



The BAWB Federation  
Bainbridge, Askrigg, and West Burton Primary Schools

Mid-Dale Excellence in Education

Executive Headteacher: Miss Charlotte L. Harper

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Dear parents and friends,  
Another productive and fun-filled week in our schools. This week I have the huge privilege of visiting lessons in all of our classes. I have seen some wonderful learning experiences and enjoyed seeing our children so engaged with their learning and making good progress. Thank you so much to the children for your hard work and also to the staff for working so hard to make learning fun, challenging and engaging.

**Parents' Information Sessions**



Please put the following dates in your diaries when we will be offering some information sessions for parents of all three schools:

- EYFS children 2Build a Profile – making observations at home (including photos) and uploading to school software:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Bainbridge, 10.00am (please bring your smartphones or iPads).

- An evening of workshops (parents will be able to choose 2 to attend):
  1. End-of-year assessments of EYFS pupils
  2. End-of-year assessments for Y2 pupils
  3. End-of-year assessments for Y6 pupils
  4. Helping your child with early reading

This will be held at Askrigg on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 6:00pm.

**Update on Strategic Planning**

The Governing Board held an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday to discuss the future direction of our schools, following extensive exploration of various models for school sustainability. I am grateful for your patience as we work towards a final proposal / solution. We still have a couple of avenues that we need to explore before we are in a position to answer questions and open discussion. We have a meeting with strategic planning, the diocese and financial services in the next few weeks and we will continue to keep you informed. Your patience is appreciated.



**Eco-Group Meeting**

I enjoyed seeing the eco group make a range of bird feeders at their meeting at Bainbridge on Thursday. Ingredients included lots of tasty treats for our feathered friends, including lard (!), raisins and cheese. The children and Mrs Fawcett enjoyed getting their hands very messy making these and for some reason Riley kept asking me for a high-5! Thank you to Mrs Fawcett for organising this.



**Headlice**

Thank you to the parents who continue to alert us to the fact that their children have headlice. In order to eradicate the headlice completely please continue to check, and treat as appropriate, your child's hair. Even if you feel that your child is clear, please check weekly – it is very easy to miss one egg which then hatches and so the cycle continues!

**Y5 Dance Day - Next Tuesday**

Please see the separate letter that accompanies this newsletter which gives details of props required for Tuesday. If you are having difficulties finding props please let us know on Monday. Please also note that your child will need their full PE kit for the day.



**Save the Children - Donations Collected**

It seems an age since Christmas, but I have pleasure in telling you that we raised £62.50 across our three schools on Christmas Jumper Day (the day we broke up). Thank you, as ever, for your support and generosity with these events.



**EYFS – Request for Farm Toys**

We would be enormously grateful of any donations of farm toys to add to our collection. Our children love playing with these and they are really helpful to support learning, especially in maths! We are particularly looking for farm buildings and vehicles.



**Spelling Bee 2017**

Mr Billingham writes: "On the week starting 6th February, the federation will be holding a spelling bee competition for any year 5 and 6 pupils wishing to take part, the winners will progress to the semi-finals to compete against other children from different cluster schools - location to be confirmed. This is the first of three rounds, where ultimately children will compete in a final to be held against other schools in the Swaledale Alliance at Richmond High School at the end of March. This competition is where contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty. The spellings to be tested are attached. Children will be asked to spell words aloud and are removed from the contest when they spell a word wrong after a certain amount of attempts."

**Attendance**

Mrs Johnston's class has been removed from the weekly attendance summary as a large proportion of her class are not yet of statutory school age and do not attend full time. Sorry Mrs Johnston!

Weekly Class Attendance	
Class 2 @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	95.5%
Class 3 @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	97.5%
Class 4 @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	98.7%
Class 1 @ West Burton – Miss Richardson	97.5%
Class 2 @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	96.7%

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Chloe Cumpstone-Steward
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Willis Reilly
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Marko Jones
Tidiest Classroom Award	Mrs Harrison
Best Class Attendance	Miss Collins

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Charlotte Harper*

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On the 7th of February West Burton Primary School are going to Leeds to go and see Wigton Moor Primary and learn about the Judaism. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of January the whole of BAWB are going to the hockey tournament at Leyburn School.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!!!!!!

By Ryan Hewitson-Wheeler, Luke Dent and Marko Jones.



### EYFS News

Well I am sure the eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed the Tidiest Classroom Award in last week's newsletter – Congratulations Mrs. Robinson's class. As Miss Harper has confirmed that there will not be, not ever, a Most Creative Debris Classroom Award we have decided in Early Years that we are going to set our sights on the Tidiest Classroom Award. In the EYFS curriculum children are assessed on 'Enjoying meeting challenges for their own sake rather than external rewards or praise'. However, I have heard rumours of certificates and even a trophy.

Yes it will take time. Yes we have 3 classrooms to cover. Yes we use straw, mud, glue and many tiny (very tiny objects such as linseed) as key resources. Yes Mrs. Johnston is not naturally tidy..... BUT WE CAN DO THIS. In our favour we have 27 pairs of little hands to help, at least half of whom are eager to tidy effectively. I think timed practice at home will help – much more fun than spellings homework, so get practising. I will keep you up to date on progress.

Another challenge for you is to find a container that is a cube or any other less available shape such as a pyramid or cone. We are surrounded by cuboids, many of which come close to being a cube but not quite.

We are getting some lovely photos and creations for our 'My Space' wall but there is always room for more and I know you have such busy and fulfilling lives that we would like you to share and the children can take pride in. So after all that effort, take a well-earned break this weekend and enjoy your lovely children.



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

#### Donald Trump Becoming President

Nobody in the school wanted Donald Trump to become president, we think Donald is a disgrace to the country.

"Donald Trump should not become president," Lenny announced.

"I don't like Donald Trump," Willis remarked.

Donald Trump is going to build a great wall which is silly of him, we all think his name suits him. People think Hilary Clinton should have been president.

"He's the kind of guy to make a fast food company," suggested Eidur.

"He likes to eat," joked Poppy.

We all hope you went for Hilary Clinton.

**By Rosalyn C and Ruby CS**





## Community Updates/Announcements

Upper Wensleydale Sunday School - 22 Jan St Mary's Church Hawes 10.30 for Service of Celebration for Bishop James Bell's retirement - all are welcome.

### **BAINBRIDGE NEWS**

Bainbridge C of E Primary and Nursery School, Bainbridge, North Yorkshire,  
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### **ASKRIGG NEWS**

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### **Cookery Club – Recipe for 26<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Victoria Sandwich Cake**

200g soft butter or margarine  
200g caster sugar, plus extra for topping.  
200g SR flour  
3 eggs  
Jam, or pre prepared buttercream, for the filling  
Something to take your baking home in.

### **WEST BURTON NEWS**

**West Burton C of E Primary School, West Burton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 4JY**  
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NYCC Pest Control visited the school to tackle the problem with the cluster flies which meant the Bell Room was out of bounds for the day.

Please note a change to the swimming classes: there will be no class on Wednesday 8 March. This session will be moved to Wednesday 5 April. Timings remain the same.

**Dates For Your Diary** Please note that purple shading indicates collaborative events.

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			
Tuesday		Cross Country – Mr Bullock – lunchtime After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Tuesday Team - 3:15pm – 4:30pm <i>10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January; 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February; 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March.</i> <i>No Tuesday Team on 7<sup>th</sup> February - trip to Wigton Moor</i>
Wednesday	Sports Club - Lunchtime		
Thursday	Thursday Thinkers 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm once monthly: 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan; 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb; 30 <sup>th</sup> March; 27 <sup>th</sup> April; 25 <sup>th</sup> May; 29 <sup>th</sup> June; 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Chess club – Lunchtime Choir - Lunchtime Modelling Club (Y4-6) - 3:30pm – 4:30pm Cookery (Y1-Y6) – 3:30pm – 4:30pm	After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday			

Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
11.1.17 – 22.3.17	Swimming starts – 10 weeks – last session on 22.3.17		
24.1.17	Y5 dance day at Middleham		
31.1.17	KS2 Hockey Tournament at Leyburn		
1.2.17 (tbc)	Parents' Reading Evening		
Saturday 4.2.17	Hopper's Sale Catering – Hawes Market Hall		
w/c 6.2.17	Spelling Bee		
7.2.17			Visit to Wigton Moor
13.2.17	Bainbridge School – 10am - EYFS children 2Build a Profile. Please bring your smartphones or iPads.		
15.2.17	BAWB Parents' Forum – 7pm - Bainbridge		
17.2.17	BAWB Day – Askrigg – eSafety and French		
w/c 20.2.17	Half Term		
28.2.17	KS2 High 5 Netball Tournament		
3.3.17	Y3 Cluster Art Day - Spennithorne		
22.3.17	Last Swimming Session		

**Forest School Sessions**

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear

January 6 <sup>th</sup>	West Burton	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	West Burton
13 <sup>th</sup>	Askrigg	10 <sup>th</sup>	Askrigg
20 <sup>th</sup>	Bainbridge	17 <sup>th</sup>	Bainbridge
27 <sup>th</sup>	West Burton	24 <sup>th</sup>	West Burton
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Askrigg	31 <sup>st</sup>	Askrigg
10 <sup>th</sup>	Bainbridge	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bainbridge
17 <sup>th</sup>	BAWB Day		