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Dear Parents and Carers,

January Newsletter

Welcome back

A Happy New Year to you all and a very warm welcome back to the new term. I trust you had a good Christmas and an enjoyable holiday. Cawood was very much in the news and some familiar faces made an appearance on both local and national news. Let us hope the weather improves although I am sure it will be snow on the way next!

As usual I have attached a list of dates at the end of the newsletter itemising the things that are in the diary for this term and a list of holiday dates. Please remember that these are always available for reference on the school notice board and website.

School Priorities

At the beginning of term I thought it would be useful to again share with you the main school priorities for the year ahead. These priorities come from our self-evaluation, including discussion and feedback from governors and parents, and the recommendations following last year's Ofsted school inspection and SIAMs church school inspection.

Our four main priorities for development are:

- 1. To further the spiritual journey of pupils through opportunities to lead spontaneous prayer and to extend pupil involvement in the planning, delivery and evaluation of whole school worship through the increased involvement of the worship group*
This involves giving children a voice in leading and sharing prayer in a range of ways, both in worship and by using the school surroundings. We have extended the range of people leading worship in school and are seeking to involve the children more in the planning and delivery of our different worships.
- 2. To provide real and interesting contexts and purposes for writing, whilst ensuring that expectations for teaching spelling, handwriting, grammar and presentation are applied consistently across all teaching groups and in all subjects.*



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This is our main focus in school this year. Spelling and grammar are very high profile across the school and a lot of teaching and learning is focused on this area. Read Write Inc is followed by a specific spelling programme in Year 2 and then across Key Stage 2. Your support at home is crucial in helping us support the learning of phonics and spellings. Please do continue to support your child as it has a substantial benefit in adding to what is done in school. We are dedicating time each week to ensure pupils follow up teachers' written comments in their marking and for them to make the improvements recommended in their written work.

3. To increase accuracy when calculating using formal written methods in mathematics and for teachers' written comments and oral feedback to give pupils precise guidance for improvement

There has been a raised expectation for all primary pupils in mathematics in the new curriculum. You will have heard through discussions with teachers at parent evenings about the new expectations for the end of each year and initiatives such as SMIRFs are being used to ensure pupils have a secure basis of the basics of number. Written and oral feedback is given by all staff so that pupils know where they are in maths and what they need to do next.

4. The successful continued implementation of the new National Curriculum to ensure continued broad curriculum base and to refine an accurate and consistent formative and summative assessment system

The new curriculum is now in its second year and there are new statutory assessments for pupils in Years 2 and 6 this year matched to the expectations of the new curriculum. We continue to refine our assessment system in order to give you meaningful feedback on where your child is against the national expectations for their year group. We are moderating our judgements with other schools to ensure that our expectations are the same as theirs. For children in Year 1 upwards, we will be sending you an interim report on your child prior to our parent evenings in March indicating where your child is against the end of year expectations. We will also shortly be sending you a guide to the curriculum aimed at your child's year group to help share the expectations and ways in which parents can support learning.

If you have any questions on the priorities of the school, please don't hesitate to talk with me or your child's class teacher.

Website

The company who host the school website have had problems with their servers over the last month or so causing times when the website has been unavailable. I have worked with them to get this situation resolved and we will be using a different website platform in the near future. This will mean that the look of the website may change but the usual content will still be available. It may take a little while to finalise the final look but it will be available at the same website address as before.

Christingle

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christingle service at church before Christmas and well done for keeping Christingles intact and bringing them to the service. It was great to see so



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many school families there and we will need to order more oranges next year. Over £150 was raised for the Children's Society through your contributions in the candles/collections so a big thank you on their behalf.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called the 'Pupil Premium'. For every child registered, the school gets an additional £1,320 for pupils in reception year to year and £1,900 for each pupil who has left local-authority care because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order. If a child is in the care of the local-authority, they too receive an additional £1900 worth of funding.

This additional funding helps to support a child's education and if you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get additional help, for example with residential school trips.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact the school office who will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school gets £1320 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meal they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets the extra money and this will continue even if you become no longer eligible for Free School Meals. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you may be claiming.



Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium if you get any of these benefits:

- Income support;
- income-based Jobseekers' allowance;
- income-related employment and support allowance;
- child tax credit with an income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of working tax credit;
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- the guarantee element of state pension credit.

Extra-curricular School Clubs

The full range of lunchtime and after school clubs will start the week beginning on Monday 18th January. Please sign up again even if you took part in the club last term.

We will continue to fully subsidise the Premier Sports lunchtime clubs this term. These are full each day (up to 20 children at each one) and encourage participation for all. The reason why we are doing lunchtime rather than after school clubs is that the numbers attending after school had dropped to single figures and made these clubs unsustainable. As a school we felt it is better to increase participation for all rather than subsidise just a few.



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- Monday **Gym Club** (Years 1 and 2) – with Mrs Ferguson – After school 3.30 – 4.30pm (existing members only) **starts Monday 25th January**
Netball (Years 3 - 6) – with Mrs Hornsby – After school 3.30 – 4.30pm **starts Monday 25th January**
- Tuesday Premier Sport (All Years) – Competitions Practice - Lunchtime
Music Club incorporating choir and ukuleles (Years 3 - 6) - with Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Rawes – After school 3.30 – 4.30pm
Football (Years 3 - 6) – with Mr Smith – After school 3.30 – 4.30pm
- Wednesday Premier Sport (All Years) – Golden Mile - Lunchtime
Art Club (Years 3 - 6) – with Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Coulthard – After school 3.30 – 4.30pm (maximum of 16 children)
- Thursday Premier Sport (All Years) – Girls Football – Lunchtime
Recorder (Years 4 - 5) – with Mrs Walker – After school 3.30 – 4.30pm (maximum 12 children)
- Friday **Film Club** (Year 1 upwards) – with Mr Smith – After school 3.30 – 5.15pm
Rugby (Year 1 upwards) – with Mr Ian Thompson – After school 3.30 – 4.30pm



In the case of poor weather, outdoor clubs may need to be cancelled at short notice. Please ring school to check and ensure that your child knows what to do about getting home if this happens. We will text you if a club is cancelled. We try very hard to let you know the day before if a club is going to be cancelled so that you can make alternative arrangements but there are times when a short notice, same day cancellation is unavoidable.

Please return the consent form as soon as possible, indicating which clubs you are interested in for your child. Clubs are on a 'first come, first served' basis as some do have a maximum number of places available. You will receive back a confirmation stating the clubs your child will be attending.

I am sure you would wish to join me in thanking all the members of staff who give of their time to provide extra-curricular activities voluntarily.

Worship

We are continuing to vary the day we hold class led worship so class worships will be on **Thursdays** this term to give an alternative day for working parents. You are again invited in school at 9.05 when it is your child's class leading worship. The dates this term will be:

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| Thursday 28 th January | Class 5 – Mrs Coulthard |
| Thursday 4 th February | Class 4 – Mrs Rawes/Mrs Walker |
| Thursday 11 th February | Class 2 – Mrs Ramsdale |
| Thursday 10 th March | Class 1 – Mrs Mudge |
| Thursday 17 th March | Class 3 – Mr Crump or Mrs Gilchrist |

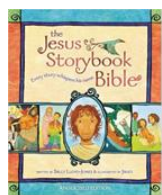


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We continue to have a broad range of themes for our worship each week in school, including a focus on core Christian Values. This term we will be thinking about trust, justice and forgiveness. I have enclosed activity sheets for families to use based on the values. These include a story to read together, things to talk about, quizzes and activities to do as a family. I hope you find them helpful as you explore the value at home.



We will be continuing our themes in worship this year linked to The Jesus Storybook Bible. For those in Reception and anyone else who might have purchased their own copy, I have listed below the stories we will be looking at this term so that anyone who wants to read them at home can continue to do so following our pattern.

04 January	Good intentions, including Epiphany 6 th Jan	The King of all Kings: the story of the wise men (Matthew 2)
11 January	SEAL – Getting on and Falling out	The man who didn't have any friends (none): the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19)
18 January	Trust – Christian Value	The Present: The story of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22)
25 January	Light, including Candlemas	The Light of the Whole World: the story of the shepherds (Luke 2)
01 February	The Lord's Prayer	How to Pray: Jesus teaches people about prayer (Matthew 6)
08 February	Lent	The Servant King: The last supper (Mark 14)
22 February	Justice – Christian Value including Fair Trade Fortnight	Treasure Hunt: the story of the hidden treasure (Matthew 13)
27 February	Stories about Jesus	A Dark Night in the Garden: the garden of Gethsemene (Luke 22)
07 March	Our families (Mothering Sunday 6 th March)	The Forgiving Prince: Joseph and his brothers (Genesis 37-46)
14 March	Forgiveness – Christian Value	The Good Shepherd: David the Shepherd King (Psalms)
21 March	Easter	The Sun Stops Shining: The crucifixion (Matthew 27) God's Wonderful Surprise: The resurrection (Matthew 28)

Other Information




<p>Friends of Cawood School</p> 	<p>The Friends are continuing to publicise the Grown Ups disco. It is to be held on February 6th 7:30pm – 12:00am. £10 per ticket which includes food of pie and peas (meat or vegetarian options). There will be a live band and a DJ and drinks on sale. The next Friends meeting is tonight, Friday 8th January at 3.30pm in the staffroom. Thank you to everyone who helped with the hamper raffle and the grotto before Christmas, both of which were very successful. The full list of winners of the hampers was as follows: N Gregson, N Mudge, T Loaring, A Hawkin, P Shepherd, L Green, L Grimshaw, M Simms, T Staines, M Horton, B Lister, J Cotgrave, J Seekings and J Grey.</p> 
<p>Nut Allergies</p> 	<p>We have several children in school who have very severe nut allergies – it is a life threatening condition if they eat, or possibly even touch them. It is therefore very important that we minimise any risk by avoiding food containing nuts in packed lunches.</p>



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<p>Absence from School</p> 	<p>If your child is ill and cannot attend school, please inform us by telephone as early as possible on the first day of absence, and then on subsequent days if your child continues to be absent from school. If you do not inform the school of the reason for absence in this way it will be deemed to be unauthorised absence and reported as such.</p>
<p>Child Protection</p> 	<p>Our commitment to Child Protection states: <i>Cawood CE Primary School is committed to Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of all of its pupils. Each pupil's welfare is of paramount importance. We recognise that some children may be especially vulnerable to abuse e.g. those with Special Educational Needs or those living in adverse circumstances. We recognise that children who are abused or neglected may find it difficult to develop a sense of self-worth and to view the world in a positive way. Whilst at school, their behaviour may be challenging. We recognise that some children who have experienced abuse may harm others. We will always take a considered and sensitive approach in order that we can support all of our pupils.</i></p> <p>If you have any concerns at all regarding child protection or child welfare, please speak with Andrew Smith (Designated Person for Child Protection) or, in his absence, Liz Ramsdale (Deputy Designated Person)</p>
<p>Home School Link Worker</p> 	<p>Mrs Sue Land is our Home School Link Worker and she is available each morning on the playground (usually near the KS2 doors) from 8.45 – 9.05am. There is space in school for you to come in and discuss any issues you may have with her.</p> <p>Sue offers the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She helps to identify concerns or issues relating to early signs of social, emotional, learning, health or behavioural issues • She provides support and advice to children and families • She signposts links to appropriate agencies for families facing difficult situations • She helps support transition, either into school, from class to class, or up to High School • She works with children and families to connect with the ethos of the school • She works in school but she does not deal with questions relating to the curriculum

With best wishes for a successful term.

Yours sincerely,

A K Smith

Mr Andrew Smith

Headteacher

If you would like this information in another language or format such as Braille, large print or audio, please ask us.



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AFTER SCHOOL AND LUNCHTIME CLUBS – Spring Term 2016

Name

Class

Please indicate which clubs you are interested in. After school clubs are indicated in bold type.

Day	Club	Please tick
Monday	Art	
	Gym	Existing members
	Netball	
Tuesday	Premier – Competitions	Selected teams
	Music	
	Football	
Wednesday	Premier – Golden Mile	Just turn up and run
Thursday	Premier – Girls Football	
	Recorders	
Friday	Film	
	Rugby	Separate forms

I agree to my child participating in the activities described. For after school clubs:

My child will walk home
(Please tick)

My child will be collected
(Please tick)

Signed

Holidays and Training Days 2015 – 2016 - 2017

	School closes	School re-opens	Training Days
Autumn		Tues 8 Sep 2015	Mon 7 Sep 2015
Autumn Half term	Fri 23 Oct 2015	Tues 3 Nov 2015	Mon 2 Nov 2015
Christmas	Fri 18 Dec 2015	Tues 5 Jan 2016	Mon 4 Jan 2016
Spring half-term	Fri 12 Feb 2016	Mon 22 Feb 2016	
Easter	Thurs 24 Mar 2016	Tues 12 Apr 2016	Mon 11 Apr 2016
May Day	Mon 2 May 2016		
Summer Half-term	Fri 27 May 2016	Tue 7 Jun 2016	Mon 6 Jun 2016
Summer	Tues 26 Jul 2016		
	School closes	School re-opens	Training Days
Autumn		Tue 6 Sep 2016	Mon 5 Sep 2016
Autumn Half term	Fri 21 Oct 2016	Tues 1 Nov 2016	Mon 31 Oct 2016
Christmas	Fri 16 Dec 2016	Tue 4 Jan 2017	Mon 3 Jan 2017
Spring half-term	Fri 17 Feb 2017	Mon 27 Feb 2017	
Easter	Fri 7 Apr 2017	Tue 25 Apr 2017	Mon 24 Apr 2017
May Day	Mon 1 May 2017		
Summer Half-term	Fri 26 May 2017	Tues 6 Jun 2017	Mon 5 Jun 2017
Summer	Fri 25 Jul 2017		



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Date	Event
12 Jan	pm 5 week Active Children Programme for Year 1s and Class 4 with staff from Selby Leisure Centre (school based)
13 Jan	pm Selby Swimming Gala – Year 5/6 selected pupils – Selby Leisure Centre
25 Jan	am Cross Country Selby Area Finals – Years 3-6 Qualifying pupils
08 Feb	am High Five Netball – Year 5/6 selected pupils – Selby High School
10 Feb	3.30pm Messy Church event in the hall
12 Feb	Swimming Class 4 – last session
24/26 Feb	Robinwood Residential – Years 5 and 6
26 Feb	Swimming Class 3 – first session
29 Feb/ 01 Mar	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
02/03 Mar	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
08 Mar	am Assemblies for KS1 and KS2 by NSPCC Childline
11 Mar	2.15pm – Talent Show (organised by the School Council to raise money for our child sponsorship in Burundi)
15 Mar	am Workshop for Years 5 and 6 by NSPCC Childline
18 Mar	am Quick Sticks Hockey – Years 5/6 selected pupils – Selby High School
21 Mar	Parent Evenings and Interim Reports
23 Mar	Parent Evenings and Interim Reports
24 Mar	9.10am Easter Celebration – in hall
26 April	pm Kwik Cricket – Years 5/6 selected pupils, Selby Cricket Club
09/13 May	Year Y6 SATS
18 May	3.30pm Messy Church event in the hall
20 May	Swimming Class 3 – last session
20 May	pm Tennis – Year 4 selected pupils, Brayton High School
09 June	am Class Photographs
13/17 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening check week
13 June	6.30pm Reception New Starters Meeting
15 June	pm Tri Golf Festival – Year 4 selected pupils – Brotherton Primary School
18 June	11.00 – 3.00pm Summer Fair
29 June	pm – Sports Day
05 July	Year 6 Induction Day – Brayton and Barlby High
06 July	School Open Day
12 July	Year 6 Induction Day – Selby High
25 July	am New classes swap morning
26 July	9.10am Leavers' Assembly in hall



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