donate contributes greatly towards the longevity of HHCC and champions our purpose.

Yours sincerely,

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Charity and Volunteer Officer

Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust Hospital, Planning, 3rd Floor, Lancaster Park Road, Harrogate, HG2 7SX Tel: 01423 557408 or Email: hdft.hhcc@nhs.net



Safeguarding

Halloween and Bonfire Night

Halloween

• Clothing – while it's great for children to dress up, most Halloween costumes are highly flammable so focus on using LED light candles.

When trick or treating, children should be supervised at all times and parents aware of the dangers of naked flames in Halloween decor (pumpkins/lanterns) and bonfires.



- **Pumpkin Lanterns** don't use real candles in them, get the led t-lights they are brighter than a real candle.
- **Door knocking** go with parents to people you know. Only knock-on doors where there is a clear sign they want you to, e.g. a lantern on the doorstep. Many people are vulnerable and don't really want lots of people knocking.
- **Treats** always ask a grown up before eating any of the sweet treats you collect. Never accept or eat any homemade treats form people you don't know. Only eat treats that are securely sealed in individual shop brought wrappers.
- Parents think, where are your children? Try to encourage children to have a sensible approach to the

Fireworks & Bonfire

- Attend- organised displays where possible.
- **Sparklers** wear gloves and put each sparkler into a carrot. This makes it much easier for little hands to hold safely. Have a bucket of water to put sparkler sticks in as they are very hot even when out. When at a display, stick them in the ground to cool them and make sure children are in a good space when using sparklers so they don't accidentally burn someone else.

If an accident does happen and clothes catch on fire the advice is to STOP, DROP & ROLL

ALWAYS

- Always buy fireworks from a reputable seller, every firework should have a CE mark on them to state they have passed the required safety standards.
- Always keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Always read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
- Always light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Always keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Always direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators or flammable objects such as bushes and trees.

NEVER

- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket and never throw them.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Never let children play with fireworks.



Safeguarding

Halloween and Bonfire Night Cont...

Bonfire Questions Answered

- **Q) What is proposed to be burned on the bonfire?** All material should be clean and safe, no treated wood, tyres, plastics, rubber and oil should be burned. Only burn small amounts of paper, leaves, wood and cardboard and ensure the waste is kept secure before burning. If the waste can harm health or pollute the environment it should not be burned.
- **Q)** Where has that material come from? Don't be a victim of waste crime, do not accept waste from a business, commercial or industrial setting, it should be waste that has originated from your domestic property only. If you suspect illegal waste activity report it anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or if waste is being burned contact North Yorkshire Council (Harrogate area) on: 0300 131 2 131 or report it online via this link Environmental protection enquiries and issues About this form Section 1 SRT My Harrogate or send an email to environmentalprotect.har@northyorks.gov.uk.
- **Q)** Is it appropriate, safe and legal to burn? Follow the above advice and that stated in the documents below and ensure you position the bonfire in a safe area where there is no risk of other buildings, land or trees catching fire, or people being hurt. Manage the fire to ensure flames and smoke are controlled, and ensure the fire is never left unattended.

If you decide to have a bonfire or fireworks at home make sure you are fully aware of the information above and that stated in the following useful documents.

Remember Bonfire Night but make it legal and safe: Remember remember bonfire night but make it legal and safe - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Burning waste on campfires and bonfire: GOV.UK

Garden Bonfires: The rules: Garden bonfires: the rules - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

A community guide to celebrating with bonfires and fireworks: Celebrating with bonfires and fireworks - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

RoSPA: https://www.rospa.com/policy/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety





If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Elouise Foster - Deputy Safeguarding Lead or Miss Anneka Brown - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642

Online Parenting Support

Online parenting support for a variety of issues

Parents and carers | ERIC - Free helpline: 0808 169 9949 Mon to Thur, 10am - 2pm ERIC offers a range of support and information for parents and carers

Potty training Constipation and soiling Daytime bladder problems Bedwetting

Body image | YoungMinds

What is body image?

How can body image affect my mental health?

What to do if you're worried about how you look

Body positivity

How you can support a friend struggling with body image

Get help now

Keeping children safe online | NSPCC - Online safety advice

Teenage drinking | Drinkaware

What are the reasons that some teenagers drink, what are the risks, and how can parents and carers help keep them healthy and out of trouble?

Teen Vaping Stats, Facts, How to Spot and How to Help Them to Stop | Allen Carr

Teen Vaping Statistics, Facts, How to Spot and How to Help Teens to Stop Vaping

Worried about your teenager? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

If you're worried about your teenager's behaviour or general wellbeing

Home - Stop.Breathe.Think (stopbreathethink.org.uk)

Stop.Breathe.Think gives young people, aged 21 or younger, access to free 1-1 counselling sessions. No wait times and available nationally, we provide vital support to those who need it right now. Stop.Breathe.

Information and Community Events













www.sportinginfluence.com

Information and Community Events



Join us this Autumn

Tuesday 29th October 10.30am - 12pm





Has your child had their eyes tested yet?

Yorkshire should

visit an optician

This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

When should you get your child a free eye test? Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians use this link for local practices Find an optician - NHS.

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to help with the cost.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to avoid or prevent longer-term eye problems.
- Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- They are no longer tested in school.

How can you tell if your child has an eye problem? Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to take your child for an eye test.

Signs of a possible eye problem

- · having one eye that turns in or out
- · difficulty concentrating
- · behavioural problems
- headaches
- · rubbing their eyes a lot
- · sitting too close to the TV
- · screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- · holding things close to them

An eye test is very important especially if there's a history of early glasses use, childhood eye problems, squint or lazy eye, in your family.

Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including screen use. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by managing screen use and encouraging them to get outside often (this helps their eyesight).

More Information:

- NHS information: nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/
- · Find an optician: Find an optician NHS
- Information on Vision/Eye tests Humber and North Yorkshire ICB
- · Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in Craven, West Yorkshire ICB
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes College of Optometrists
- Children's eye health Association of Optometrists





Community Events



29TH AND 3OTH OCTOBER

LIBRARY GARDENS

10AM - 4PM

FIND OUT MORE:
HARROGATEBID.CO.UK/HALLOWEEN

COLLECT A TRAIL SHEET FROM
EVERYMAN CINEMA, COMPLETE THE
TRAIL AND RETURN YOUR SHEET ON
29TH OR 3OTH OCTOBER TO THE
PUMPKIN PATCH AND COLLECT
YOUR FREE PUMPKIN!

PUMPKINS ARE AVAILABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST







Community Events





