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March / April 2018 Newsletter



Hope, Friendship, Thankfulness

Excellence and Enjoyment

At Cawood, everyone matters.

Dear parents and carers,

In February I thought that winter was behind us and we had spring to look forward to. I didn't know at the time that the harshest part of winter was still to come and the *Beast from the East* was to bring snow on the cold winter winds. We all did our best to keep going at school but on the *Thursday* it was just not safe or possible to keep the school open and on the *Friday* the heating let us down. Surely now, the sunshine and the daffodils herald the arrival of spring. Easter also brings the hope of renewal and new life. Easter has come to mean many things to many different people. I would just like to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Easter time.

We have been so busy in school this half term and the weeks have passed so quickly. This term we have had World Book Day, Bikeability, a Mother's Day lunch, and a Reading Breakfast. This term we also had our first debating competition at the local government offices, netball and football competitions and a wonderful Easter egg competition. Everyone at school has worked incredibly hard this term to do the best we can to give the children the very best education, which they deserve. We have appointed a new Assistant Head and a new part time teacher. We have been very busy and everyone has made a great effort to make our school look lovely as we approach the Easter holiday. I cannot thank or praise the staff highly enough. Thank you to the governing body who have been working very hard in the background with policies, reviews of the school and supporting the recruitment process.

It has been a brilliant achievement by Mrs Rawes and the team to continue to drive forward learning about Global Education. Congratulations to Mrs Rawes on achieving the Global Teacher's Award Level 2. Mrs Rawes has led the school on this and has done really well to achieve this award as well as the Fairtrade Achiever Award, Yorkshire Schools' Fairtrade Award and the Global Schools' Award for the school.



Happy and sad week.

This week has been happy and sad for all kinds of reasons. We are sad that Mrs Rawes is leaving us but happy that she starts a new position as Head Teacher at Cowick Primary School. Mrs Rawes has worked at Cawood for nearly 12 years and in that time has helped and supported many children in their learning and has contributed a lot to the success of the school. We all wish Mrs Rawes well, and every success and happiness in her new post.

Last week we appointed a new Assistant Head and I'm sure that you will all join with the staff and governors in welcoming Mrs Ramsdale into this position. One of the strengths of the school is that children have good reading skills and this is down to a very hard working and dedicated team that has been well led by Mrs Ramsdale. She thoroughly deserves her new position and I know that she will bring a lot of strength, experience and vision to the school. I am delighted for Mrs Ramsdale and for the school as she will bring new ideas and continued stability which the school has enjoyed over the past year.

Mrs Booth also joins the staff for two days a week teaching with Mrs Tomsett in class 4. We are very excited about the appointment as Mrs Booth brings a wealth of experience with over 20 years of teaching in single age and mixed age classes across KS2. Mrs Booth has run an enterprise initiative in Y5; she has been an Associate Tutor at the University of Hull, and run classes on Behaviour Management. Mrs Booth has spent the day working with Mrs Tomsett and will be joining us for the training day on Monday 16th April. Normally Mrs Booth will be teaching class 4 on a Monday and Tuesday but the first week back she will be teaching on Tuesday and Wednesday. Normally Mrs Tomsett will be teaching the class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are all looking forward to working with Mrs Booth next term and I'm sure that she will quickly settle into the team.

School dinner price rise to £2.40

After Easter the price of school dinners are set to rise to £2.40

Why is there a need to raise the price of the school meal?

- We want to maintain the high standard of school dinners which has been a tradition at Cawood.
- We want to maintain the nutritional standard.
- We want to maintain good portion sizes.
- We want to provide a good hearty meal for your child to enjoy.

Over the past couple of weeks we have been looking into the school meals and come to the decision that we do need to make an increase. Whist we do not wish to increase the price of a meal, we do feel that this is necessary at this time.



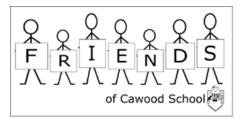
Thank you Parents and Friends for organising the Easter egg competition and the Raffle.

Please come and join us at our events. We do lots of things to raise money for our children at school and have a good time.

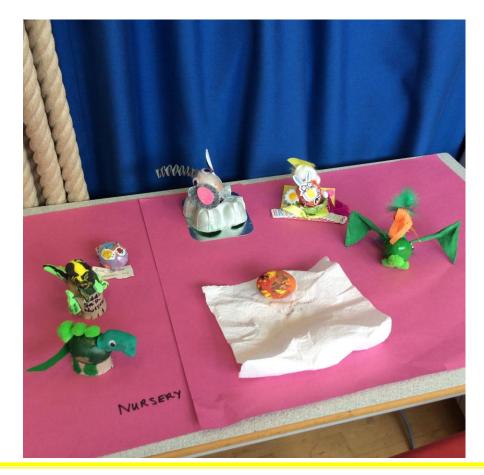
We hope you are getting your team organised for the curry and quiz night on Friday 18^{th} May at

7.30pm (maximum of 8 to a team.) Last year this was a fabulous evening, great fun and enjoyed by everyone.





Well done to everyone who entered the Easter egg competition. The ideas are amazing. We hope that you enjoyed decorating the eggs and making such wonderful designs. They are absolutely brilliant!



Easter Eggs Galore

Well done for making some amazing creations with the decorated eggs.

Brilliant ideas.



Well done to year 6 for doing so well on the Bikeability training.

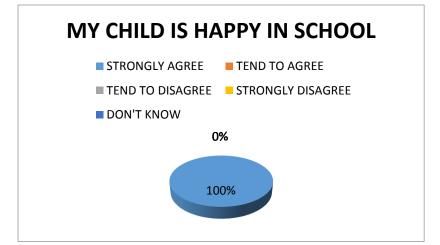




Proud of our debating team

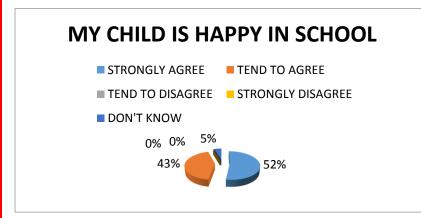
We didn't win but our debating team were amazing. It took a bit of time to get into the competition, but once we settled down and the questions were being asked, the team did well and were challenging the other competitors. We know a lot more ready for next year and the children were a real credit.





Key Stage 1

Lovely to see that most children are happy at school for most of the time.



Key Stage 2

We want all children to be happy at school and to be the best that they can be.

Thank you for completing the questionnaires in September/October. One comment that came back to us was that parents and carers wanted more music in school. We have significantly improved the music in school. *The groups of 8 are* full and the children have the opportunity to play the clarinet, the violin, the flute, guitar, the recorder and the keyboard. Mrs Hebden comes to work in school from the North Yorkshire music service and leads a small orchestra on a Wednesday after school and they are starting to sound amazing. Mr Payling runs a small strings group on a Wednesday lunchtime and this is growing in popularity and numbers.



World Book day was Amazing this year.

Parents, carers and children looked at books and read together over breakfast. Throughout the day there were children from different classes and year groups sitting in the corridor and on cushions in the classroom, all reading and enjoying books together. Thanks to everyone who supported this and helped to make it such a lovely and enjoyable day. The children and staff were dressed up as book characters and looked wonderful in all the amazing costumes.





Congratulations to our Science Superheros competition winners. The children were asked to design a character to go with the one of the scientific means of enquiry.

There were some fabulous ideas and some wonderful drawings. The winners were:

Seren Hughes with her design of Pattern Girl.

Evie Farmery with her design of *Brainy Brian*

Victoria Adkin with her design of Commander Classify

Jack Storey with his design of Doctor Fair

Thomas Jackson with his design of *Doctor Obvious Observer*.

We will copy their designs and the characters will appear in the classrooms after Easter.

Brilliant designs for the fair trade posters. The Fair Trade Champions ran a competition to design a poster.

Congratulations to Erin F. Aiko B. and Enya D. who showed imagination and creativity in their excellent poster designs. We were very impressed with the winners and the overall high standard. Well done to all the children who took part in the competition.

If you would like to join us you would be very welcome. There will be chairs out for you in the hall and the worship starts by 9.10am and it is usually finished by 9.30am. We vary the day of the class worship to give maximum chance for parents to attend over the year, especially if parents work on certain days. The dates for this term are on a **Tuesday** and are:

Date	Class name	Teacher
8.5.18	Class 4	Mrs Tomsett and Mrs Boot
225.18	Class 1	Mrs Mudge
223.10	Cluss 1	Wils Widge
12.6.18	Class 5	Mrs Walker
26.6.18	Class 3	Mrs McKee

Our worship also picks out references to our Christian values of hope, friendship and thankfulness which underpin the life and ethos of the school.



Sports and after school clubs will start after the Easter holiday, the week beginning 23.4.18. We try to offer a wide range of sports and clubs so we hope that there is something your child will enjoy with friends as well as improving their skills and ability. We raised an incredible £552.70 for Sports Relief which is fantastic. It was a really good day and thank you to everyone for your generosity and for making this a great day in school.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish everyone a very peaceful and Happy Easter.

Nick Payling

Headteacher

Holidays and Training Days 2017 - 2018

Please note that Monday 16th April is a Training day.

	School closes	School re-opens	Training Days
Spring half- term	Fri 09 Feb 2018	Mon 19 Feb 2018	
Easter	Thur 29 Mar 2018	Tue 17 Apr 2018	Mon 16 Apr 2018
May Day	Mon 7 May 2018		
Summer Half- term	Fri 25 May 2018	Tues 5th June 2018	Mon. 4 th June 2018
Summer	Fri 20 Jul 2018		

Midday supervisor vacancy

There is a vacancy for a midday supervisor. Please let the office know if you are able to come in and support us in taking on this important role in school. We really need someone to come in and supervise the children on a Thursday and Friday lunchtime for roughly an hour a day. This is also a good way to get to know more about the school and would be great experience for anyone interested in working in school or with children in the future.

Telephone: 01757 268368		
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Parent Helpers 2017 - 2018

I can help with:	Please tick	Regularly	Occasionally
Classroom activities			
Educational visits			
Reading with children			
Activities at home e.g. preparation	of resources,		
collating vouchers, etc			

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Signed:				
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Parent/Carer of: _				

Message from Home/School Liason Officer

At Cawood Everyone Matters.

Dear parents and carers,

I am well known at school as a governor and teaching member of staff with a specialism for helping and supporting all children in school across the age ranges. I am very dedicated to helping all children in school, and particularly supporting children who may have anxieties, worries or may be displaying signs of developing an issue which can arise from a variety of situations faced both at home and school. My role is to offer support and work through matters with children, staff and parents. I feel that this is an essential role in school as I can, if needed, provide a link between school and the home for parents or carers with general school welfare matters.

I will continue running sessions throughout the week for parents, carers and children. These sessions are an opportunity for you to come and talk things over. If your child is experiencing anything at home that may be impacting on school life, or you have any concerns regarding the wellbeing of your child in the school environment I would invite you to come and see me.

Sessions can work on a casual 'drop in' one to one basis, but I will be available from 8.15am if you wish to make an appointment to see me. Alternatively, I will be available at the start and the end of the school day if you wish to catch me for a quick chat and make an appointment for a longer meeting.

We are here to provide the very best education we can for the children. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns you or your child may have.

I am available at:

- Monday Friday
 - > 8.15am by phone
 - > 8.30am 8.45am for a meeting
 - > 3.15pm 3.30pm for a meeting

Kind Regards

Hazel Coleman Home School Liason Officer.

DATES 2017/18 Date Event Thursday 29th March | Last day of the Spring term Easter holiday March 30th - April 13th Monday 16th April Training Day 4 School opens for the children 17th April Years 3 and 4 swimming 17th April 25th April 9.30am Kwick Cricket at Selby Cricket Club – selected pupils 7th May Spring Bank holiday 14th May – 17th May Key stage 2 Sats week 28th May to 1st June Half term holiday Monday 4th June Training day 5 5th June School opens for the children 5th June Quadkids competition for boys and girls in years 1- 6 at Selby Cricket club. 11th June – 15th June Phonics week 11th June – 15th June RE week 13th June 6.30pm New starters meeting TBC 13th June Mini tennis competition for beginners. Selected children from Y3 and Y4. Venue TBCIf cancelled due to rain, the alternative date is 20.6.18 19th June Class photographs TBC 21st June 1.15pm - 3pm Tri Golf- Brotherton and Byram - Y3 and Y4 selected pupils. 1.10pm Sports Day 27th June 5th July 1pm - 2.30pm New starters welcomed 6th July 1.30pm Change for Life multi skills festival at Selby High Y1 and Y2 children -selected. 6th July End of year reports to parents and carers. New Date TBC Summer fair – Parents and Friends. The date has been changed. 10th July 9.30am Key stage 2 performance for parents and carers 11th July 6.30pm Key stage 2 performance for parents and carers 17th July Class swaps - transition Friday 20th July 9.15am Leavers assembly Friday 20th July Last day of the Summer term

If you are able to help with transport to and from selected sporting events this term, please complete the form and return to the school office. On return of the completed form, you will be asked to complete a Validation of Voluntary Vehicle use. A copy of your current vehicle insurance documents and driving license will be made. We thank you for your ongoing support.

I am able to help with transport	
Parent/Carer name	
Signature	