



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Message from Mr M

Parent Consultations

It has been lovely seeing so many of you in school over the last three evenings. I really enjoy Parent Consultations and being able to catch up with all of our families. Hearing so many positive comments as parents leave is great.

For those who have not attended, staff will be chasing you up either to re-arrange or to provide information over the phone. It is essential that you hear how your child is getting on, what their strengths are and what areas they need to improve on. The three-way relationship between school, child and parents is critical in aiding progress.

I would also like some feedback on how the Parent Consultations are for you as parents. I will send a link out next week for you to complete a short survey.

Half Term Awards

Our Half Term Awards Assembly takes place next week with children being nominated in each class for one of 5 awards; EFFORT, ACHIEVEMENT, BEHAVIOUR, SPORT & CURRICULUM EXCELLENCE.



Swimming

Reminder Yr6 swimming sessions start:

6 Hawks - Wednesday 5th Nov for 5 weeks

6 Heroes - Friday 7th Nov for 5 weeks

Thank you so much to those parents who have already paid the voluntary contribution of £17. If you haven't already done so, we would be most grateful if you were able to make a voluntary contribution via Arbor as soon as possible. Thank you.

Reading Celebrations

Afternoon Tea & cake with Mr Mottram takes place on Thursday 23rd October.

This is for pupils who have reached the GOLD STANDARD in their reading this half term. They will be awarded during next week's AWARD assembly and will then be invited for Afternoon Tea.

We have been really impressed by the number of children committing to their reading this half term. It has definitely had a big impact on those giving it their all!

Year 6 Open Events

Secondary School

Secondary School Applications for 26/27 must be made by 31st October 2025.

Applications are made via the North Yorkshire Admissions Team;
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school>

Remembrance

Year 4 will be leading our school Remembrance event which takes place on the school field.



We invite all of our parents and family members to join us for this short service to pay our respects.

It also provides an opportunity for our Year 4 pupils to share with the school community what they have been learning about Remembrance.

Tuesday 11th November - 10:30am
School Field (enter via gate near Oak tree)





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

'DIY SOS' style

We have the paint and materials ready but need helpers to paint two of our learning areas during the October half term.

Are you good with a paintbrush?
A dab hand at 'sanding down' and 'taping up'?

Following a volunteer programme during the summer holidays, we now have 2 more areas that we intend to refresh by re-painting them.

We are inviting anyone who enjoys decorating or is handy with a brush to join us in school on

Thursday 30th October

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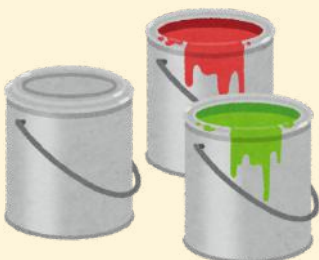
Friday 31st October

from 8:30am onwards

We will provide the refreshments to keep you going.

If you can help, please speak to the office or email;

admin@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk



THIS WEEKS ASSEMBLY

FIJI DAY



SERVICE CHILDREN COMMUNITY CHOIR



Equally Important

Equally Different

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Isabella is reading her Big Cat book about Microorganisms. Apparently, we are always sharing a room with a billion microorganism at any given time, but we would not survive without them! Isabella said she has learnt that there are four different types of microorganism: fungi, bacteria, protists and viruses.





**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE
A NUT FREE SCHOOL.**



***Nuts, peanuts or any other
products containing nuts or
peanuts are NOT allowed.***

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books



We need to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control.

It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

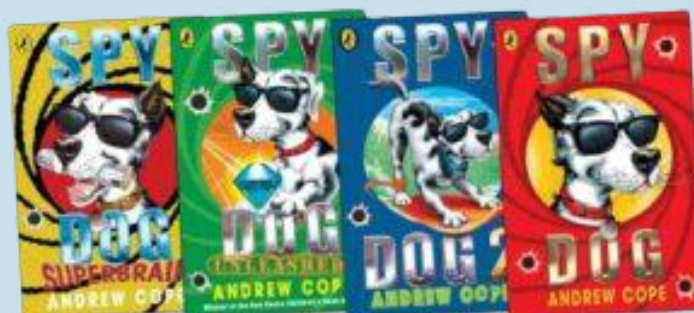
The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves – the concern is only with the outdated link.

We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.





ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

*Merchandise will be sold in the
school office starting Monday
20th of October.*

*Merchandise that will be
available:*

Paper Poppies

Reflective Poppies 50p

Stickers 50p

Festival Bracelets £1

Snap Bands £1.50

*All prices above are suggested, any donations
are welcome and greatly appreciated.*

H A L L O W E E N

disco



Thursday 23rd October

Tickets include unlimited juice £4

FS1 & FS2

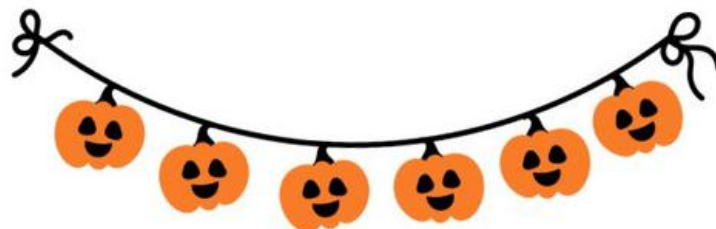
4-5pm

Y1/2/3

5:15-6:15pm

Y4/5/6

6:30-7:30pm



**Tickets will be on sale at the FOLC
hub from Monday 6th October.**

Dates and times TBC.

Cash only!





This
October
Half-Term
at Ripon
Museums

Courthouse Museum 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Daily: Whodunnit?
25th October Use cryptic clues
until to solve a crime mystery.
2nd November: *Included in price of museum entry.*

Prison & Police Museum

10:00am - 4:00pm

Daily: Craft Your Own Scary Witch
25th October *Included in price of museum entry.*
until
2nd November:



Workhouse Museum & Garden

10:00am - 4:00pm

Daily: Spooky Story Cards
25th October Create a spooky story with
until Halloween-themed cards.
2nd November: *Included in price of museum entry.*



10:00am - 4:00pm

Monday Autumn Storytime with Ripon Library

27th October: Booking essential via
ripn.library@north-yorks.gov.uk

FREE

11:00am until 12:00 noon

Wednesday Ghastly Goo

29th October: Create your own ghost gunk.
Included in price of museum entry.

10:30am-12:30pm

1:00pm-3:00pm.

Friday Ghost Hunters!

31st October: Investigate haunted happenings, make your
own ghost goo, listen to a spooky story and
grab your torch for a ghost treasure hunt.

11:00am - 12:00pm

4:00pm - 5:00pm.

£5 per child. Adults are free.

Saturday Bulb Planting

1st November: Plant up and take home heritage
hyacinth bulbs

Included in price of museum entry.

10:00am until 4:00pm

'All Hallows at the Workhouse'

Theatre Performance

Ripon Museums Theatre Group will perform

1.30pm and 3.30pm



**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BOOK GHOST HUNTERS,
PLEASE VISIT WWW.RIPONMUSEUMS.CO.UK**

Join us

ON: 5th of November

for a delicious

BONFIRE

PARTY

LUNCH

NYES

ANOTHER
FUN
LUNCHTIME

BONFIRE PARTY LUNCH



**Banger in a Bun
(Hot dog)**

Firecracker Wedges

Toffee Apple Brownie



JUNIOR ACTIVITY CLUB

Restarts Wednesday 10th September 17.30-19.30
£1.00 per child per week
Evergreen Room

ACTIVITY CLUB WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE
CAN GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND
BUILD FRIENDSHIPS.

LEARN THROUGH PLAY WITH THEIR
PEERS AND PARTICIPATE IN ARTS AND
CRAFT ACTIVITIES

SESSION FOR AGES 8-11 YEARS



Army Welfare Service

Would you like more information? E-mail the team at
RC_AWS@Catterick-CArmedForces.mil.af.uk

INTER YOUTH CLUB

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
IN SCHOOL YEARS 6-7
EVERY TUESDAY



TERM TERM
STARTING
9TH SEPTEMBER
17.30 - 19.30HRS
HIPSWELL HABITAT

£1 ENTRY
WITH TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE



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BACK TUE 23 SEP 25

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS
RECEPTION, YR1 & YR2

MINIS ACTIVITY CLUB

REGISTRATION LINK:
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER
YOUR CHILD USING THE
QR CODE HERE



ACTIVITIES:

- ARTS & CRAFT
- GROUP GAMES
- MUSIC & DANCE
- ROLE PLAY

ACTIVITIES ROOM BEHIND AWS

- TUESDAYS
- 1630-1700
- £1 PER CHILD, INC
ACTIVITIES & SNACK



FS1 Bears



We have had a lovely week exploring in the woods at forest school. Collecting leaves on sticks and counting how many, den building and searching for the Gruffalo.

Next week the children will be enjoying toasted marshmallows around the campfire during our woodland workshop session with Mrs Archer and getting busy with Halloween craft!

Forest School: Tuesday AM and Thursday PM.



Caterpillar Room



What a wonderful week we have had, we have been leaf collecting and enjoying all the Autumnal colours around us, we have used our leaves to create some beautiful leaf pictures.

We have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Aaargh Spider' this week by Lydia Monk with some super interaction from all, you can listen to the story here [Aaaarrgghh! Spider! READ ALOUD - YouTube](#) ask your child to join in.

Next week on Friday 24th we will be holding a Halloween party in our classroom, please see seesaw for details, this is NOT a whole school event and is just for the children in the Caterpillars.

A big thank you to those children who are attending our bedtime story event, a lovely evening to enjoy reading together with hot chocolate and cookies, all money raised will go towards our EYFS outdoor library.

Forest schools is on a Wednesday - Waterproofs and wellies please

FS2 Mice & Hippos



We have enjoyed another week of the Leaf Thief.

We have been busy sequencing the story and looking at different leaves that we have collected using our describing words. The children have been making autumnal leaves using clay and adding colour and sparkle.

In maths we have been learning about more and less and understanding the purpose of counting, and further practising 1:1 correspondence skills. The children had great observational skills when we conducted a science experiment that mimicked a rain cloud.



Keep practising the phonic sounds at home!

News from the Nest



Next week we are looking at the book *Christopher Pumpkin*. We will be doing Halloween activities including mummy making and witches potions!



Please make sure spare clothes are provided due to messy play, thank you.



The week in Year 1

Next week the children will be showing off all their new knowledge and understanding in our half termly assessments. We will be assessing the children on the common exception words for Year 1 and phonics screening. This informed data will ensure the children are in the correct phonics groups.

In maths, the children will be exploring the value of numbers and using mathematical language, more than, less than and equal to, when explaining their answers.

Phonics



Don't forget

Outdoor PE: Monday afternoon.

Indoor PE: Tuesday afternoon.

As a whole school target, all year groups are working on enhancing reading. The children will come home each day with their reading book. They must bring this back to school daily as they will have reading opportunities throughout the day. Reading is a valuable time with your child. A story before bed is a great experience for you and your child.

Special Shout Outs for Y1

To all the children in Year One for super writing this week.

This week in Year 2

Next week is a busy week for Year 2!

We will be rehearsing our Harvest assembly ready to perform to you.

We will also be creating our a poppy wreath and bottled poppies for the Year 4 Remembrance Service which is rapidly approaching.

In maths, we will be continuing to look at column addition with renaming (carrying the 1 as you may have been told). The children's homework will also be based on this. It may be a little bit different from how you were taught so do not panic!

Please remember that your children will be tested on the Year 2 common exception words next week. If you could please support at home with reading and writing of these words that would be great.

On Thursday 23rd October we have our educational visit to Richmond Castle/attempting the daring rescue of Sir Cedric the Curious!

Children will need to come to school in their uniform with sensible walking shoes, a waterproof jacket and water bottle. Please remember to click on the Eform should your child require a school packed lunch.

Shout out this week goes to:

Ethan in Rainbows for his fantastic effort with his letter to the Mayor of Richmond.
Oliver B in Whales for an outstanding effort in all areas this week!



Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



This week, year 3 enjoyed some stone age activities in the forest. We acted out scenes from our story 'The Stone Age Boy' and made stone age dwellings.

In our science lessons are now learning about soil: where it comes from, what it is made of and how permeable it is.

Our glockenspiel playing skills are coming on a treat, we can use the correct technique to play the instrument and have started learning some repeating patterns ready to build up to a whole song.

Well done to all of those children who have managed to read a lot at home, we will be giving the children certificates in assembly and finding out if our classes have read the most.

Shout outs:

Well done to Isaac, Louie and Jackson from 3IL for getting llama of the day.

Well done to Esme, Thea and Henry from 3HA for always being ready and doing their best.

Well done!

Reminders:

stone age day is coming up on Tuesday.

Forest school Tuesday 14th November

Indoor PE - Monday

Outdoor PE - Wednesday



Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

1940



This week, year 4 have had a brilliant week finding out more about life in early 1940s.

Following on from learning about The Blitz, they discovered what happened when an air raid siren would happen. In D.T. they then researched how Anderson Shelters were made, designed their own version using modern day items and finally went outside to build their Anderson Shelter Design. The conversations about what they would use and the reasons why were absolutely fantastic. Next week, we will look at rationing, school in 1940 and begin to look to the next decade, after WW2. This will all be in time to then visit a 1940s farm and 1950s town at Beamish to bring together all of the wonderful learning, so far. Next week, we will begin to think about our Remembrance Assembly and start to prepare for the art display of Poppies.



Congratulations...



Butterfly of the Week: Maisie for excellent enthusiasm in all lessons and always giving 100% in all tasks.

Tiger of the Week: Evanna for consistent positive behaviour and attitude in class and towards her learning.

Don't Forget

Indoor PE: Tuesday morning.

Outdoor PE: Friday morning.

Monday 20th October: visit to Beamish (all day) - please see details for voluntary payment towards this via Arbor.



Year 5 Hummingbirds & Stars



We have finished off our PE topic of health-related exercise and ended the topic with the beep test and circuits; we focused on stamina.

In Geography, we are looking at North America and the countries within the continent.

DT we are going to making more bridges, including truss bridges, using spaghetti and masking tape!

Upcoming Events:

Awards assembly next week!

Cross country for chosen children on 22nd October.

Xmas fair 28th November – if you, or anyone you know, would like a stall please contact FOLC.

Shouts out this week go to:

5S – Ethan and Jacob L for amazing ideas in our setting description. For Darcey for her perseverance in maths.

5H – Mitchell and Kaiden for demonstrating fantastic skills in PE!



Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



Shout out:

6RH

Aiva: always impeccable manners and kindness

Emilie: Great home reading

Zala: Beautiful self portrait

6JH

Finnley: great home reading

Denzel: amazing scores on all his tests!

Aida: an excellent self portrait

Upcoming events:

Marrick Priory residential information meeting

22nd October 3:30 – 4pm in the hall, now in the Y6 block. We will provide you with kit lists, medical forms etc... it will take 20 minutes.

PE days:

Wednesday AM - Indoor

Friday PM– Outdoor

You can come to school in your correct PE KIT all day.

Reminder:

Please send in any harvest festival gifts to school by Wednesday 22nd October. (Tins, pasta etc...)