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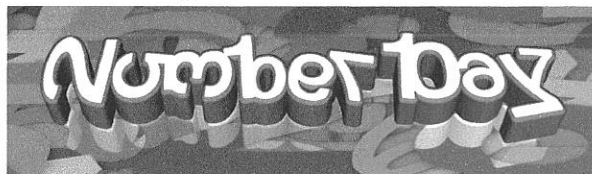
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Dear Parents and Carers,

March Newsletter

NSPCC Maths Day, World Book Day and Fairtrade Fortnight

We had a very successful NSPCC Maths Number Day in school on 4th February. The children came in varied number based costumes and the day included quizzes, maths activities and a maths photo trail around school. Many thanks to all of the parents for helping with the very imaginative outfits and a special thank you to Mrs Coulthard for her organization of the day and to Lis Wright for counting out all the change! We raised over £145 for NSPCC as well as having a really enjoyable day.



Thank you also to everyone who supported the Fairtrade reading breakfast last week and my appreciation to the parents and staff in Class 4 for organising the breakfast. Over £120 was raised for the Fairtrade Foundation which has been sent to help them in their work. World Book Day was also celebrated in school on 3rd March with books being exchanged and teachers swapping classes to share favourite books and poems.

Talent Show and Non-Uniform Day

A reminder that the School Council are organising two fundraising events this week 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.

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On Friday there will be a non-uniform day and Talent Show where children are able to sign up for one of the 20 slots available. Each person is asked to donate 50p to take part. Parents are welcome to come and watch and the School Council are asking for an entrance donation of 50p.

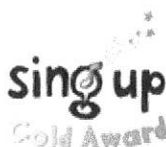
Sainsbury's Sports Games

Well done to those children who competed in the latest inter school competition, the High Five Netball competition. This was the first time that we had competed in this competition and the team was made up from members



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of Mrs Hornsby's Monday night netball club.

The team came fourth and played really well. It was most noticeable how much taller a lot of the other teams were which is distinct advantage! Well done for competing so hard and representing the school.

Parent/Teacher Evenings

We invite you to attend the second parent/teacher evenings of the year. These will be held on Monday 21st March and Wednesday 23rd March.

If your child is in Years 1 to 6, you will receive a progress report on Friday 18th March (Reception and the Nursery have ongoing assessment information in the child's Learning Journal which is available at any time). The aim of the interim report is to give you an update on how your child is doing at this point in the school year and what they need to do next to move their learning forward. As you know, there have been significant changes to the national curriculum over the last year and how children are assessed so the way we report to you has changed as well. There is an accompanying explanation with the interim report to explain the judgements.

Please indicate on the form which day and approximate time would best suit and return it to school as soon as possible as places are allocated on a first come first served basis. I have extended the times available to hopefully ensure that everyone is seen at their allotted time without sessions overrunning and to give a slightly later finish to allow working parents to be back in time for a meeting. Please let your child's teacher know if you are unable to attend.

Easter Celebration Service

A reminder that our Easter service will be held on Thursday 24th March to which parents and friends are warmly invited. It will start at 9.10am in the hall and include a celebration of communion. Rev Martin will be leading our worship. We do not take an Easter collection as we have given to lots of different charities and causes this term.

Music Lessons in School

Once a year I write about the School Music Service in the newsletter in case it is something you may want to consider. It is aimed mainly at Key Stage 2 children. I have set out below some information sent from the Music Service. If it is something that interests you, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it either to school or direct to the County Music Service.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE – AND WHERE?

The County Music Service provides tuition in a wide variety of instruments: Cornet, Clarinet, Violin, Percussion, Trumpet, Flute, Viola, Keyboard, Trombones, Saxophones, Cello, Voice, Horns, Oboe, Double Bass, Euphonium, Bassoon, Guitars, Tuba and Harp. Lessons take place in school during the school day and are available to pupils attending schools throughout North Yorkshire.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LESSONS

A minimum of twenty-five lessons is offered each academic year, though every effort will be made to provide up to 30. Lesson length will be between twenty and thirty minutes depending



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on the group size and tuition option chosen. Every effort is made to fit in with school timetabling requirements and to ensure that there is minimum disruption to lessons in school. It is, for this reason, usual for our teachers to operate a "rotating" timetable – where their pupils attend at a different time each week. Progress reports are issued at the end of the Autumn term and during the Summer term. It is vital, for good progress to be made, that pupils practice between lessons. Parents are asked to encourage playing of the instrument. Practice Diaries will detail how this can be done and provide a regular communication line between teacher and parent.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

NYCC are pleased to accept payment by Direct Debit – this spreads the annual cost over nine monthly instalments. If parents prefer they can invoice on a termly basis – fees being payable in advance. All fees are collected through the Northallerton office. It should also be noted that refunds will not be given in respect of any pupil failing to attend lessons – full terms and conditions will be sent with your registration forms. Discounts are available in respect of qualifying benefits – please speak with the school. To discontinue lessons the service require half-a-term's notice, given to the main office.



INSTRUMENTS

It will often be necessary to purchase an instrument. Alternatively some schools may be able to arrange for an instrument to be made available, most music shops operate hire arrangements and the Service does have a small stock of less commonly played instruments available for hire (details of this option are available from our teachers). If you decide to purchase you should be aware that there is a scheme in place allowing you to do so without paying VAT – the Assisted Purchase Scheme. Instruments can be bought from many local music shops – do take professional advice before committing yourself.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Applications will be dealt with as quickly as possible but if it is received at the end of the Summer term there may not be time for it to be actioned until the start of the Autumn term. The procedure is that each child is assessed by the instrumental teacher to ensure that he/she is ready to benefit from lessons (harm can be done by starting too early with some instruments). The teacher will then provide each pupil with a letter together with registration form and payment details.

ESafety

We continue to promote ESafety in school and took part in National ESafety Day earlier in the term. Here is some new information from CEOP which may be of use to you at home with regards to finding out more about child internet safety.

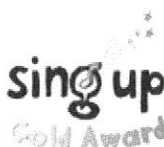
We're proud to announce that a version of our new website for parents and carers is now live at www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents. The new site offers a completely refreshed suite of articles and guidance on all aspects of child internet safety.

Please take a moment to give us some feedback by taking a look around the new site and then completing the user survey (this appears as a pop up when you visit). Your comments



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and ideas will help us shape the final content and improve our resources and support to families.

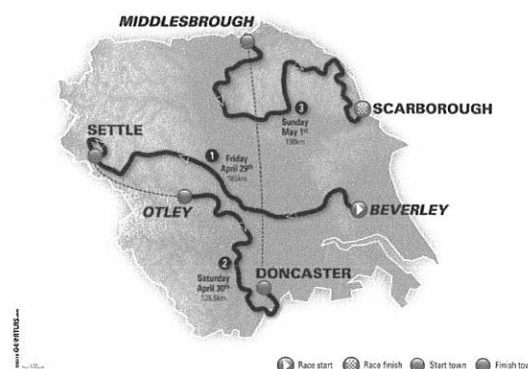
Families can visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents to access advice and support on how to keep children safe from sexual abuse, both online and off. Users will find films, downloadable guides and useful links to support organisations.

Families can also use the website to access the CEOP Safety Centre (www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre) where they can report abuse and exploitation direct to CEOP.

Tour de Yorkshire – Friday 29th April

As you will be aware, the Tour de Yorkshire will pass through Cawood and Ryther on Friday 29th April.

We are planning to take the whole school into the village to watch this event and have a themed day linked to the race. This will involve dressing up in blue, white and yellow (the colours of the Tour), making banners and flags to take with us and watching the race pass through the village.



We will be wanting help to take the whole school out so if you are planning to watch as well, your help would be much appreciated. We will gather offers of help a bit nearer the time and also give an indication of our planned day but I wanted to make you aware of what was in the planning.

Also a result of the Tour de France/Tour de Yorkshire Legacy, funds have been made available to set up Bike Libraries around the country. Bike Libraries maintain and repair donated bikes and lend them out to whoever needs them in the local area. Anyone in the community can request a bike loan using the link below. Our nearest Bike Library is based at Tadcaster Grammar School and is run by Steve Green of Positive Youth (see link for further details).

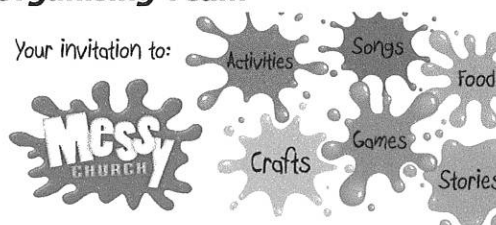
<http://bikelibraries.yorkshire.com/bike-libraries/positive-youth>

The bike library are also happy to receive donations of any unwanted or unused bikes of all sizes. Please again see the above link if this is something you can help with.

Messy Church – feedback from the Messy Church Organising Team

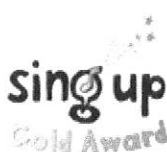
Just before half term, a lively group of Cawood School children and their parents met in the school hall for Messy Church.

The activities were all based around Ash Wednesday. Jo led the introduction and helped the children to understand the relevance of Ash Wednesday. This was followed by various crafty activities organised by Lis, Roxanne and Jo. After the activities everyone sat down to a delicious tea of jacket potatoes, beans and cheese followed by buns



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and a fruit platter served by Jackie and Janet. It was especially nice to have a village member join in the fun too.

The next Messy Church is in May so if you and your child would care to join in you would be most welcome. A letter will come out from school nearer the time. We ask that children are accompanied by a parent, relation or carer and also for a small donation towards the food to be made. We take a Christian theme, parable or value and base our activities around that. Messy Church is also a national organisation.

Messy Church helps to reinforce the Christian ethos and values of the school whilst offering a fun and fresh expression of being church together.

Other Information

<i>Together Time</i> 	Parents and carers are welcome to join us for our final Together Time on Thursday 24 th March from <u>2.30-3.15pm</u> . Prizes will be awarded for the Friends Easter Craft competition and raffle, and staff will present their usual special mentions for the week.
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We break up for Easter on Thursday 24th March. Monday 11th April is a teacher training day so term begins for all children on Tuesday 12th April. May I wish you a Happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday when it arrives.

Yours sincerely,

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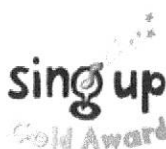
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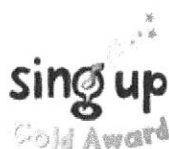
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PARENT/TEACHER EVENINGS

			Please tick the appropriate time slot.
All classes	Monday 21 st March	between 3.40pm and 4.40pm	
		or 4.40pm and 5.40pm	
		or 5.40pm and 6.40pm	
	Wednesday 23 rd March	between 3.40pm and 4.40pm	
		or 4.40pm and 5.40pm	
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Child's name		Teacher	
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County Music Service, White Rose House, Thurston Road, Northallerton, DL6 2NA

Please do not send money or documents with this form. Thank you.

School (Current) _____

School (in September) _____

Current School year - please circle as appropriate

Reception	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Forename _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Surname _____

Pupil's address (inc. Post Code) _____

Telephone No. (inc. STD code) _____

I would like my son/daughter to receive vocal / instrumental tuition in the following specialism (flute, violin etc):

First choice _____ Second choice _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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