



BECKWITHSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – JUNE / JULY 2024

FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
RIPLEY	95%	95%	95%	96%	NA
BECKWITHSHAW	97%	96%	96%	96%	99%
KETTLESING	96%	96%	96%	95%	NA

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,

Thank you to everyone that came along to sports day. It was a huge success, and we are so proud of all of the children that took part. A big thank you to Miss Bruce for such a well organised event enjoyed by all.

We also very much look forward to the Y6 Leaver's Assemblies and school productions as we embark on these exciting, final few weeks of the academic year.

We eagerly await the KS2 SATS results on the 9th of July and across our federation, celebrate not only the academic successes but those of each, individual child in our federation. You should be hugely proud of your children as we all are in school.

In the last week, I will write to close the year however in the meantime, enjoy all our events and thank you for your continued support. Please be reminded that all of our wonderful experiences are posted on our social media pages.

Warmest Regards

Miss Kirkman
Executive Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY



DATE	EVENT
8th July	Year 6's Leavers Assembly @ 2pm in the Village Hall, and everyone can attend. Seats will be reserved at the front for our Year 6 parents.
9th July	KS2 SATS Results
11th July	New Starter and Moving up Morning. Children from Years 1-5 will be joined by the new Reception children.
15th & 16th July	Federation - Year 4's & 5's Residential to Carlton Lodge
19th July	Last Day Of Summer Term— school closes at 3.30pm— wraparound care will be on as normal
2nd & 3rd September	Staff Training Days
4th September	School re-opens to all pupils— Autumn 1

Harrogate District School Of Sanctuary

We are delighted that fundraising continues for the Harrogate District of Sanctuary which has been our chosen charity this year. Not only do we look forward to or formal assessment in the hope of becoming the very first 'Federation of Sanctuary, but we feel proud of the work each school has completed in educating our children about asylum seeking, refugee families. At our federation we, 'grow together, guided by love' and one thing is certain; our schools really are a place of sanctuary for all.



Governing Body

On 18th July, we hold our final Governing Body meeting of the academic year and are delighted that already, the Governors have been into school to meet with staff, find out more about SEND, behaviour, curriculum, safeguarding health and safety and much more. Having such a positive and proactive governing body for our federation already has had impact and we very much look forward to taking our federation to future success as a strong and stable leadership.

Royal Hall

The eleven local rural primary schools, including our 3 school federation have raised in excess of £6,774 to be shared between two local charities - The Harrogate Robert Ogden Centre and Lauren Doherty Road Safety - by performing a charity concert at the Royal Hall in Harrogate. What a truly amazing achievement and wonderful evening!



Reminders, Updates, and Information

Hot Weather - We have quite a few children in school who are not bringing in water bottles, sun hats, or wearing sun cream. With the increasing hot weather, children must have these items with them everyday. Permissions for sun cream are available on ParentMail, if not already completed. Please also note that sandals are not part of the federation uniform policy and should not be worn to school.

Jewellery and watches - 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.

Class and Leavers Photos - A reminder that links to this years class and year 6 leavers photo were sent to all parents 2 weeks ago, and available to order directly through the School House Photography website.

Parent Mail Accounts - As we approach the end of the academic year, 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 for WC 15th July on Friday 19th July. Please ensure all remaining balances are cleared in full before Monday 22nd July 2024.

School Meals September 2024 - From September, the meal price will increase to £3.20 per meal as per the previous email communication. The meal option will now change twice a year, as opposed to the current three time a year. Therefore, the menu sent out for Autumn, will continue through to the end of the Spring 1 term. The second menu will run from Spring 2 - the end of the academic year. Menu 2 will be sent out in Spring 1 for you to choose new options.

Year 4/5 Residential - Please ensure any remaining balances are paid in full as soon as possible.

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

Clubs for Autumn and Treetops Club Bookings

We are delighted to announce that Sporting Influence and Harrogate AFC will be returning for the full 24/25 academic year across the federation, providing after school clubs for those in years 1-6. We will also run a teacher lead club one evening a week, which will change each term. Full details of these clubs and bookings, will be sent out prior to the end of the Summer term.

New Autumn Treetops booking forms will be sent out WC 8th July. Please ensure these are completed and returned by Friday 19th July 2024.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

What a start to our very last half term!

Class One are showing their maturity and just how ready they are for their transitions! We have been exploring the UK whilst looking at beaches and seascides along the coast. The children have enjoyed singing songs to remind them of the seas surrounding the UK and practising using Google Earth to establish capital cities within the UK.

We have continued to make phenomenal progress in our maths with our year 1s becoming money whizzes whilst reception have been focussed on repeating complex patterns. Our writing has completely blown Miss Miller away where the children have enjoyed reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and 'What the ladybird heard at the Seaside'. Reception are now writing independent full sentences with capital letters and full stops. Year 1 have been working hard on their newspaper reports and are just working on producing a character description for grumpy Mr Grinling!

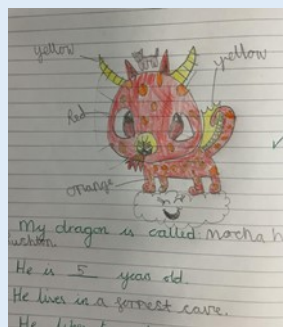
We have been loving our athletics lessons in P.E and have found there is something for everybody to enjoy! Our P.E lessons really helped us to prepare for sports day, which I'm sure you will agree was an outstanding day.

Our PSHE has been a favourite hit so far and the children have enjoyed looking at photographs of themselves as babies and trying to guess who is who - Miss Miller thinks they were all super adorable! We have been focussing on how our bodies change as we get older and what we notice is different from being a baby.

We have worked so hard and continue to do so every day. Miss Miller couldn't be prouder of us and feels we are really showing our abilities! What superstars Class One.



Class 2 have had a fabulous year and are really enjoying everything of the last half term before moving up. This half term Class 2 have had the opportunity to put their maths skills to practical use of solving mysteries using teamwork! They have enjoyed reading *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepperd and designing their own dragon creations to write about. In DT the children loved getting to build their own chair structures and decorating them to give it some personality. Year 2 have worked extremely hard towards their SATs and Year 3 have worked well on their problem solving and reasoning skills to deepen their understanding across the curriculum. Class 2 have also had lots of opportunities this half term for extra curricular learning including Mini Medics, Striking and Fielding competition, Dodgeball competition and Countryside Live.



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

This half term **class 3** has been exploring the book "Varjak Paw." Inspired by its exciting story, students have been crafting their own narratives. They've been learning to develop characters, build suspense, and create vivid settings. It's been an amazing journey into storytelling, sparking creativity and imagination in everyone!

Year 5 students have been mastering decimals and negative numbers, enhancing their mathematical skills. Meanwhile, Year 4 students have been exploring shapes and statistics, learning to analyse and interpret data. Both year groups are making great strides in their understanding of these key mathematical concepts.

In Geography, we've been exploring our local area, learning about its physical and human features. In Science, we concluded our topic on forces and began an exciting new study on asteroids. Both subjects have sparked curiosity and deepened our understanding of the world around us.



Class 4: The weather was glorious as the Year 6 children set out on their residential to Beverley Park for two nights away from home with their friends, not only from Beckwithshaw but across the federation. The children engaged in many fun outdoor activities including a river walk which involved making a courageous jump into water at the end, den and bush craft as well as canoeing and alien orienteering. The excitement levels remained high in an evening as the children enjoyed the disco and games room, a visit to the tuck shop and time outdoors playing football and rounders with friends.

On the final morning, we visited Brimham rocks for an educational climbing experience where the children tested their resilience as they squeezed through small gaps, emerged from underground hide-outs and learnt climbing techniques. It was AMAZING! The staff team worked hard to ensure the children started the day positively with a dorm dance and for some, a teddy parade!

The visit was brilliant from start to finish and it was a pleasure to take the children away where it is hoped they have made special memories and learnt life skills. The staff at Beverley were extremely complimentary about our school group and were impressed with their polite manners, listening and increased resilience during their adventures. Well done Year 6!

To our lovely Year 6 Children: As you enter the next stage of your education with excitement, our school community wish you every happiness and success, hoping that you embrace new challenges with courage and compassion. We hope that you treasure your primary years and the special time you have had here at Beckwithshaw. Open your minds to new opportunities and friendships and enjoy all that secondary school has to offer, following your individual passions and interests. Thank you and good luck for the future.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

Class 4 Pictures:



HOUSE POINT TALLY



DAFFODIL



ROSE



SHAMROCK



THISTLE

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3608

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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

KS2 Countryside Day

The children enjoyed a variety of experiences including pond dipping, cycle try outs, creature feature, mobile farm and the sheep show.



Sports Day

Wow! What a fabulous sports day Beckwithshaw. All children, staff and parents have worked so hard and had a great afternoon full of fun. Thank you so much to Miss Bruce from Sporting Influence for organising and leading such a successful event. Thank you also to our amazing parent/carers community who have supported us, volunteered and been so encouraging. The children couldn't have better support systems.



Y1/2 and 3/4 Dodgeball Competition

Students in Year 1,2,3 and 4 took part in Sporting Influence's dodgeball competition. The children were impeccably behaved and very respectful of all teams. We are all super proud of you.



Friends of Beckwithshaw School

As you are aware our Beckwithshaw PTA is amazing!

They raise vital funds for our wonderful school whilst leading fun activities for our children.

We are on the lookout for new members! Any commitment is great and will be hugely valued by the Beckwithshaw community.

We say goodbye to Mrs Bradley who will be having her baby and Mrs Farrington whose work commitments outside of school mean she cannot commit. Thank you to both for their tireless work this academic year 😊

Trip to Light Water Valley

What a wonderful whole school trip to Light Water Valley! Thank you so much to the FOBS team for providing this experience for the children. Lots of smiles and sunshine, a perfect day!



Community Events



ACTIVITY CAMPS

ASHVILLE COLLEGE

Every School Holiday

Reception - Year 9

8:30am - 4:00pm

(wrap around care available)

JOIN US AND
EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

BIGGER & BETTER
THAN EVER BEFORE



Registered

www.sportinginfluence.com

Community Events

Free Family Days Out Harrogate District

If you are planning some days out over summer, below is a list of ideas for free family days out in the district.

Picnic at Knaresborough River – Horse shoe field / Conyingham Hall parking.

Valley Gardens Harrogate Play park & Walk HG1 2SZ (Crazy Golf extra payment)

Bike ride Bilton to Ripley cycle way (Flat course)

Pine Woods Walk & Picnic near Valley Gardens

Birk Cragg, walk & scrambling in stream

Almscliffe Cragg, walk & climbing rocks

Brimham Rocks HG3 4DW (Pay for parking)

7 Bridges walk Ripon

Reservoir walks: Swinsty, Fewston & Thruscross – Car parking available

Further a field

West Yorkshire Sculpture Park (Pay for parking)

York Railway museum – Free entry (Use park & ride)

Otley Chevin – Walk & rocks LS21 3DG

Bolton Abbey (Pay for Parking £10)

Appletreewick river free parking

Pateley Bridge – Playgrounds and river walk

Ingleton Falls Walk – Walk around the top for free & see Thornton Force & Beezley Falls for free too.

Aysgarth Falls (DL8 3TH) Parking £4.50 all day £2.50 2hrs – Dog Friendly

Malham Cove

Golden Acre park

Roundhay Park - Leeds

Temple Newsam grounds

Closest Beach – Redcar, Saltburn, Filey Buckets & Spades

Safeguarding

This month, with the arrival of warmer weather, we would like to focus on **Water Safety**.



Royal Lifesaving Society UK (RLSS) Top Tips

Drowning accidents are especially high in the summer months and over the last few years, RLSS have heard of too many tragedies that could have been avoided. Every year people drown both at home and on holiday because they don't take simple precautions, RLSS want people to enjoy the water safely. In the last 5 years, 39% of all UK drownings occurred in June, July and August. Here are their top tips:

Look out for lifeguards

If you're looking for a place to cool off always find a lifeguarded swimming site.

It's colder than it looks

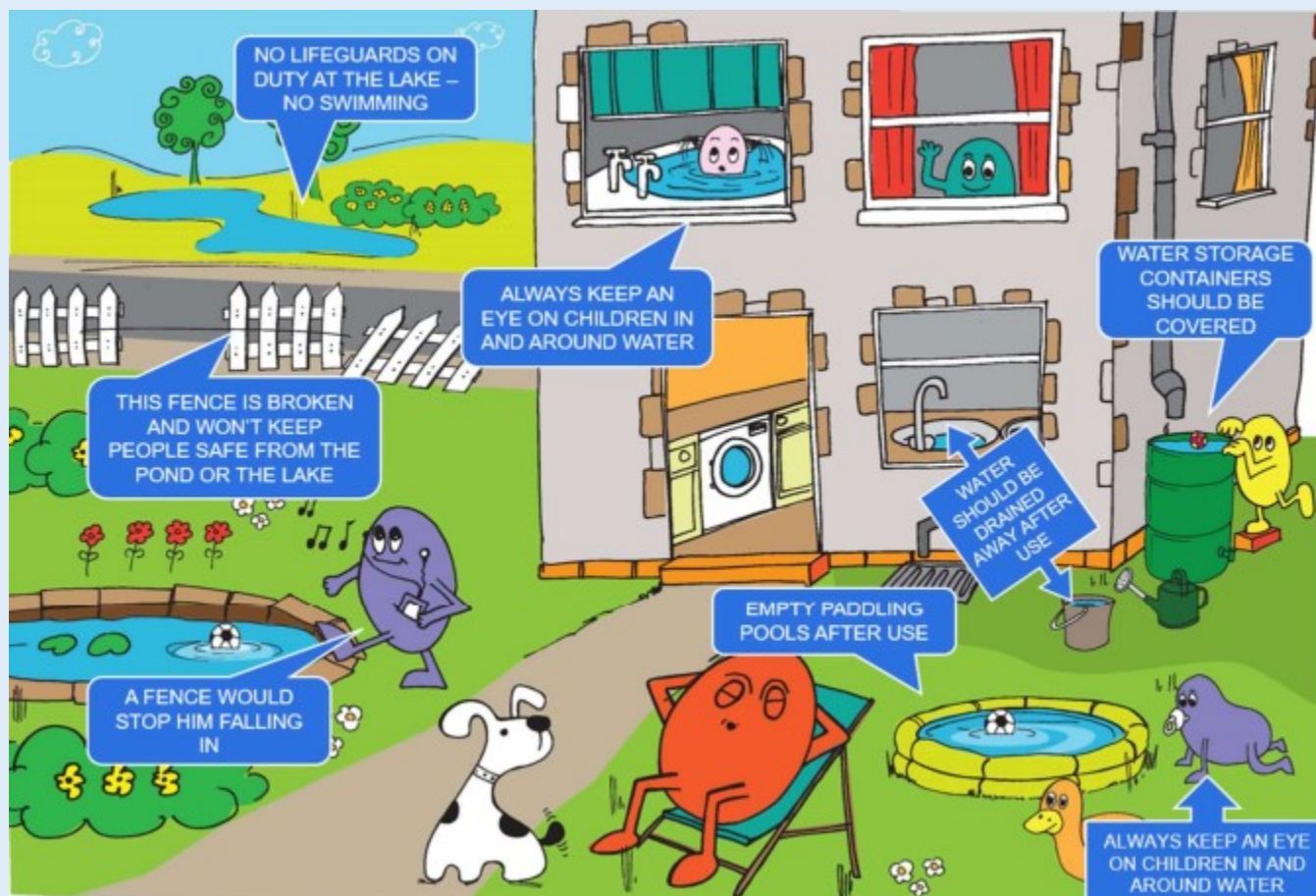
Water at open water and inland sites is often much colder than it looks, cold water can affect your ability to swim and self-rescue.

It's stronger than it looks

Currents in the water can be very strong. If you find yourself caught in a rip current – don't swim against it – you'll tire yourself out. Swim with the current and call for help.

Bring a friend

Always bring a friend when you go swimming so if anything goes wrong you've got someone there to help.



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 Kettleing 01423 770576