



North Yorkshire County Council

# Cawood Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## November Newsletter

Welcome back to the new half term. This half term is always very busy with lots of exciting things going on in the run up to Christmas.

### ***Fairtrade – from Mrs Rawes***

Everyone is invited to the opening of Selby's first fair trade shop, All's Fair, when our Fair Trade Champions will be giving a short presentation as part of the opening of the shop (please see flier opposite).

There is also a petition which is ongoing to make Selby a fair trade town. If you would like to support this then there is a copy of the petition near the school office where you can add your signature.

### ***The Friends of Cawood School - Christmas Hamper Donations***

Each Christmas the Friends organise a hamper raffle which is drawn following the Reception/KS1 Production on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Your child will be bringing home a brown paper bag for donations which are made up into the hampers. All donations are gratefully received, be they Christmas themed or every day store cupboard items, or alcohol! All proceeds are ploughed directly back into the school to benefit your children.

Many thanks – The Friends Committee

### ***Sainsbury's School Games***



Congratulations to the boys' football team who beat Hambleton in the league fixture 9-0 just before the half term break. Some fantastic football was played both in attack and defence although we were saved by the woodwork on a couple of occasions! Further matches against Barkston Ash and Brotherton are due soon. Well done also to the Tag Rugby team who came second in the Selby area competition. Sportshall Athletics takes place today and the cluster

You are cordially invited to the

### **Grand Opening Evening**

Of Selby's first fair trade shop

And the Launch of Selby Fairtrade Town campaign



The Counting House, 79 Micklegate, Selby YO8 4ED

**Thursday 19 November**

**Pop in any time 4-8pm**

The shop will be opened by Linda McAvan MEP at 5pm

Fairtrade drinks and nibbles

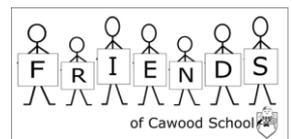
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Cross Country event is on Monday morning next week. A large number of children in Key Stage 2 are taking part in this event which is great to see. Please refer to my previous letter for those taking part for further details.

### ***Parental Questionnaire***

Thank you to everyone who completed a parental questionnaire on the parent evenings. I will assimilate all the responses and once this is finalised will send you details of the responses, both strengths and suggestions for development.

### ***School Uniform***

Following discussions on parental feedback from last year's parental questionnaire, the Governing Body have decided to make a slight change to the uniform policy of the school. As from **September 2016**, the uniform will be navy blue jumpers and cardigans rather than a mixture of grey and blue. This will give a more uniform appearance. Grey jumpers and cardigans can continue to be worn for the remainder of this year but we would ask parents when they are buying uniform for next year to just purchase navy jumpers and cardigans.

Our uniform continues to be non-prescriptive i.e. it can be bought from the school if you want jumpers or cardigans with the school badge on but equally it can be bought from any high street store.

All other uniform remains the same.

### ***Emergency Closure Information***

With the onset of winter, I would like to remind you of emergency closure information. In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to close the school because of inclement weather, failure of heating or other such events. If the school cannot open on a particular day, I will text you, post notices on the school website homepage and the gates of the school, and will use the local radio to inform you. It will be announced on Radio York. I will endeavour to do this as early as possible (between 7.00 and 8.00am) so that you can make any necessary arrangements if the school is closed at short notice. In the same way, if I need to send the children home early, I will inform you so that you can make arrangements for the collection and supervision of your child.



### ***After school clubs***

After school clubs continue this half term. We do a new set of clubs at the beginning of each term and therefore we don't do clubs in the first week or two in September, January or April. Clubs do however continue straight away after each of the half term breaks. Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to be ready to pick up at the finish time of the club as there have been a few occasions when children have had to be looked after well beyond the finish time of 4.15 or 4.30pm. Thank you.

### ***Other Information***

<b><i>The Friends of Cawood School</i></b>	There is a meeting of the Friends this Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm in the staffroom.
<b><i>Film Club</i></b>	Unfortunately I now have to be out of school on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>



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	November so there will be no Film Club that evening. The next Film club will be on Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November.
<p><b><i>Nut Allergies</i></b></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><b><i>Nursery Places</i></b></p>	Can I remind parents and carers of children in nursery that if they wish to add to their allocation of days, the School Office must be notified by the end of this week (Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November). Letters will be sent out at the beginning of next week to the January intake offering the remaining places.
<p><b><i>Christmas Cards</i></b></p>	I hope you have received the Christmas card sample which your child designed as part of RE week before half term. If you want to make an order for the cards or the associated products, please ensure that both the order form and the money is returned to the office by the <b>end of school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b> as it needs to be sent off promptly. A reminder also that all profits we make from the cards will be used to help fund the Riding Lights Theatre Christmas production for the children this year.

Yours sincerely,

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