



Dear parents and friends,  
 Welcome back to everyone at the start of another new term. I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. It has been lovely to hear all the children speak so fondly of the wonderful experiences you have shared during the break and equally lovely to hear how excited they are to be starting back at school. For some, this has been their very first week at school. It never ceases to amaze me how confidently and adeptly our children settle into a new environment and how happy they are in their learning; long may this continue!



**Welcome...**

...to all our new pupils!  
 We are also extremely pleased to welcome back



Mrs Johnston and Mrs Eastwood. Also, we see the return of Mrs Williams at West Burton and Mrs Loughlin at Bainbridge – really positive and exciting to have a full and experienced teaching team!

We look forward to Mr Billingham's return next week (he has contracted food poisoning overseas). Mr Stokes is also on the road to recovery and we hope to see his return soon.

We also welcome a new SENCo (Mrs Alexa Barber) who is extremely experienced. Mrs Grannan has been a wonderful asset to our federation and has finally managed to retire. Those of you who have worked closely with Mrs Grannan will have the opportunity to meet Mrs Barber very soon.



**Congratulations...**

...to the Booth family on arrival of their new addition: Seth. Big brothers Joseph and Harry seem very excited and proud! We wish the family the very best and look forward to meeting

him soon.

**Farewell Mrs Cumpstone**

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Cumpstone from our team. You may know that she has been on maternity leave and has now decided to focus on her family rather than return to work. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank her for her work and wish her and all of the family a very happy future.

**Community Engagement**

As previously communicated, this term we are committed to an informal community engagement project regarding the current challenges faced by our federation and an open exploration of future options. Please look out for communication early next week which will confirm details of the first face-to-face session in this process. Thank you again for your patience.

**Open Days**

Please see details of our open days in the flyer previously circulated. Our school cooks have very kindly offered to provide lunch at a cost of £3 per adult, should you wish to join us from 12 noon on the open days. The lunch will be lasagne, salad and garlic bread plus a pudding and it **MUST** be pre-booked please by completing the attached slip and returning it to school, with payment, by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please also indicate which school you would like to have lunch at (or you could have one at each if you like!).



**Nursery**

Please find enclosed a letter for parents of children in nursery which details our costing policy in relation to the 15 and 30-hours funding entitlement. If you do have any further questions (it is complicated by nature), please do not hesitate to ask.

You may be aware that statutory school-age children (i.e. YR and upwards) are entitled to home-school transport, though this doesn't include nursery pupils. We have always accommodated nursery pupils on both home-school and shuttle transport and at this time we are still able to do so. Please be aware that numbers in EYFS have increased considerably and we may need to review transport for nursery pupils if more children choose to use the bus. We will of course communicate with you should this become the case.

**Parentpay** [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

Children who are new to school will be receiving an activation letter for Parentpay. For children who previously had a Parentpay account it should remain active. For children who have moved from Nursery to main school – I apologise for the fact that there has been a problem with the system; please bear with us whilst we work with Parentpay to resolve the issue. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. Thank you.

**Medication, Annual Consent, and Home-school**

**Agreement**

Please find these three documents attached and return to school as soon as possible. Please note important changes to the administration of asthma medication which parents of children with asthma must complete and return. Many thanks.

**Reminder**

Please can parents label all clothing and send pupils in with water bottles. You would be amazed to see the collection of unclaimed clothing at the end of a day and it's hard to identify the owner if unlabelled.

Have a great weekend.

Charlotte Harper



## From the Log Books

School log books are held in our schools and they are a marvellous record of social, and educational, history. We will reproduce extracts in this section. This week's is from West Burton's log book.

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1964: School re-opened. The canteen walls have been treated with special paint and the paint work re-done. Miss Paget is still unfit and Mrs Pounder will act as cook for the present. Three five year olds were admitted. 26 on roll. The partition wall has not been moved as was anticipated.

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1964: A library unit was brought from Cross Lanes School. V. excited here!



## West Burton's Newsflash

On Tuesday Mrs Williams had her first day and she was very excited! Her first assembly was on Thursday and she read a book. It was called The Paper Bag Princess. We enjoyed it lots!

We have four new starters at West Burton and they are settling in well.

In Class Two we have all applied for class responsibilities and now have jobs to do to keep the classroom tidy.

Grace Dent, Y6



## Thrills, Spills and Skills this week.

It has been a huge **thrill** seeing our Reception children in their new uniforms worn, as is the latest fashion, with the biggest of smiles. (This might be the point where Mrs. Johnston should apologise for the state of the new uniforms at the end of the day. But to be fair, potatoes don't dig themselves up. Tractors don't paint themselves red and playdough has to be squeezed and squashed just because.)

The children were so keen to start that some were waiting on the bench before opening hours.

Just as thrilling is the way our delightful new nursery have settled. More big smiles and so much fun packed into such a short time with so many different new friends. They are already learning our routines, making sensible choices and seem to have come with super manners and are showing kindness towards each other.

**Spills** because we have been trip trapping over bridges attempting not to be eaten by the terrifying troll (aka Mrs. Fawcett in an Oscar level performance). There have been many falls but very few tears.

**Skills** such as perfect partner positions and marvellous magnet eyes that are so good we have to keep celebrating with fireworks.

This week we have been settling our new children and doing baselines for Reception. Next week we plan to get usual routines linked to reading and maths started.

We are all buzzing with excitement and nothing can take the smiles off our faces. Mrs. Johnston was not even fazed by several girls all having identical shoes (the ones with the butterflies) and only one pair with a name in!

All this joy and we haven't even got the glitter out yet.

Finally, a massive thank you for all our presents and kind words at the end of last term. It is lovely to see your appreciation but best of all to know how happy you and your children are with their education. Let's hope that opinion hasn't changed with the state of the uniforms.

Can't wait for next week. Enjoy your weekend from all of us in EYFS.



## Askrigg's Junior Reporters' Column...

### The New Term

This week was a beginning of a new school year.

Lots of people went on holiday like Lenny Blowes went to Majorca and met Mrs. Harrison there too.

Jack Dalton went to London to go to M&M land, he said it was an amazing experience. Phoebe Allenby went to Disney Land Paris. Freddie Norman went to Spain, Wales, Scotland and the biggest concert of his life so far.

Ben Alderson went to a Greek island called Kos and had a great time.

Lots of people are happy and excited to be back at school. We think that everyone has settled in quietly and peacefully.

We wish a get well soon to Mr. Billingham because when he went to Cuba he picked up an awful bug. We also wish a get well soon to Mr. Stokes, he has been sick for a long time.

By Ben Alderson and Fredric Norman y6 🇬🇧



## Community News

### Janet Seymour's School of Theatre & Dance

#### **Ballet for Boys & Girls with Janet Seymour**

Dance, exercise and have fun with a top-quality Royal Academy of Dance-trained teacher. As well as weekly lessons there are occasional opportunities to perform in costume and to take exams. £5 per lesson.

Saturdays in Hawes

8.30 - 9.15 am - Foundation Stage Ballet 4 yrs+

9.15 - 10.00 am - Primary Ballet 6 yrs+

At The NASH - just behind St. Margaret's Church

Mondays in Askrigg – Yorebridge Sports & Leisure centre

5.30 pm - Primary Ballet for beginners 6 yrs+

6.15 pm - Primary Tap for beginners 6 yrs+

#### **Junior Badminton...**

...starting Monday 18th September, Askrigg Village Hall. Children from Y2 up to and including Y5 will be 6.30 to 7.00pm. Children in y6 and upwards, 7.00 to 7.30pm. All welcome. Please contact James Hodgson 650109, or just turn up.

**Upper Wensleydale Sunday School** -10<sup>th</sup> Sept – 4pm Gayle Chapel

#### **BAINBRIDGE NEWS**

Bainbridge C of E Primary and Nursery School, Bainbridge, North Yorkshire, DL8 3EL

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#### **ASKRIGG NEWS**

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#### **Summer Play DVDs**

You will recall that Mr Cumpstone recorded the summer play and is offering DVDs for sale. If you would like to order any DVDs, at a cost of £7 each or £10 for two, please do so by Wednesday of next week. I am afraid orders cannot be processed without payment. If paying by cheque please make it payable to Askrigg and Bainbridge PTFA. Thanks to Mr Cumpstone for arranging this.

#### **WEST BURTON NEWS**

West Burton C of E Primary School, West Burton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 4JY

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**Welcome:** A very warm welcome to Olivia Dent, Beatrice Calvert, Beatrice Quinton-Bottley and Toby Whitell.

**After School Clubs:** Tuesday Team will start on Tuesday 12 September and After School Sports on Thursday 14 September. Please remember to return the form that was sent home this week as soon as possible if you would like your child/children to participate, if you haven't already done so. Please note that there will **not** be a lunchtime sports session on Wednesdays now.

**Forest Schools:** The first Forest Schools session of the term will be next Friday, 15 September. Please ensure your children have the appropriate clothing with them on the day.

**Printer:** We have a Dell laser printer (black & white) that is no longer used in school. If anyone would like it, for a small donation, please contact the school office or pop in and have a look at it.

**The Songbirds:** The Songbirds begin again next week after school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please can you return the form to school by Wednesday to let us know who will be taking part in the choir. The choir is open to all pupils, parents and members of the community.

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### **Open Day Lunch – Please ensure this form is returned to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Thank you for the invitation, I would like to book the following (please insert number of lunches required in the appropriate box (es)):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

lunch(es) required on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at Bainbridge please

lunch(es) required at West Burton on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September please

lunch(es) required at Askrigg on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September please

I enclose £3 per lunch. (If paying by cheque please make it payable to BAWB Schools.)

### Dates For Your Diary

Regular Clubs – All clubs are open to all children (until fully subscribed e.g. Askrigg cookery club is full) and are shown under the school where they take place

	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
Monday		Cycling – Ms Pollard – 3:30pm -4:30pm	
Tuesday		Cross Country – Mr Bullock – lunchtime After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Tuesday Team
Wednesday			
Thursday		Modelling Club (Y4-6) - 3:30pm – 4:30pm	After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday			The Songbirds 3.30pm
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
25.9.17		1pm – 3pm – Open Day at Bainbridge	
26.9.17		1pm – 3pm – Open Day at West Burton	
27.9.17		1pm – 3pm – Open Day at Askrigg	
16.10.17	Great North Air Ambulance Bags 2 School Collection. Askrigg 9am; Bainbridge 9:30am; West Burton 10am		

### Forest School Dates

Please ensure your child has suitable footwear and clothing i.e. warm, waterproof clothes that you don't mind getting dirty / smoky. Also wellies / old trainers / walking boots.

Sept	8 <sup>th</sup>	Askrigg	Nov	3 <sup>rd</sup>	West Burton
	15 <sup>th</sup>	West Burton		10 <sup>th</sup>	Bainbridge
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bainbridge		17 <sup>th</sup>	Askrigg
	29 <sup>th</sup>	No session (football)		24 <sup>th</sup>	West Burton
Oct	6 <sup>th</sup>	Askrigg	Dec	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bainbridge
	13 <sup>th</sup>	BAWB Day (no session)		8 <sup>th</sup>	Askrigg
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Bainbridge		15 <sup>th</sup>	West Burton
	Half Term			22 <sup>nd</sup>	No session