



Dear parents and friends,
 What a busy and fun-filled week we have had in our schools again!

Special (very welcome) Visitor

This week we were subject to a section 8 Ofsted inspection at Bainbridge. This is the new framework under which currently 'good' schools are inspected. They are short (1-day) inspections with the remit of checking that your current judgement is still relevant. If this is not the case, the inspection will be converted to a 'full' 2-day section 5 inspection. Though the outcome and findings of the inspection are confidential until release of the letter, our inspector, Mr Phil Scott, did not come back for a second day! He was a very fair, experienced and skilled inspector who visited all four classes (at Bainbridge and Askrigg), talked to the children, listened to readers, interviewed staff, looked at school performance data, and thoroughly explored the work in the children's books. I very much look forward to receiving the letter and having the opportunity to share it with our families and wider community. Thank you so much to our staff who worked so hard and for the pupils who excelled themselves on the day (as ever) and articulated with positivity and confidence all the great things happening in our schools. It was a delight to hear them speaking so confidently and enthusiastically about their learning and progress – music to my ears! Look out for the report in a couple of weeks. Thank you to those of you who contributed on ParentView which gave an extremely positive picture of parental views.



Parents' Workshop Evening

Thank you to the very small number of parents who came to our workshops on Wednesday evening. The assessment of pupils at the end of EYFS, KS1 and KS2 are really important both in terms of your child's education and in terms of our schools' effectiveness. Since the launch of the new curriculum in 2014, the KS1 and KS2 assessments (SATs) have changed considerably and those parents who came along on Wednesday will have seen just how challenging the 'expected' standard is. I will make the slide shows available for those of you who were not able to attend and I would encourage you to have a look at a copy of the papers by following this link (or ask at school if you would like a copy in paper form):

<http://www.satspapers.org.uk/>

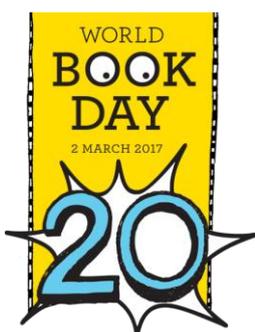
Snacks on the Swimming Bus

Having early lunch combined with the energy used during swimming can leave children hungry on the bus back to school. We are happy for your child to bring a healthy snack, e.g. fruit, for the journey home, but please don't send biscuits/sweets and make sure that the snack will make minimal mess so that we can help to keep our buses tidy and clean. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



World Book Day – 2nd March

Mr Billingham writes: "World Book day this year is on 2nd March. To celebrate this, we will all be dressing up as our favourite book character. Here is, I hope, enough notice for you to prepare costumes! Be as creative as you wish! We will also be holding a book swap event where all children can exchange books with other children - please only bring books that are in a condition that you would like your own children to receive themselves!"



Castle Hill Books will also be attending so that you can spend your World Book day Vouchers. More details to follow!

Design a Book Token Competition

A message from Mr Billingham: "It's time to go **Doodle Crazy** for this year's fantastic 'Design a National Book Token' Competition. The overall winner's design will be made into a real National Book Token gift card and distributed to bookshops nationwide in time for Christmas. You have a chance to win heaps of National book tokens as well. Attached is the format the bookmark should be created on - it is important to fill in and return the sheet to your class teacher **by 31st March**. This is a national competition with prizes up for grabs for both the school and your child! (see attached)."

Spelling Bee – BAWB Day

"You are all invited to support your children taking part in the 2017 BAWB Spelling Bee. It will be taking place on Friday 17th February at Askrigg School at 09.30am. All children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to take part and children will already be at Askrigg as part of their BAWB day. As previously communicated, this is the first of 3 rounds, with winners competing in a Swaledale final held at Richmond School in April. We look forward to seeing you!" enthuses Mr Billingham.



Sainsbury's – Active Kids Token Collection

We will be collecting these tokens from now until 30th June. Please drop them off at any of our schools.

PTFA Refreshments at Hopper's sale – Hawes – Tomorrow

The PTFA are catering at the sale in the Market Hall at Hawes tomorrow. Why not pop along for a coffee and a bacon sandwich or a homemade cake – you never know you might find a bargain while you're there!

A (Very Wet) Hockey Tournament

Mrs Bell writes... "On Tuesday, the children from Y5/6 played magnificently in a hockey tournament at Leyburn County Primary School. 3 teams of 6 entered but, because some children were absent through illness, one team recruited 2 children from Middleham CE Primary School to help make up the numbers. Despite freezing cold temperatures and rain, the 3 teams battled on and encouraged each other. I would like to say a big thank you to all the children who went and took part, and to the parents who came to support us on the sidelines. It was great to see such commitment, enthusiasm and team work."



Weekly Class Attendance	
Class 2 @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	93.8%
Class 3 @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	95.0%
Class 4 @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	93.8%
Class 1 @ West Burton – Miss Richardson	98.6%
Class 2 @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	94.7%

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Bradley Brook and Mrs Johnston
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Micheala Handley
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Thomasina Cartwright
Tidiest Classroom Award	Mrs Johnston
Best Class Attendance	Miss Richardson

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Charlotte Harper

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West Burton's Newsflash

This week we sorted out our poems for the Tournament of Speech. We looked through lots of different poetry books to find ones we liked. Everybody has chosen different poems, including ones about school and even a classic one, 'My Heart's in the Highlands' by Robert Burns! The tournament of speech is in March.

By Ryan Hewitson-Wheeler, Luke Dent and Marko Jones



EYFS News

What a week!

Chinese cookery and dragon dances to start our celebrations, visitors midweek and glitter everywhere and I mean everywhere. Even Mrs Johnston is shocked at how far the glitter has spread. We had a lovely mark making activity in Early Years where we wrote our numbers to 10 and then tried writing them in Chinese. It proved to be very popular but messy as we were writing in red glitter. So if you find your child rather more sparkly than usual make sure you take the opportunity to work on positional language as you clear the glitter up from
between the toes
behind the ears
inside the nose

We have made dragon caves and dragon footprints leading to and from the caves. We have made repeating patterns for dragon bodies and compared their lengths. We have little dragons and big dragons. Junk box dragons and intricate model dragons. But we are not yet on dragon overload. When we reach that point we will start to think in more depth about castles.

Just to say that party season has hit EYFS and Mrs Johnston has been told that parents regularly comment at the parties on what a delightful group of children they all are. They are FABULOUS, no doubt about it and I really hope that all ailments rapidly disappear so we can be back to our full strength.

Have a great weekend. I know I will!



Askrigg's Junior Reporters' Column...

RSPB BIRD WATCH

On Monday 30th January we all did the RSPB Schools' Big Bird Watch. We went in pairs for ten minutes and one of us used the binoculars for five minutes whilst the other one recorded the birds. The most common was the carrion crow we saw forty one, and the second most common was the blackbird. We also saw blue tits, house sparrows and one robin. Class 4 looked onto the playing field and Class 3 looked outside their back room but they didn't see many birds because there's a cat next door. Eco group made bird feeders with Mrs. Fawcett at Bainbridge, Jack Dinsdale and I hung them up. Jack Dinsdale said "I feed birds at my house and our most common bird is the blackbird."

Carrion crow.

By Jack Dinsdale Y5 & Riley Teasdale Y6 Eco warriors. :)



Community Updates/Announcements

Upper Wensleydale Sunday School

St Mary and St John's Church, Hardraw – 9.00am for the Children's Service and St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 4.00pm.

Askrigg Children's Activities - Pie and Peas – 10th February

There will be a fund raising pie and pea supper at The Crown, Askrigg from 6pm on Friday 10th February in aid of Askrigg Children's Sports and Activities. Take-aways can be ordered & there'll be a raffle (any prize donations gratefully received). Tickets can be ordered via the pub, Sykes's shop or from Committee members. Please come along and share in this social and worthwhile fundraising event - ALL welcome.

**There'll also be an opportunity to offer help or ideas for the upcoming annual Sports' Day in May. Please contact Heather with any queries - 650109.

Gayle Mill Nest Box Building Day

Gayle Mill is once again hosting a **Nest Box building day** during the February half term break on **Wednesday 22nd February** from 10.00am to 1.00pm at Gayle Mill. The event is for children (accompanied by an adult) up to the age of 16. Admission: Children Free and Adults £3 each including refreshments for all. Nest Boxes are £7 each. At the end of the session, each child attending will have a nest box to take home and site in their garden.

The Dales Community Pop Choir...

... are holding their debut concert, on Saturday 11th February at 7.30pm. Come along to St Peter & Paul's Church in Leyburn (next to TOSH) and enjoy an evening of popular music and show songs. Tickets cost £8 adults/ £5 children (includes coffee and cake) and profits go to local causes. Please contact Debbie Allenby 07789 071425 or TOSH on 01969 624510 for tickets.

Bainbridge Village Store is now open in Sycamore Hall, selling an extensive range of groceries including fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, milk, cheese as well as tinned and packet foods and cleaning products. There is also a good selection of alcohol and homemade cakes. On Fridays we have a delivery of pork pies and cakes from Cocketts in Hawes and also offer homemade sandwiches daily, or by order. Please come in and visit us Monday to Friday, 8.45 am to 4.00 pm and Saturday 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. Why not come in and see what we have? Everyone is made very welcome! If we haven't got it in, we will try and get it! Please note, payment is only available by cash.

St Oswald's Church Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning is being held on Saturday 11th February 10.00am to 12.00pm in Askrigg Village Hall. Coffee, Tea and Scones will be served - £2.50. Everyone is welcome and donations of cakes and wrapped tombola prizes would be much appreciated.

BAINBRIDGE NEWS

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ASKRIGG NEWS

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Lost Swimming Bag

Olivia has lost her black, drawstring swimming bag which contains a swimming costume and towel. Please can you have a look to make sure that it hasn't made its way to your house by mistake? If you do find it please can you return it to school? Many thanks for your help.

Cookery Club – Recipe for 9th February

Chocolate Marzipan Hearts

100g SR flour
25g cocoa powder
75g butter or margarine
50g caster sugar
1 egg
100g marzipan
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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A reminder that it is the school visit to Wigton Moor on Tuesday 7 February. The coach will leave West Burton at approximately 08:45 and return at 16:00. There will be no Tuesday Team.

On Tuesday 14 February there will be a multi skills session being held at Bainbridge school for EYFS/KS1 children. Could you please sign the Consent Form, and return it as soon as possible. Transport will be arranged to leave West Burton at approximately 08:45.

On Friday 17th it is BAWB Day at Askrigg. This is an early reminder that the children will be transported from West Burton to Askrigg. The bus will leave at 08:45 sharp!

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 31 st January; 14 th and 28 th February; 7 th , 14 th , 21 st and 28 th March. No Tuesday Team on 7 th February - trip to Wigton Moor
Wednesday	Sports Club - Lunchtime		
Thursday	Thursday Thinkers 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm once monthly: 26 th Jan; 16 th Feb; 30 th March; 27 th April; 25 th May; 29 th June; 20 th 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.		
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.		
14.2.17	Y1 Multi Skills at Bainbridge		
15.2.17	BAWB Parents' Forum – 7pm - Bainbridge		
17.2.17	BAWB Day – Askrigg – Computing		
w/c 20.2.17	Half Term		
28.2.17	KS2 High 5 Netball Tournament		
2.3.17	World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character		
3.3.17	Y3 Cluster Art Day - Spennithorne		
8.3.17	No Swimming		
10.3.17	Visit by Allerton School		
27.3.17	Reception and Y6 Height and Weight Screening / Reception Vision Screening		
29.3.17			Reception and Y6 Height and Weight Screening / Reception Vision Screening / Y1 Audio Screening
5.4.17	Last Swimming Session		

Forest School Sessions

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear

February 3 rd	Askrigg	March 10 th	Askrigg
10 th	Bainbridge	17 th	Bainbridge
17 th	BAWB Day	24 th	West Burton
March 3 rd	West Burton	31 st	Askrigg
		April 7 th	Bainbridge