



THRESHFIELD

PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2

Diary Dates for SUMMER 1

17 th Apr	Return to school
28 th Apr	Coffee morning at Church House 9.30 - 12
7 th May	May Day - school closed
8 th May	Cricket Festival at UWS 1 - 4
11 th May	Year 4 cluster day at Nell Bank
14 th May	Year 6 SATs start for whole week
22 nd May	Year 6 residential to Cober Hill
25 th May	Year 6 return from Cober Hill
	School closes from half term
4 th June	Return to school

PE

Red Kites - Monday

Kingfishers - Variable - please make sure PE kits are in school at all times.

Curlews - Tuesday

Clubs

Monday - Tennis Club with Mr Bode Rec -Yr 6

Monday - French with Miss Coulton Rec - Yr 6

Wednesday - Sports club with Mr Gregson Yr 2 -Yr 6

Wednesday - SAT Attack 3.30-4.30pm Mr Cook Yr 6

Thursday - Enterprise with Miss Alexander Yr 3 - Yr 6

News from the Kingfishers

Our topic this term has been 'Journey's and much of our literacy work has been linked to this.

We looked at the story "Whatever Next" and the children created lists of items needed for a journey to the moon.

The children have designed and made rockets and used different textures to create pictures of the moon. We have been naming and describing 2d shapes and created a variety of vehicles using shapes. The shop has been a busy area, children buying and selling fruit and vegetables and now Spring is coming we intend to grow our own produce next term with the help of Daniel. He will be popping in each week to support us with planting and tending to the garden.



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News from the Curlews

The Curlews have had another fantastic action packed term! We have continued learning about the Vikings; focusing on their first invasions of England and learning about how they settled and their way of life. Our visit from Njal and Sven was very exciting and it really brought our topic to life.

We have been learning how to tell the time in maths (please keep practising this at home). In literacy, the Curlews have written and illustrated their own book based on 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt; it's absolutely fantastic!

News from the Red Kites

This term pupils have continued their exploration of fractions and decimals and also worked with percentages. In topic they have been continued to learn about settlers and invaders with the main focus being on Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. Key Stage 2 even saw Threshfield invaded by Vikings Njal and Sven for the day. This week Y5s attended the Buckden House residential trip with Eastwood, one of our link schools in Keighley. We are so lucky to be invited to join in with this amazing learning opportunity which is not only a chance for 1st class outdoor learning but also an invaluable way for Y5s to build self-confidence, resilience and independence and meet and make friends with pupils from a contrasting school community.

Attendance

Holidays in Term Time - unfortunately our biggest challenge to school attendance still results from parents continuing to book holidays in term time; so much so that our school attendance has sadly fallen below our target of 97% to 94.6%. If every child in the school took a week's holiday in term time, attendance would be well below our target, even before the additional, unavoidable absences due to sickness and exceptional circumstances are taken into account. This is particularly disappointing as it remains one of our priorities for improving outcomes for pupils and ensuring we take recommendations from Ofsted very seriously.

Teachers invariably feedback to me the negative effects which stem from pupils taking time out of school - both in terms of falling behind with learning, particularly new concepts in maths, and also how absence impacts on friendship groups - a lot happens in a week at school.

May I remind you that taking ten or more unauthorised sessions leave (in a block, or accumulatively over a four month period) taken without the permission of the school, and where the reason given does not meet any criteria for "exceptional circumstances" will result in the local authority issuing a penalty.

A 'session' is counted as a half day, so ten or more unauthorised sessions equates to five school days. A copy of the schools' 'Holidays in Term Time' policy is available on our



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website, this being a standard North Yorkshire Policy - this sets out what can and cannot be authorised by law.

Packed Lunch

If your child has opted to have a packed lunch, please ensure that you follow our healthy lunch box guidelines. We encourage our children to take advantage of the fantastic school lunches which are cooked on the premises and ensure a balanced and healthy diet.

Music

This term has been packed with lots of music opportunities: accordion, guitar, cello and singing with a music specialist. If anyone would like to continue playing the cello, lessons can still be available - please speak to Mrs Whitaker for further details.

SATs

Our Y6s have been attending SATs Club on Wednesdays, in preparation for these national assessments which begin on Monday 14th May. The lessons will continue next term.

Staffing

Sadly we say goodbye to our fantastic cook, Mrs Redmayne, who has been preparing scrumptious lunches for pupils and staff for over 3 years. We will miss her effortless calm and delicious food. We wish her every happiness as she moves to her new home in Orkney.

We wish you all a very happy and relaxing Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 17th April.