



North Yorkshire County Council

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## February Newsletter

### **Welcome back**

I am pleased to say that Mrs Gilchrist is back in school with Class 3. She will be working with Mr Crump on a job share basis over the next few months. I know the children and staff are very pleased to have her back.

### **Christian Values Project**

As part of our work as a church school, we have been looking at the range of Christian Values we refer to both in worship and as part of our day to day life in school. We have asked the children, staff, governors, church and yourselves as parents what you see as being the key values that the school demonstrates.

We have now distilled this discussion down into three core values – **Thankfulness, Friendship and Hope**. These were the three main ones taken from the feedback given and will become our key values. We will display them in school; publish them on our website; weave them into our mission statement; and seek to ensure that all the children understand what they mean and how we can live them out each day.



### **Talent Show and Non-Uniform Day**

The School Council are organising two fundraising events to raise money towards their sponsorship of our child in Burundi. They have to raise a target of £180 a year to support Paulette and the work of Action Aid.

The two events will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The first event will be a Talent Show where children will sign up for one of the 20 slots available. Each person will donate 50p to take part. Parents are welcome to come and watch and the School Council are asking for an entrance donation of 50p. Last year's show was very entertaining and well worth watching!



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The second event will be a non-uniform day on the same day and children are asked to bring a donation of £1.

I hope you can help support the School Council in their fundraising efforts.

### ***Nursery Class***



There will shortly be a new nursery admissions pack available for children who wish to be considered for the nursery class in September 2016 and for the school year thereafter. The pack contains the nursery brochure and an application form that needs to be returned to school by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. All those who have previously registered an interest in the nursery will be receiving a pack from us but if you know of someone who may want one please come into the school office to collect one.

Please can I make it clear that admission to nursery is not dependent on the number of days parents wish to take. Whilst it is our view as a school that the children benefit most when they are here in nursery for a sustained period each week, it is obviously up to you as parents and carers to decide the number of sessions that you wish to take.

Admissions to the nursery class (and the reception class for that matter) are done in strict accordance with the admissions policy published in the nursery brochure. Indeed it causes considerable problems if parents and carers request five sessions a week in the nursery application form and then decide to only take three of these because potentially we would have turned other parents away anticipating that the nursery would be full. Please apply for what you realistically will be taking as it will not jeopardise your chances of a place and it will help us greatly in our planning and organisation.

### ***Website***

As I mentioned in the January newsletter, the company who hosted our website had difficulties with their servers prior to Christmas and this continued after Christmas too. It eventually resulted in the firm ceasing trading last week. This obviously came as a complete surprise to us as we had hosted our website with them for over 10 years with an interrupted service.



I am very grateful therefore to Jeremy Nott (Chair of Governors) who has set up the new school website using the information I had inputted to the previous site over the years. We have tried to add to what the site provides in the way of information for you as parents whilst at the same time providing the statutory information that is necessary on a school's website. Please do update to the new address [www.cawoodprimary.co.uk](http://www.cawoodprimary.co.uk) as the old one ([www.cawoodprimary.ik.org](http://www.cawoodprimary.ik.org)) will no longer work.

In addition, we have linked some new email addresses to us which can be used in addition to the normal school admin address listed at the top of this newsletter. These are:



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[admin@cawoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@cawoodprimary.co.uk), [info@cawoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:info@cawoodprimary.co.uk) for the school office; and to email me directly, [headteacher@cawoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@cawoodprimary.co.uk)

### ***Design Competition***

Mr Howarth (dad of Matthew and Grace) has very kindly organised a design competition for anyone who is interested in school.

The children will bring home a competition entry form to design a piece of jewellery. These designs will then be judged by the company's goldsmith and design team with the winner having their piece of jewellery made up into a piece of silver for you to keep.

Entries are due back by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March so if it is something which is interesting, do have a go as you may be the lucky winner.

### ***Sainsbury's Sports Games***

Well done to the school cross country team who took part in the Selby area cross country races at Tadcaster Grammar School last week. They all ran brilliantly and should feel very proud of their achievements considering there were over 100 children in each race.



A special well done to Tom Staines (1<sup>st</sup>), William Storey (6<sup>th</sup>), Noah Athraby (4<sup>th</sup>), Sienna Sykes (7<sup>th</sup>) and Joseph Meek (4<sup>th</sup>) who have won a place at the county finals on 17<sup>th</sup> March in Dalby Forest. We wish them the best of luck as they represent the school and the Selby District team at that event.

### ***Other Information***

<p><b><i>Friends of Cawood School</i></b></p> 	<p>Thank you to those who organised the Family Film Night last week which was enjoyed by all who attended. The next meeting of the Friends is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February in the staffroom at 3.30pm. All are welcome and children can join Filmclub with Mrs Land for the duration of the meeting.</p>
<p><b><i>Playtimes and Dinnertimes</i></b></p>	<p>Please can I ask that if you need to speak with your child or give them anything during the school day that this is done via the school office and not directly through the school railings. Thank you.</p>

Yours sincerely,

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