

## Next Week's Events

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - FREE sports club until 4.30pm followed by Pay & Play after school club

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**- KS2 trip to Wensleydale Creamery & Dales Countryside Museum

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**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** -

After school club with Connie SAT's club continues for Year 6 pupils 3.30pm - 4.30pm at INFANT building

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**- Forest Schools starts for year 3 & 4 pupils

**World Book Day**

AJ Academy after school club, followed by Pay & Play

## Future Diary Dates

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Hockey - team only

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Book Fair

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - Book Fair

## THINGS TO REMEMBER - KS2

Signed reading records Monday

Orange spelling books every day

Reading books every day

Full school uniform Wednesday

Trainers every Friday

Musical instruments every Friday

## THINGS TO REMEMBER - KS1

Full school uniform Wednesday

Trainers every Friday

## Achievers

*Infant Achiever: Evan for improvement and effort at swimming*

*Junior Achiever: Callum for effort and enthusiasm in all work*

*Head Teacher's Award: Toby for working independently in maths and self-evaluation of writing*

*Values Award: Hannah & Isabella for being excellent role models in school*

## Heads Up!

Snow Way!

The start of the week saw the arrival of snow showers in many parts of North Yorkshire. Fortunately Cowton was relatively unscathed compared to other nearby towns. However I would like to thank the staff for ensuring they made it into school despite some treacherous driving conditions during early morning. Hopefully we have avoided the worst of the weather and can look forward to a warmer Spring. If the snow does return we will always endeavour to open the school but the safety of staff, pupils and parents is paramount and we will never encourage any unnecessary risk taking to travel to school. We will always try and text parents or alert them through local media or school social media channels as soon as we can.



## Rugby

It was fantastic to see pupils arriving at school in lovely kit ready to play Tag-Rugby this morning. Thanks to Mrs Morrice for coaching and taking the team. Hopefully they will be inspired by the performance of the England rugby team at the weekend and we can grow the next set of Six-Nations Stars! It is fantastic to see the school investing time, money and parental support into providing PE and Sport opportunities for pupils as it will help develop them both physically and mentally!



## Poetry

I had the pleasure of spending time in Class 1 on Thursday morning and was very impressed with the poetry they had written! Well Done!

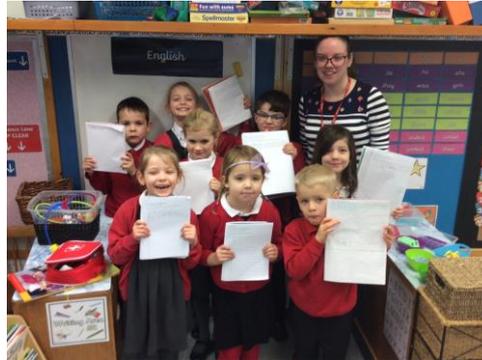
## Website

I have started to look at the website and review dates of upcoming events. If you would like any specific information on the website or are confused about any information that is on there then please contact the office and they can pass the message on to me.

And finally I would like to wish everyone a fantastic weekend, if you are stuck for something to do then Sunderland are live on Sky at 12pm on Sunday and you might be able to spot a familiar face in the away end!  
Thanks for your continued support

*Richard Linsley*

*Executive Headteacher*



## Valentine Disco

A huge thank you to those involved with the valentine disco at the end of last term. There was a great turnout and a lot of fun was had by all.....including Mr Linsley!

## KS2 trip

The junior children will be visiting the Wensleydale Creamery in Hawes and Dales Countryside Museum next Tuesday. They have all had a letter about this - any queries, please just ask.

## Sports Questionnaire

Please find attached collated responses from our recent sport questionnaire. Not all questionnaires were returned so the responses are a summary from a proportion of the schoolchildren.

## Easter Egg Hunt

If the Easter Bunny is free, we are having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Donations would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the office. Thank you.

## Easter Competition - win an Easter Egg!!

If the children would like to be in with the chance of winning an Easter Egg, we would like them to design and make an Easter Garden. It is EGGstremely important that this is constructed in a box no bigger than a shoebox. It should be as creative and EGGciting as possible, but must have an Easter theme. Entry is 50p, to be paid at the office. Entries should be brought into school no later than Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April and they will be judged by an independent adjudicator

## Forest Schools

Forest Schools starts next Thursday, for the children in years 3 & 4. They should come to school in their usual uniform but will need to bring old, warm, outdoor clothing and wellingtons or boots to change into. The sessions will take place regardless of the weather, so please make sure your child is suitably dressed,

## School Council

The School Council is meeting next Wednesday lunchtime. If the children have anything they would like adding to the agenda, they should let the council members know - Freya, Taylor, Isabella & Hannah are our School Council members.

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### **World Book Day**

Next Thursday is World Book Day. If the children so wish, they can come to school dressed as a book character and bring the relevant book with them. If they do not want to wear fancy dress then they should come in usual school uniform and NOT just casual clothes.

### **500 Words Competition**

The junior children have been working really hard over the last few weeks, writing stories to enter into the Radio 2 500 Words writing competition. Each child penned a story, on a subject entirely of their own choice, and they have all been submitted on-line. We have had some fantastic and creative ideas, although it was tricky keeping within the maximum permitted 500 words. The children have all been given a certificate to say they have entered the competition and we are eagerly waiting to hear if any of the stories have been chosen as winners.

### **Parent volunteers**

A huge thank you to the parents who kindly volunteer as drivers to and from our sporting events. Without their help, we would not be able to take part in such events, which are important for the children. We still need a parent to help transport to Richmond School for hockey on 10<sup>th</sup> March, in the morning, and a parent to help with Forest Schools on the village playing field on an afternoon (Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> March, Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> March & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April). If you can help, even just with one or two sessions, please contact the office. Thank you.

### **After school club**

The children have thoroughly enjoyed working with our new after school staff member this week. Connie (who also serves our lunches) has taken over from Angela and is proving very popular with the children. She has some great ideas and, amongst other things, had the children doing poetry and a quiz this week. Welcome Connie!

### **Lunches**

Thanks to all who rallied round on Monday and provided a packed lunch for their children. Melsonby School were unable to provide us with our usual lunches so the only option was for the children to bring their own.

### **Tag Rugby**

Well done to the tag rugby team who did a fantastic job at Richmond yesterday. They finished in a very respectable 7<sup>th</sup> place. Great work!

### **Sports Relief**

Week commencing the 9<sup>th</sup> March is Sport Relief week. Mrs Morrice has organised a whole week of sporting activities, including judo, dance and tennis. Further information to follow.

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