



## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2024

### FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
<b>RIPLEY</b>	96%	96%	96%	97%N	N/A
<b>BECKWITHSHAW</b>	95%	94%	95%	98%	95%
<b>KETTLESING</b>	96%	98%	96%	96%	N/A

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 Parent and Carers,

As we come towards the end of the Spring Term I would like to share some wonderful highlights with you and reflect on what has been another, outstanding term.

Children have experienced a wealth of enrichment activities: Railway Museum, Leeds City Museum, Leeds City Art Gallery, Zoom calls with NASA Astronauts, Zoom calls with famous authors and illustrators, life-saving Mini-Medics, chicks, dance competitions, Easter bonnet parades and much more! These valuable experiences lift our curriculum off the paper and give your children the most memorable life experiences. You can follow all our activities on our social media accounts.

In addition to the above, we have again been successful with gaining awards: all schools receiving national attendance awards -Beckwithshaw and Ripley in the top 25% and Kettlesing in the top 10%! Kettlesing and Beckwithshaw have also been shortlisted for the Service Children's Friendly School Award 2024 (we find out on 22.03) and the Kettlesingers sang beautifully in the Harrogate Competitive Music Festival 2024. As you can see, even though a short term, we have done so much!

Thank you so much to all those who filled in our Spring Term Questionnaire, as you will see from the above, trips, visits, clubs, staffing, and experiences post pandemic were key points raised from Autumn along with help for homework to support yourselves and increased communication channels. The questionnaires are a super way for us to support you and to action your ideas and thoughts. Thank you so much for all the wonderful responses to this term's. Highlights being that your children are telling you all about their learning when they get home; communication continues to be much improved; staffing is settled and children learning well; your children have access to more clubs and trips and the competitions they now take part in build that team spirit. 100% feel their child is kept safe at school; that your child does well in school and that 'staff are working well together and are happy and fulfilled in their job. They all know the children even if they are not in their class.' All these comments really do shine through.

Of course, there are always things for us to reflect on and this is why we hugely value not only termly questionnaires but the conversations we have with you. The feedback regarding teacher/TA support if staff are redeployed for behaviour support; increased usage of school fields, even more whole federation events; FORS, FOBS and FOKS targeted fundraising; cooking and baking (life skills) and even more clubs on offer will all be discussion points as we transition after Easter from an IEB to a Full Governing body: another hugely exciting and positive move forward for our federation.

I continue to be proud of all stakeholders and to lead this wonderfully successful federation of schools - I know you are too as 100% of those who completed the questionnaire felt proud that their child attends our federation. How delightful!

Wishing you all a restful, Easter break and on behalf of all staff, thank you.

Warmest Regards

Miss Kirkman, Executive Headteacher

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
25th March - 5th April	Easter Holidays - School closed to all pupils
8th April	Staff Training Day - School Closed
9th April	School Re-Opens to all pupils
9th April	Royal Hall Rehearsal - 3.45pm at Kettlesing
10th -15th April	Scholastics Book Fair
12th April	SMSC - Flag Day
18th April	Class 1 Harlow Carr Trip
18th April	Cake Sale Class 3 & 4 (FOBS Event)
19th April	Royal Hall Rehearsal - 3.45pm at Ripley
26th April	Royal Hall Concert
6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
WC 13th May	KS2 SATS
24th May	Last Day of Summer 1 Half Term

### Harrogate District School of

We are delighted that due to a very kind donation of £71.00 this half term, our total now stands at

**£926.55**



School of  
**SANCTUARY AWARD**  
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary



## REMINDERS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION

**PARENTMAIL ACCOUNTS** - Please ensure all outstanding balances on your child's ParentMail accounts are settled in full by the end of the Spring term/Easter Holidays.

A polite reminder that all school dinners, and wraparound care bookings should be paid for in advance of the meal/session being taken. Where dinners or wraparound care fall into arrears, letters will be sent home in line North Yorkshires policies, and the T&C's of Club.

**As always, if you wish to discuss financial matters in confidence, please do not hesitate to call Mrs O'Connell on 01423 504642**

## CLUBS FOR SUMMER

**Monday 12.30pm—1pm - Computing with Miss Miller (KS1)**

**Tuesday Lunch Time - Flute Stars with Mrs Lyne**

**Wednesday 3.30pm—4.30pm - Football with Harrogate AFC**

**Thursday Lunch Time - Federation Choir with Mrs Lyne**

**Friday Lunch Time - Ready Steady Sing with Mrs Lyne**

**Friday Lunch Time - Gardening Club with Mrs Parr**

**Friday 3.30pm—4.30pm - Athletics with Sporting Influence**

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

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

All Clubs will be charged at £4.50 per session and run for 7 weeks from WC 09.04.24 - WC 20.05.24. The full payment of £31.50 will be required to secure your child's place.

**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 MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024**

### **SATS CLUB - Year 6**

**Mrs Lyne will continue with Year 6 SATS Club every Wednesday morning (8am)**

## SUMMER TERM

We are delighted that every child in school will have a chance to attend Forest School for the Summer Term. The children will learn about how to stay safe in the forest, will enjoy a campfire. Kit List has been sent home.

**Class 2**, Dates: 11th April, 18th April & 25th April 2024

**Class 1**, Dates: 2nd May, 9th May, 16th May & 23rd May 2024

**Class 3**, Dates: 6th June, 13th June & 19th June 2024

**Class 4**, Dates: 27th June, 4th July & 11th July 2024

## HOUSE POINT TALLY



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## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH

### Class 1:

What a term we've had in Class One!

We've been so lucky to have so many amazing learning activities over the last few weeks and these have created so much positive development for each of the children and for us as a class.

Science week seen us enjoying Owl Adventures where we all got to hold an owl and learn about their habitat and lifestyle. We visited farming live to see a morning in the life of a farmer and got to see some newly born lambs and we have continued our work on comparing animals, whilst supporting Class 4 with their chicks.

We even got a little cuddle!

Our writing continues to grow, not only in English, but across the wider curriculum. We have been working hard to produce some fantastic setting descriptions of the Kalahari Desert and are currently creating postcards to send to Sunny the Meerkat!

We have developed our understanding in PSHE of what it means to be healthy and how this is not only physical but mental also. We now know that exercise, diet, sleep and wellbeing all contribute to keeping ourselves healthy and happy.

We continue to challenge ourselves daily with phonics and our progress and success is most definitely showing in our reading and writing. Miss Miller is so impressed with the work ethic and behaviour standards we have maintained, and our class results and the work produced are showing just how much effort we are putting into our learning!

It has been a pleasure to spend my first term with Class One and I simply cannot wait for all the exciting activities to commence in Summer We have another half term of enriched learning to come...



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH

### Class 2:

Class 2 have been working really hard since February half term. We have learnt lots of new things and truly enjoyed the hands-on learning that has come with British Science Week.

During British Science Week, we got to meet lots of different types of owls and a Harris Hawk; which were incredible.

We also got the chance to meet and hold our school chicks Wiggles and Rhubarb.

Finally, we finished British Science Week with a virtual NFU farming experience where we were taken through the job of a farm vet.

Year 3 have learnt a lot this term during their first-time swimming with KS2.

KS1 Dance Competition -Year 2 did Mrs Sabet, Miss Povey and Miss Miller proud. They performed and behaved beautifully.

We loved having Owl Adventures back this time with snakes, spiders and a bearded dragon. Lots of the children were so brave to hold the carpet python.

We cannot wait for all the exciting things planned for the Summer term.



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH

### Class 3:

I can't believe we're in the final week of the spring term, with just one more term left – where has the time gone?

This half term Class 3 have been very focused on science.

We have had a brilliant 'time' celebrating British Science Week.

We have designed our own farms of the future, entered the British Science Week poster competition, had Owl Adventures come in to show us some birds of prey and reptiles, looked at life cycles of mammals, plants, birds, insects and amphibians and there is more to come!

We have mini medics soon and Sublime Science coming in to have a day filled with crazy science experiments.



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH

### Class 4:

Class 4 have loved having the chicks here at Beckwithshaw and whilst we were sad for them to leave, we know that both Rhubarb and Wiggles will be happy back on the farm and reunited with Yolky and Fizzy who are thriving.

It was fabulous to witness new life right before our eyes, linking in with our learning about the life cycles of birds, amphibians, mammals and insects, making observations and comparisons.

During British Science week, we looked specifically at how these animals change over time and we were interested to link our work with the rainforest animals too, finding out more about how macaws are vulnerable creatures and how important it is to protect our rainforest for a brighter future. It was thoroughly interesting and enjoyable to have owls and reptiles in our school building for first hand observation...

The RE work this half term was all about Easter and it allowed us to use our art skills to portray the events of Holy Week. We were invited to the church for Easter stories too which was a lovely community event.

Our Flute Stars group are enjoying learning on Tuesdays with the federation choir busy rehearsing for the Royal Hall performance. The Ready Steady Sing group will be performing for our parents and carers on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May during Celebration Assembly in the Village Hall.



### **Class 4 Queen Ethelburga's - Samba Drumming Workshop**

Class 4 thoroughly enjoyed their trip out to the Samba drumming workshop at Queen Ethelburga's. We played as a huge ensemble (bacteria) and had such fun learning different rhythmic patterns.



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH

### Class 4 Continued



### FOBS

Thank you to our FOBS team for all the fundraising events they have arranged so far. We are so excited for the Summer Term and look forward in working with you for the Summer Term.

Our FOBS team would also like to thank each and every one of you for your support. It is really appreciated. If anyone has any ideas for fundraising please do not hesitate to contact any of the team.



Thank you for your donation on Friday 15th  
March, we raised £54.00

## EASTER BONNET / HAT PARADE

Well done to everyone in our Easter bonnet parade this week. The effort from you all is incredible. Another huge well done to our Easter bonnet winners, we hope you enjoy the eggs!





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**LIVE FOR TODAY**

*Disc Golf @ Ripley Castle*



**You're Invited!**  
Saturday 30th March 2024  
10am - 3pm | FREE

Ripley residents are invited to join Live For Today to celebrate the launch of our latest activity on the castle grounds, Disc Golf.



**RSVP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE**

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## Woodland Wellbeing Forest School Sessions



**For children aged 6-12yrs**

**Saturdays 9.30-11.30am beginning Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**In the Grounds of Moorside Primary School and Nursery,  
Ripon, HG4 1SU**

**Ratio- 1 leader: 4 children (total 8 places)**

**This is a programme of 6 sessions aimed at supporting children with their  
physical, social and emotional wellbeing**

**Forest School in a small group environment, where individuals can be supported  
and have the space to flourish in nature**

**Our leaders play and explore with the children; side by side using a therapeutic  
approach, to build their confidence, resilience, independence and self-esteem**

**Sessions include natural craft, tools, fire lighting, campfire cooking, den building,  
mud play, tree climbing, hammocks and more....**

**£25 per session including snacks**

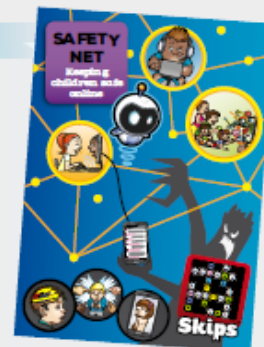
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## A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



**Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.**

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact:

Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs Elouise Foster / Mrs Katy Lyne / Miss Emma Povey - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Beckwithshaw 01423 504642, Ripley 01423 770160, or Kettlesing 01423 770576