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Next Week's Events

Monday 20th January - FREE sports club until 4.30pm followed by Pay & Play after school club

Tuesday 21stth January – Change for Life sports session – small group of year 3 & 4 children

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Wednesday 22nd January– Coffee afternoon for parents from 2.30pm, in the dining hall

Craft after school club with Mrs Simpson

SAT's club continues for Year 6 pupils 3.30pm – 4.30pm at INFANT building

Thursday 23rd January –Infant trip to Beamish

AJ Academy after school club followed by Pay & Play

Friday 24th January – Walk through the bible session with Jen for KS2 children

Swimming sessions continue for small group of children

Future Diary Dates

Monday 27th January – Celebration Assembly 3.00pm in the dining hall, then every Monday after that.

Wednesday 12th February – whole school Judo morning

Thursday 5th March – Forest Schools starts for year 3 & 4 children.

World Book Day

Achievers

Infant achiever: **Oliver** for trying hard with writing

Junior achiever: **Lucas McGregor** for achievement and concentration in maths

Head Teacher's Award: **Connie** for a carefully considered beginning to our science topic

SATs Club

Our SAT's club started this week, for the year 6 children. They were very enthusiastic and willing to learn, which is a great attitude to have in the run up to SAT's tests in May.

Robinwood

A gentle reminder that the deposit of £50 for Robinwood is due on Monday. This has been added to your on-line payment system.

Change for Life sports

Some of the year 3 & 4 children will be participating in a sports event at Richmond School next Tuesday. There will be various events, including dodgeball, tri-golf and obstacle relays. Those involved were given a letter on Wednesday.

Friends of the School

The Friends had a meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss future fundraising events. They have organised a Valentines disco for 14th February 4-6pm, at the Village Hall – pay on the door, food included. They also suggested that the children come up with some ideas for what **they** would like money raised by the Friends to be spent on, as it is to benefit **them** whilst they are at our school.

If they have any ideas of how they would like the money to be spent, please could they contact our School Council (Hannah, Freya, Isabella, Taylor & Lucas Trenholm).

Beamish Trip

The infant children are visiting Beamish Open Air Museum on Thursday to take part in a Florence Nightingale workshop. The trip will take place during school hours.

AJ Academy

Those who take part in the AJ Academy after school club are performing The Addams Family at the village hall on Thursday 30th January at 4.30pm. Parents, friends and neighbours are all welcome to attend. Please do come along and support the children.

Coffee afternoon

We would like to invite you all to a coffee afternoon on Wednesday 22nd January at 2.30pm, in the dining hall. Mr Linsley will be there and is hoping to meet as many parents as possible, in order to get to know people better.

Visit to Melsonby School

On Tuesday the KS1 children visited Melsonby School to take part in a joint workshop about Florence Nightingale. This is part of their topic work this term. They had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the session and meeting up with their friends from Melsonby.

Wednesday sport

Weather permitting, the junior children will be doing their PE session on the playing field. Please ensure your child has warm, outdoor clothing.

Thank you

Thank you to Ross Hodgson for fixing our leaking kitchen tap. Greatly appreciated.

From the Head

I would like to thank the school community for the warm welcome I have received since becoming Acting Executive Headteacher in January. I have had an enjoyable two weeks as I've started to get to know staff and particularly pupils and parents further.

Currently my timetable is very flexible across the three schools but I will always be at North & South Cowton as a general rule on Monday afternoons. The school celebration assembly will now be at 3pm on a Monday afternoon parents, family and friends are welcome to join us. This will start on Monday 27th January. Awards will be shared in the newsletter the week before but even if your child hasn't got an award you are still more than welcome to attend the assembly.

I hope to share a more regular timetable with you all as the term progresses however I am currently enjoying the opportunity to experience different aspects of school life throughout the week. This week I have had the pleasure of watching pupils enjoy PE coaching sessions, DT lessons and a visit to Melsonby to see Florence Nightingale. I have been impressed by the learning opportunities provided by teachers in English and Maths lessons and the keenness of pupils to engage in their learning. I have explained to pupils how much I value manners, politeness and a willingness to listen to teachers and do their very best.

The school very much relies on community support and has the potential to grow if we promote all the many positive aspects the school has. I would like the opportunity to get to know parents better and understand their thoughts and feelings about the school in order to move forwards together throughout the rest of the year. I would like to invite parents to a coffee afternoon on Wednesday 22nd January at 2:30pm at the dining hall. If you are unable to make this but would like to chat please feel free to make an appointment at the office.

