



Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2019

"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

As Sam and I put final touches to this Newsletter, the rain is pouring down. I'm hopeful that it will brighten up for next Tuesday's Walkie Talkie Welly Walk but come what may, we will be heading out to enjoy our walk come rain or shine. So please do remember wellies next week as the ground under foot might be a little muddy! Our theme is linked to World Mental Health Day which was remembered yesterday. As part of the Walk, we will enjoy talking to each other and appreciating the beautiful environment around us. My thanks to Jennie Johnson, mum of Jasper in Year 4, who is again masterminding the occasion and providing juice and biscuits at the end! I'm also grateful to Sam Read, mum of Olivia in Year 4, who has organised the Castle Howard prize. Please do send in sponsor forms and money by **Thursday 24th October** because we shall pick out the winning form for the Castle Howard prize just in time for half term. Joining us on the Walk will be Angela Hepworth. She is coming into school on six occasions between now and Christmas to work with all classes, continuing our Mindfulness theme. You will find more detail of this further in the Newsletter. Her first session will be this Monday and we are all looking forward to it. She comes highly recommended and with superb references for her work, so I am sure we will all gain much from her sessions.



We had our first Full Governing Board meeting last week. Our School Governors have an extremely important role in the leadership of our school and I am lucky to be able to work with such a dedicated and competent team. Whilst Andrew Priestley is continuing in his capacity as a Parent Governor, he is stepping down from his role of Chair of the Board. I am grateful to Andrew for his time as Chair as he has worked closely with me over the past two years and his wisdom and support has been much appreciated by me. I am pleased that Howard Widdall has agreed to become the new Chair and will continue Andrew's great work. Anne Conroy will take on the role of Vice Chair and I'm sure we will have another successful year. I would like to take this

opportunity to thank Heather Turner, mum of Maisie and Will, for her time spent as part of our Governing Board. She has now stood down from her position as a Parent Governor and as a result, we now have a vacancy on our Board for a new Parent Governor. On Monday, we will send information about the role of a Parent Governor and a Nomination Paper with further details of timescales for the election. I would be very grateful if parents would consider this role and whether or not you would be prepared to put your name up for nomination. Being a School Governor is indeed a commitment in both time and responsibility but is also a rewarding experience to be involved with a school at such a strategic level. Our Governors have recently carried out a skills audit and in the first instance we are looking for a Governor who has some



experience of finance and information technology to ensure we have a full complement of skills on our Governing Board. However, even if you do not feel that you can offer these skill sets, we would be delighted to receive a nomination if this is something you would like to be involved in. Please look out for this information coming home to you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Rachel Ray





Attendance

The figures for the last 3 weeks of the 2019/20 Autumn Term are.....



Reception:	86.7%
Year 1:	94.0%
Year 2:	98.8%
Year 3:	97.5%
Year 4:	98.6%
Year 5:	96.4%
Year 6:	93.6%
Overall:	94.9%

Well done to Year 2

for having the best attendance!

FoLS Update

So with the Autumn Term in full swing, preparations are well under way for our events that are happening in the next few weeks.

On Friday 18th October, we are having a non-uniform day, and we are asking if children can bring in sweets and bottles of something for our tombolas at the Christmas Fair. The bottles can be any sort whatsoever - from shampoo to champagne, so think outside the box if you like!

On the same day, we have our next FoLS meeting at 2.15pm in the school hall. It was fantastic to see so many new faces at our last meeting, with some brilliant ideas too, so please if you're thinking of taking the plunge to join - just jump in. You'll be just in time for our Christmas night out too!



Talking of Christmas - for our fair this year, we have decided to do a Big Prize Raffle again, so we are on the lookout for any ideas and suggestions for local businesses that people think they could get a good prize from, so please drop Vicky (vicky@olliepearsracing.co.uk) an email if you know of any.

On Friday 25th October we have our Morrisons Bag Packing - the potential for raising significant money is brilliant, so this is a shout-out that if you are able to head over to Morrisons for an hour at any point during that Friday, your help would be very much appreciated. Children that are aged 9 or over are allowed to help with the bag packing and Mrs Ray has agreed to allow those children to come out of school to bag pack with their parents. The more children we are able

to get to help, the better, as it will encourage shoppers to be generous!! We understand it is not the most appealing fundraising we can do, but it IS a successful one. Please let Annabelle (bellie30@gmail.com) or Vicky know if you can help out. Thank you.

FoLS dates coming up:

- Friday 18th Oct - Bottle and sweet collection for non-uniform day
- Friday 18th Oct - 2.15pm, next FoLS meeting
- Friday 25th Oct - Morrisons Fundraising Bag Packing
- Friday 29th Nov - Christmas Fair

The FoLS team

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



**Fundraising Bag Packing
Friday 25th October 2019**

in aid of

Friends of Langton School

If you can spare an hour or two to help on the day, please
email Annabelle at bellie30@gmail.com

Thank you!



A cup of coffee and a good book!!

The Book Fair always brings with it a great excitement surrounding books, especially in a school like ours as our children love to read! Our Grandparents Reading sessions were once again a roaring success, and it was great to see the children loving the opportunity to sit and read with friends and family. The Book Fair itself was incredibly successful and as a result of your purchases, we raised a fantastic **£410** for the school to spend on new books for our library! Mrs Tetlow will be putting the money to good use and restocking the shelves!

Once again, we ran a Macmillan Coffee Morning alongside the Reading Sessions, which thanks to Mrs C, and Mrs Camps and the School Council, ran like clockwork.



"At the coffee morning there were different stalls and there was coffee, tea and juice, and there was a raffle, a cake stall and a table where you can buy books. There was a box on one of the tables that said Macmillan and that box was for donations that went towards the Macmillan cancer support." (Report by Ella B, Rye Class/School Council).



As always, these events would not be as successful as they are without your support, so thanks go to everyone who provided cakes and biscuits for the Coffee Morning, and for the kind donations we received.

We are pleased to say that we raised a fantastic **£200** for this incredibly worthy cause.



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING

£200



Langton Primary School **THE WALKIE TALKIE Welly Walk**

Tuesday 15th October 2019

It's time to dig out the wellies! This year, our annual Sponsored Welly Walk will have a Walkie Talkie theme. We are linking our Walk this year to the work we have been doing around Mindfulness. This Thursday was World Mental Health Day so our Walkie Talkie theme is highlighting the importance of talking about things which may worry us rather than keeping them inside. The children will find green ribbons and balloons along the route to remind them of this. Thanks as always to Jennie Johnson (Jasper's Mum), for organising this.

This is a sponsored event for school funds, and Sponsor Forms came home this week (additional copies are available on the School Website under News & Events/Letters). A big thank you to Mrs Sam Read (Olivia's Mum) who has been able to secure a Castle Howard Family Pass as a prize for collecting sponsors. The Pass is valid until 5th November 2019 so perfect for a Half Term visit to Skelf Island! All children who return their forms **with five or more sponsors** will be put into a hat and a winner picked out at random.

Many thanks for your support with this. All money that we raise for our School Fund goes towards trips and activities for the children that we may not otherwise be able to cover within our school budget. Some of the money raised this year will be used to pay for some Mindfulness sessions for each class between now and Christmas. More details about this will follow.

A run out in the country...

"On Wednesday 2nd of October some Rye and Ouse class members took part in a cross county at West Heslerton school. We left school at about 12:30. When we arrived we went to a ploughed field where we would be running. Then when West Heslerton School came round two old Langton Primary School members were with them Oliver and Emily Parker. A lot of us rushed to see them but we were called back because the elite race started.

There were 8 people from each school 4 boys and 4 girls. The girls were Lottie C, Sofia, Bella M and Ella, the boys that were there that ran the elite race were Jack J, Elias, Jake and Jasper, who ran the elite race.

They all worked so hard and all our girls got into the top twelve well done girls! When they finished all their faces were bright red like apples. After we had a small break. Then we were called back again because the fun run was starting. Some people from the elite race ran the fun run too. It took ages to finish. It was a course where you would go over huge mountains and go down them. Unfortunately there were cow pats everywhere! Also there were sheep and as people passed them they tried to escape. Only the first boy and first girl would get a medal but Honor was the second girl so she was so close Well done Honor!"

Report by Lily & Gwennie—Rye Class



And...relax...

"On Friday the 27th of September the whole of Rye class went to a Buddhist temple in Pocklington. We were picked up from school in a coach at nine thirty in the morning, followed by a twenty minute drive. When we arrived we went into the café and were told

about what we would be doing. We went to a shoe rack and took our shoes off then we went into the meditation room. We all sat on the carpet and learned about Buddha. The lady showed us how to meditate and then we did a play. In the first scene Emily and Ryan were the king and queen. Also Heather had a very important role of being Siddhartha. The play was about Siddhartha becoming the Buddha and protecting himself from the evil spirits and he teaches the normal citizen to become enlightened like himself."

Report by Ryan—Rye Class



The world in union...

"On 9th October the whole of Rye class went to Malton sports centre to play in a Tag Rugby tournament. Not including our 3 teams, there were 5 teams at the tournament, our teams were team A, B and C. Not many of us had ever played tag rugby before so we were all a little bit nervous and didn't really know what we were doing.

"At one point it started to rain quite a bit, which made it quite hard to run around and even to stay upright, although it was better when we were trying to dodge people getting our tags while we were scoring tries.

"Some games we won and others we lost, it was usually very close with the scores. We didn't end up winning but we all had a great time."

Report by Xanthe & Charlotte—Rye Class



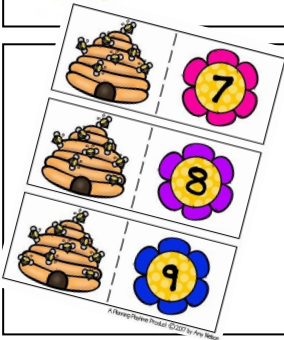
Give thanks for the harvest..

It was standing room only at this year's Harvest festival— a very big thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate and for your kind donations, that have been passed to the Ryedale Food Bank.

"On the 7th October we had a whole school harvest festival. Each class had a chance to perform in the church. Derwent class did a play (The Enormous Turnip.) Foss class told us what we needed for a good harvest, Ouse class found meanings for nearly every vegetable\fruit and Rye class had three poems read out by Honor, Ella and Harriet. And Gwennie also read out a prayer. We all really enjoyed it. Well done everybody!"

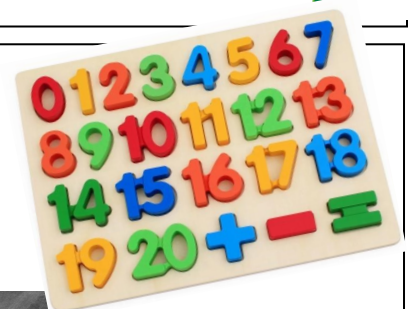
By Emily & Harriet —Rye Class

For more information on the work that the Food Bank does, visit their website at <https://ryedale.foodbank.org.uk>



Does anybody have....

...any number puzzles (more specifically number puzzles of 1 to 10 or 1 to 20) that are in great condition but that they no longer need? If so, Derwent Class would be very happy to take them off your hands!



Breakfast & After School Club bookings

Just a quick reminder that our **Breakfast Club (8.00-8.35am, £3.00 per sessions)** and **After School Club (3.15-4.15pm—£2.50 per session, 4.15-5.45pm, £7.00 per session)** are available Monday to Friday during term time.

If possible, please do book in with at least 24 hour's notice, as we have some afternoon sessions that are full. Bookings for the following week will be added to your ParentPay account, but a charge will still be made if these sessions are cancelled with less than 24 hours notice. Thanks for your support with this.

PARENTS EVENING

Autumn Term Parent's Evenings

This term's Parent's Evening are being held on

Wednesday 23rd October (3.30—6.00pm)

Thursday 24th October (4.30—7.00pm)

Letters and appointment slips came home at the start of this week, so please check children's bags! Copies are available on the School Website under News & Events/ Letters. We do try to accommodate parents' preferences for appointment times but if you are not able to make any of the sessions, please speak to your child's class teacher about making a separate appointment.



Sweetie-free Zone!

We have had a few children bringing in wrapped chocolate bars for break time. Chocolates, biscuits and sweets are not allowed at playtimes. We offer fruit, milk and tuck during the school day when required (tuck is available during morning break every

day, when toast, bagels, crumpets and juice can be bought from Mrs Goodwill for 20p per item). Please feel free to send your child to school with fruit for playtimes should you wish to.

Shout out for shirts!

If anyone has any old adult sized-shirts or T-shirts that they no longer need that we could use as painting aprons, we would be love to relieve you of them (and you would have the eternal gratitude of those of us who have to wash school uniform!)



Mindfulness

Over the coming weeks we will have a mindfulness teacher coming into school to undertake mindfulness with each of the children in their respective classes. The sessions will be based around being calm, gaining confidence, problem solving, resilience, kindness, self esteem, meditation and visualisation. A series of worksheets will be provided for you to see exactly what each child is participating in and it is hoped that each of the children will gain extremely positive reactions to the sessions. The sessions will be fun, and each child will take away a little message that hopefully they will carry with them long after the sessions are completed.



Say Cheese!

Hair brushed and best bib and tucker for **Wednesday 23rd October** as Phototronics Scholastic, our school photographers, will be here in the morning (thankfully before lunch...!!) to take individual portraits. We are expecting that the proofs should be with us before half term for us to send home with the children.

Thank you for the music!

Calling all budding Guitarists! Dan Hardcastle runs **guitar lessons** in school on Wednesdays. If you're interested in your child joining (age 6 and over), or would like further information about costs, contact Mr Hardcastle by email daniel.hardcastle@hotmail.co.uk or call 07921 845692.

Pupils also have access to both **piano and violin lessons**. Mr Nick Thompson teaches both violin and piano on Wednesdays—contact him on 01653 693730 or email thompson896@btinternet.com for further information.



North Yorkshire
County Council

Year 6 parents—Application for Secondary School places

All Year 6 parents have now received a letter from North Yorkshire County Council regarding applications for Secondary school places for start in September 2020 (a copy of which can be found on the Langton School website under News & Events / Letters). Please be aware that the **deadline for applications is Wednesday 31st October**. As outlined in the letter, all the information on how to apply is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions. Applications can be submitted online as from 12th September 2019.



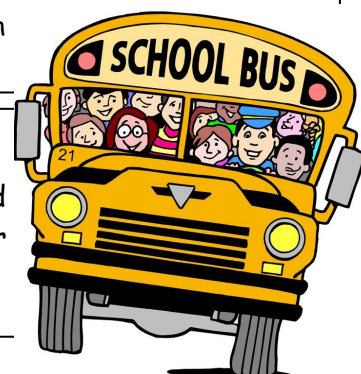
ParentPay
COUNT ON US

*** IMPORTANT PARENTPAY UPDATE ***

A very big thank you to all our new parents who have activated their ParentPay accounts. The accounts are important in that we use them to charge for meals, clubs and trips, and to get consent from you for children's attendance on trips. **Dinner money should be paid for in advance of dinners being taken** so that there is always a balance on the account to debit dinners against. All school sports clubs have now been added to your account so please watch out for those. If you have any queries or issues, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Sam.

Changes to Routine

If your child's routine changes for any reason (e.g. they are being collected instead of going home on the bus), could you please ensure that you call or email the school office to confirm this. Thanks for your help with this.



School Timings

A quick reminder to all parents that the school day starts at **8.45am**. A member of staff will be on the playground daily from 8.35am, and if your child needs to arrive at school earlier than this, please ensure that they are booked into Breakfast Club, as there will be no-one outside to supervise them. Thank you for your support with this.

School Day Times		
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
8.35am	8.45am	Assemble in playground
10.30am	10.45am	Morning playtime
12.00	1.00pm	KS1 lunchtime
12.15pm	1.00pm	KS2 lunchtime
2.00pm	2.15pm	Afternoon playtime
3.15pm		Home time

Lost property!

We've already had a number of missing jumpers, hoodies and polo shirts, and it's only week 3! Our Lost Property box is at the far end of school, (past the Library, through the double doors and on the right hand side), so if your child is missing anything, please do come in and check for it.

We do endeavour to reunite children and clothing but if clothing isn't named, it isn't always possible. **If you could name all of your children's clothing (using a Sharpie on the size labels works a treat), it would be very helpful.** It is also worth regularly checking children's bags and PE bags to make sure that other pupil's uniform hasn't made it's way in there, as a lot of the uniform that does get lost has often gone home with the wrong person!



Staff Training Days:

Monday 2nd September 2019
Monday 6th January 2020
Monday 20th April 2020
Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 20th July 2020

HOLIDAY DATES 2019-2020

HOLIDAY	Last Day At School	First Day Back
Summer 2019	Friday 19 th July 2019	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019
Autumn half-term	Friday 25 th October 2019	Monday 4 th November 2019
Christmas 2019	Friday 20 th December 2019	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Spring half-term	Friday 14 th February 2020	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter 2020	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Tuesday 21 st April 2020
May Day	Thursday 7th May 2020	Monday 11th May 2020
Summer half-term	Friday 22 nd May 2020	Tuesday 2 nd June 2020
Summer 2020	Friday 17 th July 2020	

Dates for your diary

Sponsored Walkie Talkie Welly Walk	Tuesday 15th October, afternoon
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 18th October
FoLS Meeting (in School hall)	Friday 18th October @ 2.15pm
Fire Brigade Visit to School	Monday 21st October
School Photos	Wednesday 23rd October
Parents Evenings	Wednesday 23rd October, 3.30-6.00pm
	Thursday 24th October, 4.30-7.00pm
FoLS Bag Packing at Morrisons	Friday 25th October
End of half term	Friday 25th October
Back to School	Monday 4th November
New reception Open Afternoon (Sept 20 start)	Thursday 7th November, 1.15-3.00pm
Remembrance Service on Village Green	Monday 11th November, 10.50am
Flu Immunisation (whole school)	Monday 18th November
FoLS Christmas Fair	Friday 29th November
KS1 Nativity	Wednesday 11th December, 2.00pm
KS1 Nativity	Thursday 12th December, 6.00pm
Christmas Carol Service @ St Andrews Church	Thursday 19th December, 9.15am
Pocket Panto—Mother Goose	Thursday 19th December, 1.30pm
Christmas Lunch	Friday 20th December
End of Term	Friday 20th December
Staff Training Day	Monday 6th January 2020
Start of the Spring Term 2020	Tuesday 7th January 2020

Governing Board Meetings — Autumn Term 2019

Finance & Resources Committee	Tuesday 12th November, 8.30am
Full Governing Board	Thursday 5th December, 3.30pm

PLEASE NOTE

If your child is using the playground equipment out of school hours, when not supervised by school staff, it is at parents' own risk



LANGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Open Afternoon

Thursday 7th November 2019

1.15 – 3.00 pm

Is your child going to start school in September 2020?

Are you looking at primary schools in this area?

Come and see our lovely learning environment and meet our great team. Rated 'Good' by OFSTED (July 2019) Langton is a thriving school in a delightful village just 3 miles south of Norton.

JOIN US....

....to experience an afternoon of fun and activities led by our own Early Years team

EXPLORE....

....our lovely Early Years classroom and outdoor provision

MAKE FRIENDS....

....make some new friends (and bring some old ones if you like!)

PARENTS ALSO WELCOME!

Don't forget.... the closing date for primary school reception applications for the next school year is **Wednesday 15th January 2020**. A few places still available.

Find out more about us on the school website at **www.langton.n-yorks.sch.uk**

We welcome visits! If you can't make it to the Open Afternoon, but would like to know more or look around at another time, please call 01653 658236. We'd love to hear from you.

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