

Spring 2
April 6th 2017



Springtime is here. The beautiful daffodils in the village and the colourful flowers now, at last, herald the arrival of Spring. The term seems to have flown by as it seems just 5 minutes since my arrival - and so much has happened over the last few weeks. It has been wonderful to do some teaching in Y6, to see the progress the children are making, working with them on their writing and reading, and also sharing some imaginative and creative ideas. Many of you have been able to come into morning worship and enjoy watching the children taking a leading role. I am amazed by the calm and confident way they present their readings and thoughts. 'Mothering Sunday' was a true delight. There was a lovely atmosphere, and it was great to see so many carers, mums and grandparents coming into school and enjoying lunch with the children.

Reading Breakfast

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the reading breakfast on Thursday. It was lovely to see children and adults sharing books together and chatting about reading. This event helps us to promote reading in school and is always very popular with the children. A special mention to Class One for organising the breakfast and providing all the delicious food, including the very popular pancakes! We raised £69.70 to spend on books for the library which will be chosen by the children.



The travelling book fair will be arriving in school on Thursday 11th May. There is a wide selection of books available for you to buy, both fiction and non-fiction, and the commission we receive provides us with more exciting new books for the children.

The book fair will be open during the following times and dates:

Thursday 11th May 3:30-4:00

Friday 12 May 8:30-9:15

Monday 15th May 3:30-4:00

(please use the main school entrance on Friday morning)

The year 5 and year 6 children are enjoying the football club after school on Tuesday; we are looking to expand this after Easter to the boys and girls in year 3 and 4. If your child is interested in joining, please complete the form to let us know.

The new netball club is now running on Monday after school and I know this is very much enjoyed by the children. We are currently making links with the tennis club and, after Easter, we are hoping to offer a school tennis club using these excellent facilities. It sounds like it is time to blow the dust off the tennis rackets and get ready to enjoy this wonderful sport.

I am planning to take the children to more sporting events this term and throughout next year. This can only happen if I can safely transport children to and from the venue. If you are able to help with transport, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter. You will need to let the school know that you have comprehensive car insurance that covers the transporting of children.

Thank you to all the many parents and friends who come into school to support the children and staff in so many ways. Your contribution to the school is very valuable to us and we would not be able to do all the wonderful things with the children without your support.

Changes in School

As many of you will know, I have made a few changes in school policies which have been updated and agreed by the Governing Body. The changes are:

- The behaviour policy
- Behaviour booklet
- Anti-bullying policy
- Marking policy
- Presentation policy
- Worship policy
- Teaching and learning policy.

One of the changes has been that children are no longer rewarded with gold coins, but instead will be rewarded with golden tickets. The children meet on a Friday afternoon in their key stages

for together time which has worked really well this term. Each of the key stages has enjoyed a much more interesting and relevant time with the other classes and the children are not having to sit in the hall for such a long time.

Red Nose Day

This year's Red Nose day was great fun. The school felt very different with children not wearing their school uniform. In the 'together time', there was a joke telling competition. The judges gave each joke a score and we had lots of fun and laughter over the scoring as well as trying to understand some of the more obscure jokes. I'm still not sure why the chicken crossed the road but it sounded very funny. I don't think I have ever seen such an amazing spread of buns. Thank you to everyone who helped with baking and transporting them. We had a great day and raised a total of £183.50 for comic relief.



Bishop John came to visit.

One of many highlights this term was the visit of the Bishop of Selby, Bishop John. We were blessed with good weather and were able to plant a beautiful tree which marks my arrival at Cawood and signifies the ways in which we continue to grow and flourish. Bishop John prayed for our school, our homes and the community, and spoke to us about God's great love. He explained to us that the Bishop has a crook (the staff or crosier) to show that he has an important job to do which is to take care of the people in and around Selby. In the same way as a Shepherd looks after his sheep, carrying his shepherd's crook, so the Bishop looks after people.



Staff Changes

Mr Jeremy Nott has resigned his position of the Chair of Governors. He has been on the governing body for nearly 10 years, and due to a new job with increased work commitments, he is unable to carry on in this role. Jeremy will still continue as a foundation governor, with Jackie Grey as the new Chair of Governors and Andy Mudd as Vice Chair.

We are pleased to welcome Linda Grimshaw onto the governing body as a foundation governor and we are delighted to have Mrs Rawes back with us for the full 3 days a week.

And Finally

It's been fabulous to see the children learning and developing in Early Years. The Nursery children are enjoying Forest School on Wednesday mornings; it's lovely to see them get their warm clothes on and get all booted up to start their learning exploration. Reception children's parents have given some very positive feedback to coming into school for 'drop everything enjoy play' (or "deep"). A huge thank you to all our parents for your continued support. I know that a change of Headteacher can bring a certain amount of apprehension and uncertainty but I hope I have kept this to a minimum as I have settled in this term. Thank you for your support and respect for the safeguarding of our children, and for not coming into school via the Key Stage 2 entrance. Staff are able to make a really prompt start at 8.55 am and certainly by 9 o'clock the day has begun in earnest. I do wish to stress that parents are very welcome to come into school and to meet their child's teacher - but **this should be by appointment via the school office**. We continue to work very closely with all parents and carers, and hope that you do feel welcome to come and talk with us about your child's educational progress and development.

General information

Journeys to School

If your child is cycling or scooting to school

The children are welcome to continue to cycle or 'scoot' to school. Please can I remind you and your child of the simple rules of cycling to school:

1. A helmet should be worn when riding to school. **This is a requirement not an option.** Helmets can be brought into school and stored.
2. When arriving at the school gate, everyone should dismount their bike or scooter and push it around the back of school for storage. To minimise the risks of any accidents, **there should be no cycling or scooting on the playground.**

Parking around school

Please park with consideration for our neighbours. Please also observe the no waiting markings outside the front of school, nor park opposite them on the other side of the road. Thank you.

AND remember that you can still park in the Castle pub car park at drop off and pick up times, which would ease parking around school.

Home School Link Worker

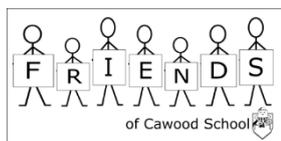
Carol Ramsden is our Home School Link Worker (HSLW) and she is available each morning on the playground (usually near the KS2 doors) from 8.45 – 9.00am. There is space in school for you to come in and discuss any issues you may have with her.

The role of the HSLW is to

- help to identify concerns or issues relating to early signs of social, emotional, learning, health or behavioural issues
- provide support and advice to children and families
- signpost links to appropriate agencies for families facing difficult situations
- help support transition, either into school, from class to class, or up to High School
- work with children and families to connect with the ethos of the school

I know of many families who have really benefited from the support of a Home School Link Worker. Please do use her; she may well be able to help or signpost you to someone who can offer you support when it is most needed. If you don't know Carol, please speak with me and I can introduce you.

The Friends of Cawood School



We all had a great time at the quiz and curry night last Friday. It was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the quiz, the excellent curry and one or two drinks. We raised £220 for school which is fantastic. Please get in touch and find out how you can contribute to future events. I hope you may be able to support the *Friends*. They do a great job in arranging the events and raising extra funds for the school.

Training day reminder.

Monday 24th April is a training day.

Vacancy in school

We have a vacancy for a full time midday supervisor. This is a crucial role in all schools. It is for an hour a day and a perfect opportunity for someone to join the wonderful team at Cawood. Please contact Miss Lister in the office if you are interested.

Important dates Holidays and training days

	School closes	School re-opens	Training Days		School closes	School re-opens	Training Days
Autumn		Tue 6 Sep 2016	Mon 5 Sep 2016			Tue 5 Sep 2017	Friday 1 Sep 2017 Mon 4 Sep 2016
Autumn Half term	Fri 21 Oct 2016	Tues 1 Nov 2016	Mon 31 Oct 2016		Fri 20 Oct 2017	Mon 30 Oct 2017	
Christmas	Fri 16 Dec 2016	Weds 4 Jan 2017	Tues 3 Jan 2017		Fri 22 Dec 2017	Tue 9 Jan 2018	Mon 8 Jan 2018
Spring half-term	Fri 17 Feb 2017	Mon 27 Feb 2017			Fri 09 Feb 2018	Mon 19 Feb 2018	
Easter	Fri 7 Apr 2017	Tue 25 Apr 2017	Mon 24 Apr 2017		Thur 29 Mar 2018	Tue 17 Apr 2018	Mon 16 Apr 2018

Office hours

Just a reminder that school office working hours are now 8.30 – 4.00 every day. Mrs Moore will be taking on responsibility for the office on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Miss Lister will continue to manage the office and will be looking after all the administration from Wednesday to Friday. Please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment to see a teacher, or if you have a question about anything. We are always pleased to help and support in any way we can.

Water

Please provide fresh water for your child every day; it is really important that children keep themselves well hydrated during the school day.

Nut Allergies

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 any nuts in packed lunches.

Dinners

This term we have moved across to using ParentPay. The electronic payment system is working well, but please ask if you have any questions or concerns that we can help with.

Website reminder

You will find a wealth of information on the school website including updates of the school policies, information about Free School Meals, Pupil Premium Funding and what to do if your child is absent from school. Visit www.cawoodprimary.co.uk

Uniform

Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart and wearing our school uniform. If at any point you need to convince your child that red nails are not part of the uniform code (!), you will also find our uniform code on the website.

Wishing you a very blessed and happy Easter.

From all the staff at School.

DATES 2016/17	
Date	Event
	EASTER HOLIDAYS FRI 7 th APRIL – TUE 25 th APRIL
w.c.8 th May	Year 6 SATS
11 th May	Book Fair in the hall 3.30pm – 4.00pm
12 th May	Book Fair in the hall 8.30am – 9.15am
15 th May	Book Fair in the hall 3.30pm – 4.00pm
17th May	Girls Football competition at Selby college T.B.C.
23 rd May	All day Kwick Cricket – Yr 5/6 pupils, Selby Cricket Club T.B.C.
7 th June	Messy Church T.B.C.
w.c.12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening check week
12 th June	6.30pm Reception New Starters Meeting
13 th June	Year 5 Specialism day @ Selby High School
15 th June	am Class Photos including Nursery
15 th June	Yr 6 Induction day Brayton High School
28 th June	Sports day
10 th July	Pupil Reports
11 th July	Yr 6 Induction day Selby High School
11 th July	Class transition day
13 th July	Yr 6 Induction day Barlby High School
25 th July	9.10am Leavers Assembly
T.B.C.	KS2 Production

AFTER SCHOOL AND LUNCHTIME CLUBS –**Summer 2017**

Name Class

Monday lunchtime	UKULELE Mrs Stephenson	KS2	Free
Monday evening	Netball Mrs Hornsby	KS2	Free
Monday evening	ART Mrs Hodgson	Class 3 & 4	Free
Tuesday a.m.	HOMEWORK CLUB Mrs Coulthard	KS2	Free
Tuesday evening	FOOTBALL Mr Payling	KS2	Free
Wednesday evening	GARDENING CLUB Mrs Shepherd	YR1, YR2, YR3	Free
Thursday evening	RECORDERS Mrs Walker	KS2	Free
Thursday evening	LIBRARY Mrs Ramsdale	ALL	Free

Your child will walk home

Your child will be collected

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 taken. We thank you for your ongoing support.

I am able to help with transport

Parent/Carer name _____

Signature _____