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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2016

Diary Dates from January 2016 to July 2016

2016

February

Friday 5th

Sycamore Class Celebration Worship @ 9am
 'Number Day'

Friday 12th

Last Day

Monday 22nd

School Begins

March

Thursday 10th

Swimming Starts for Y1 to Y4 for 10 weeks 1 of 10

Wednesday 16th

Parents' Evening

Thursday 17th

Swimming 2 of 10

Friday 18th

Silver Birch Celebration Worship @ 9am

Tuesday 22nd

Easter Crafts Afternoon

**Sycamore Class – Coffee and games morning
 10.30am – 11.30am – for invited members of the
 community**

Wednesday 23rd

Non-Uniform Day – Bring a tombola prize.

Thursday 24th

Swimming 3 of 10

Easter Service @ 2pm

End of term

April

Monday 11th

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 12th

School Starts for the children

Thursday 14th

Swimming 4 of 10

Thursday 21st

Swimming 5 of 10

Thursday 28th

Swimming 6 of 10

Friday 29th

Sycamore Class Celebration Worship @ 9am

Diary Dates from December 2015 to July 2016 continued

2016

May

Monday 2nd

Thursday 5th

Monday 9th – Friday 13th

Thursday 12th

Thursday 19th

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th

Thursday 26th

Friday 27th

MAY DAY

MAY KS1 SATS

Swimming 7 of 10

KS2 SATS WEEK

Swimming 8 of 10

Swimming 9 of 10

“Values Week”

Last Swimming for Y1 to Y4

Last Day



June

Monday 6th

School Starts

July

Friday 1st

Friday 8th

Wednesday 13th

Friday 15th

Friday 22nd

Silver Birch Class Celebration Worship @ 9am

Reports to Parents

Parents' Evening

Sports Day

Leavers' Service @ Church 9.30pm

Last Day

Boxes

We throw away boxes on occasion that are no good to school but maybe of use to others. If you see one near the bins and could use it please help yourself.

This includes those who would love the boxes for model making!

Thank you



Tuck Shop - The Tuck Shop has closed

Thank you to Sandra Greenwood and Mr & Mrs Holland for all their time and support in running the tuck shop. It has been appreciated by young and old alike!

Thank you

We would like to say thank you to Yorkshire Countrywomen for their kind donation towards the cost of school garden development.



Den Building

Mrs Kaye and myself would like to do some den building (with the children!) during lunchtimes. Do you have any old sheets, blankets, poles etc that we could use? Please can these be brought to the School Office.

Thank you
Miss Wilkinson

Friends of Weaverthorpe School

Friends are still collecting 'Stamps'. If you have any please bring them into the office and they will collect them from there.

Thank you

Easter Egg Hunt And Spring Fair

26th March 2016

Tomboa, BBQ, Craft stalls

12 noon – 2pm

In

School Portacabin.

Entry fee to Easter Egg Hunt £1.50

Prize for everyone who enters

All Welcome

Mother's Day Raffle

Please support the 'Friends of Weaverthorpe School' by buying a raffle ticket for their 'Mother's Day Raffle'.

Tickets cost £1.00 each and all funds will go directly to Weaverthorpe Primary School.

1st Prize – A 'Pamper Hamper' with a retail value of over £150.00 (Kindly donated by Avon Representative Joanne Stones)

2nd Prize – A Magnum of Prosecco (Kindly donated by Express Coach Repairs Tool and Plant Hire, Pickering)

3rd Prize – A pedicure Set (Kindly donated by Avon Representative Joanne Stones)

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 4th March, 3.30pm at Weaverthorpe Primary School

Tickets available at School and Bannisters Farm Shop.

Thank you

Our Church School

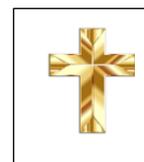
St Andrew's Church, Weaverthorpe

The collective worship theme this term is Compassion

2016

Thursday 24th March – Easter Service at Church - 2pm

Friday 22nd July – Leavers' Service at Church - 9.30am

**Non-uniform Day**

We will be having a Non-Uniform day on 23rd March. Please can the children bring a tombola prize into school on this day. This will be for the Easter Egg Hunt on 26th March @ school in the portacabin

**Weaverthorpe Weebles**

Come, have a play and a cuppa.

February 8th – trip (see Jill)

February 15th – Half Term

February 22nd – return

March 7th – Easter craft

March 14th – Easter craft

March 21st – Easter hunt



School Governors

Chair of Governor/Community
Vice Chair/Community
Foundation Governors

LA Governor
Parent Governors

Staff Governor
Headteacher

Mr Femi Shellard
Mrs Jill Wilson
Mrs Trish Lake
Rev Andy Bowden
Vacancy
Mrs Lucy Bannister
Mr Nick Carnes
Miss Gemma Turner
Miss Janette
Wilkinson

These are our Governors, if you have any worries you can contact any of the above or a Parent Governor who are usually on the playground at the beginning of each school day.

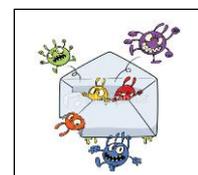
The Governors would like to thank 'Friends of Weaverthorpe School' for their generous and continued support. The funds that have been raised have enriched the teaching and learning in our school. Your focus on making school life better for all is most appreciated. Thank you.

Newsletter Dates

4th March 2016
15th April 2016
6th May 2016
10th June 2016
1st July 2016
16th September 2016
7th October 2016
4th November 2016
2nd December 2016

**Attachments**

- Child Safety Online
- Swimming letters and consents Y1 – Y4
- Y5 Taster Day letters

**Wold's Valley Youth**

Many thanks to all of you who have supported us via the Tuck Shop. As you will be aware the Youth Club, as you know it, had to stop due to staffing shortage. However our Senior Youth Group have since been awarded £500 worth of Sports Equipment with which we hope to start a Saturday morning sports club. We will also be having an arts and craft group on a Tuesday early evening. The reason for the delay of these has been the lack of a First Aider. Until this is resolved we are unable to start. This should hopefully be sorted by the end of February. So please be reassured that Tuck Shop profits have been going to Wold's Valley Youth (our financial records are available to be seen). We will hopefully be starting the Youth Club again in our new format, We welcome anyone who would be interested in helping at either of these sessions.

For more info contact Sandra 01944 738569/07969521656 and Thank you once again.

Autumn Term Cup Winners

Well done to Elsa for winning the Endurance cup, Georgina the Friendship cup and Nathan for winning the Thankfulness cup last term.

Cherry Tree Class



The staff and children of Cherry Tree class would like to say a HUGE thank you to Friends of Weavertorpe. They have very kindly funded some new resources for our youngest children at school. Including; fairy and traditional tale character sets; farming and construction vehicles; as well as play mats to support creativity and imagination. Miss Turner is most excited about the Jumbo Number Pack which will enhance mathematics provision throughout all the areas of the play in the classroom. Her favourites are: shape and size cookie cutters with numbered tins for the play dough; weighted and numbered ducks for the water tray; and construction numbers with nails and hammers for building work. The class will be able to rest after all the excitement from the new resources on their brand new bean bags in the book corner! Thank you Friends and all who support their fund raising.

Internet Safety

NSPCC and O2 have joined forces to help parents with online safety. You are able to take any phone (not just O2) into any O2 shop and they should be able to set up your child's phone so it has an online safety device.



Thank you

We would like to say thank you to Vellco Tyre Control for their kind donation of £250.00 towards our school garden development.



Basketball

We had a fabulous time at the Basketball event. We played against two other small schools. Each child played at least three matches. We came 2nd overall with Team C gaining the most points.

Team C

Alex M, Oliver B, Rose B, Will L, Kaitlin and Stephen.

Brilliant effort from everyone, and best behaviour ever.



School Council

School Council Research

Alexandra and Campbell have been busy conducting a study about celebrations. They have been polling the children at school about their favourite celebration and exploring reasons for the choices.

What did they find out?

We asked 31 children about their favourite celebration. We found out that most children liked Christmas. Easter and Birthdays was a joint second.

Which answer did you find the most interesting?

We didn't expect that New Year was going to get a response. But one person did choose this. He said that it was really fun when he came back to school and that is why he liked it.

Our favourite quotes from the children

"I like Christmas the best because you get to play games with everyone", Joseph.

"Christmas is the best because everyone gets together in the same place at the same time", Rose B.

Final thoughts

Alexandra and Campbell: "We found out that listening to people's thoughts and ideas is interesting; as we found out things we didn't know before. We were surprised about the choices that some people made, we thought they would choose one thing and they chose another."

Easter crafts Afternoon

On Friday 18th March we will be having an Easter Crafts afternoon. This will start at 1.30pm. All very welcome including pre-school children.



Letters and Information sent home

Please remember to check your children's bags regularly for letters and information sent home during the week.



Swimming

There have been some changes to the swimming lessons we provide at school. The National Curriculum states that primary schools should provide the opportunity for pupils to swim during Key Stage 1 and/or Key Stage 2 (during Years 1 to 6). The Amateur Swimming Association, who are 'The English National Governing Body for Swimming', provide guidance to primary schools and suggest that schools should make provision for all school children to have at least 24 hours of swimming to meet the National Curriculum swimming requirements.

Current Year Group	Minimum swimming hours received so far	Minimum total swimming hours predicted in school career
1	6 hours (in EYFS)	54 hours
2	12 hours	48 hours
3	18 hours	42 hours
4	24 hours	36 hours
5	36 hours	36 hours
6	42 hours	42 hours

Please note: 'minimum' used as beginner lessons are between 40 – 50 minutes long, other lessons being 60 minutes long. Most children will exceed, or have exceeded, the minimum.

As you can see we are still providing more than the suggested time for swimming.

I appreciate that in the past all the children went swimming together to spread the cost of the transport between more people. Fortunately, due to the Primary School's Sports' Funding we are able to 'top up' the cost of swimming so taking fewer children will not mean a raise in the cost to parents.

We had problems last year regarding the changing facilities and who was allowed/not allowed in the changing rooms, and also the expectation that all our children would get changed together. This year we will be swimming at Pickering. They provide communal changing facilities with a separating wall and therefore suitable for supervision and safeguarding.

Like everything we teach here, we always try to make sure we offer the best we can and offer 'value to learning time'. The decision to keep the older children at school was also made because they will be able to have tailored and extra quality time with Mrs Beresford.

Please note that due to changes in legislation and/or circumstances swimming may change again in the future.

Thank you

Miss J Wilkinson