



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,

A wet week in Wensleydale has not succeeded in dampening the spirits of our staff and children as we head closer towards the end of term.

Erratum

I am afraid I need to apologise for 'fake news' in last week's newsletter edition. I reported that no bodies were unearthed in the archaeology dig at Bainbridge. I have since been proven wrong:



Ruby and Willis secured third place in Bainbridge's annual sports' day fancy dress. An outstanding costume – well done!

Also, winning first prize in the children's comic section, Declan makes an appearance as 'Cat in the Hat' – another fantastic costume. What creative families we have out there!

Are you thinking about Music Lessons for your child?

We have a child in school (at Askrigg) who is keen to learn to play the guitar; and one who is learning drums. If anyone else is interested, please do come forward because group lessons (even if that's only two children) offer a significant

discount compared to individual lessons. Please visit <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/24161/Music-lessons-and-instrument-hire> for more information.

Other music lessons e.g. violin and woodwind, may also be available.

Moving Up Days

In all my years in education I am not sure I have ever seen children slip so confidently into their new year groups as I did this week. All children, without exception, were confident, sensible, and enthusiastic about their new class. For some of our children (e.g. those going to Askrigg or West Burton for the first time, or those starting nursery) this represented quite significant change and I was extremely proud of the way our children adapted so well. Thank you to all!

Uniform Orders for September

Please remember that uniform should be ordered from School Trends, and it may be worth bearing in mind that they are at their busiest at this time of year; therefore they recommend allowing 21 days for delivery. Orders can be placed online at www.schooltrends.co.uk or by phone 0114 2512501.

Our new starter children will all receive a welcome gift of a book bag and water bottle from school in September.

Wigton Moor Visit



Thank you to all the staff and children of Wigton Moor who came to West Burton on Wednesday and, despite the constant rain, enjoyed Maypole dancing and a walk to the waterfalls. Thank you to Mrs Robinson for planning the day and to our children for welcoming them as always.

Work Experience Students

May I say a huge thank you to all the work experience students who have been providing valuable support in our schools and learning all about the life of a school from the staff's point of view:

Reese Scarr (Bainbridge), Craig Hunt and Eliza Blowes (Askrigg), Myles Robinson and Joe Beaton (West Burton). Grace Bell will also be joining us at Bainbridge next week. I hope that they have all enjoyed their experience.

Good Schools Guide

You may be familiar with The Good Schools' Guide which is often linked to property sales websites. It has been brought to my attention that there are no comments on the site relating to our three schools and people do use local school reputation as a criteria for re-location. If you have a spare moment, you might like to leave a short comment about how wonderful our schools are!

<https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/schools/west-burton-church-of-england-primary-school-leyburn>

Headlice (at all three schools)

Please can I ask that you remain vigilant and continue to check your child's hair, even if you have treated them; a parent has informed us that their child has headlice.

Summer Fair – Next Friday – Askrigg School – 5:30pm

The tradition of the Summer Fair started many years ago (indeed the first mention of it in the school log books appears to be 1973!), and alters slightly each year as it is organised by the leavers and their parents, and so each year sees different ideas. There are usually a variety of exciting games and competitions and any money raised is donated to school. The current Y6 children and their parents are busy organising games and fun activities for next Friday; hopefully the weather might be a bit more summery by then. Please encourage family and friends to come along and bring their loose change – you never know they might find that much sought after piece of 'treasure' on the bric-a-brac stall! There will also be a barbecue and refreshments will be available. Any donations for the tombola or bric-a-brac stall would be very gratefully received; please send them to school next week.

The PTFA raffle will also be drawn next Friday.

KS2 Cluster Sports – Friday 14th July – The Wensleydale School

Please see the attached letter with information about this event; the children will be back at school later than usual. Please complete and return the slip to indicate where you will collect your child. Thank you.



Parent Survey

This week you received an email containing a link to a parent questionnaire; thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to respond. The questionnaire will be available until Monday 10th July. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy please contact us.



Sainsbury Tokens

These tokens are no longer being issued; if you have any at home please could you send them to school by the end of next week so that we can spend them before we break up? Many thanks.

Walking Bus

Carolyn Teasdale, founder of the Walking Bus at Askrigg writes: *'The Walking Bus was established in April 2008, with the help of Julie Fawcett, and support from the then headmaster, the late David Eldridge as well as a road safety officer from NYCC. I am immensely proud that, with the willing and able parent volunteers, the walking bus has been so successful. Over the years it has evolved with safety recommendations and has continued to stride out and is indeed still walking strong! Each morning it continues to meet our objectives to:*

- encourage healthy habits
- teach children road safety
- provide a social/community activity to start the morning
- reduce congestion and pollution by reducing car use
- ensure the children are ready to start the day following some form of exercise.



Over the years Our Walking Bus has also:

- been part of "the Giant Walking Bus" - with the charity organisation Brake.
- raised money for "Brake"
- been involved with various campaigns including speed awareness / walk to school week.
- been involved with "park and stride" initiatives
- been the only remaining walking bus in Wensleydale despite having one of the largest school car parks!
- never cost a penny to set up or maintain!

Of course, the walking bus would not function without the help from all the parents on the rota, and since 2008 we have seen parents come and go as their children grow up and move on. My own time at Askrigg School will come to an end this term, as my youngest child Riley, is leaving to go to secondary school.

The Walking Bus therefore needs a new coordinator, which is a very easy role supported by Julie Fawcett. If there are a few parents interested, just let me know and I'll hand over the reins whilst giving support and direction if necessary. Thank you so much to all the parents over the years, and of course to all the children!

Many, many thanks to Carolyn for initiating the Walking Bus – 10 years has flown by! Please do contact Carolyn if you would like to be involved; it would be lovely if the Walking Bus was still walking for at least another 10 years.

Reports and Data

We have got to that time of year where all of our statutory data has been submitted (EYFS, Y2 and Y6) and our teachers are very busy writing your children's annual reports. Both the data and reports will be sent to you on Thursday 13th July, though outcomes of the Y6 tests will be sent sooner when they are released to schools.



Parent Forum – Wednesday 28th June

Thank you to everyone who attended the forum this week.



Once the minutes have been approved by the Chair of the meeting I will respond in the usual way. Many thanks to Georgina Pickard-Sparne for chairing the meeting and Kath Alderson for taking minutes.

Y6 Leavers' Trip – Next Wednesday

There will be no change to the start and end of the school day for our Y6 children, and we hope they are really looking forward to the Tree Top Nets! A packed lunch will be provided for those children who usually have school lunch, but they will need drinks for the day please. This is a non-uniform day, but we have received the following advice from the company:

- Please dress suitably for the weather and the activity. No open-toed shoes, flip flops or sandals will be permitted.
- We recommend jewellery is removed before taking part.

If we haven't yet received your completed consent for the trip, please send it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Weekly Class Attendance	
Class 2 @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	89.5%
Class 3 @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	96.7%
Class 4 @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	93.8%
Class 1 @ West Burton – Miss Richardson	90%
Class 2 @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	96.7%

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Eliza Middleton
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Charlie and Millie Thompson
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Benjamin Quinton-Bottley
Best Class Attendance	Mr Billingham and Mrs Robinson's classes
Tidiest Classroom Award	Mrs Harrison's class

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.

30 June 1915: Every child is present this am. School closed in the pm. The members of the local Band of Hope are having a picnic at Preston.

7 July 1915: A very wet morning accounting for the absence of 5 children.



West Burton's Newsflash

On Monday and Tuesday the Year 6's from around the Dales had their tester days at secondary school. All of the Year 6's from West Burton went to Wensleydale.

We also had Wigton Moor School pupils visit our school on Wednesday and we taught them all about our waterfalls.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK END! By Ryan Hewitson-Wheeler and Luke Dent.

EYFS



We were really pleased to welcome our new September starters into Early Years on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The children settled in very quickly and had a lovely time, you'd think they'd been coming for ages. Similarly our current reception had a great couple of days in class two and had lots to tell us on Wednesday when they returned.

We've been exploring icebergs in the water tray and were amazed at how quickly the ice melted. We've also been looking at crabs and hermit crabs in particular. The children love finding out about how they live and creating fantastic pictures and models. The rainy weather has meant soggy feet and legs in spite of the children kitting themselves out in wellies and waterproofs but it hasn't bothered them a bit. Let's hope however that the sun will shine next week.



Askrigg's Junior Reporters' Column...

Meditation

A couple of weeks ago, year five and six had a yoga teacher visit. Her name was Mrs. Scarr. She taught the children some meditation and calm breathing techniques.

Jack Dalton said "I liked the part where someone puts their head on you tummy whilst you breathe in and out."

The year fives and sixes also learnt a song that was sung by the Native Americans and the song means to pray for water. Mrs. Scarr also taught class 4 a cooling down technique. The children would sit in a sitting position and curl their tongue then they would breathe in through their tongue and then breathe out through their nose. The children also had a 5 minute dance time where they could do whatever they wanted in 5 minutes. The children enjoyed Mrs. Scarr and loved the meditation.

By Ruby Pattison, Year 5



Community News

Charity Concert, Askrigg Village Hall, Saturday 15th July

Kirsten Civil writes: 'Come and enjoy a great local night, with Live Music, bar & food in the interval. All in aid Yorkshire Air Ambulance & Swaledale Mountain Rescue. Bring your friends and family. Tickets available from; Sykes House Shop; Kirsten Civil 07415332556 or email askriggfolkconcerts@btinternet.com; Line up, Bradford acoustic band, Wilful Missing 5pm. Followed by Award winning Folk duo Greg Russell & Ciaran Algar 8.30pm. Tickets; both concerts £16.00, under 18s, £10.00; One concert £10.00, under 18s, £6.00. Children 8 & under free.'

Carperby Sports – Date for your Diary

Carperby Sports (at Carperby Playing Fields and Sports Pavilion) is on Saturday 15th July from 2pm. There will be Fancy Dress, Sports, Water slide, BBQ (from 5pm), Tombola and Bar. All welcome.

The Dales Community Pop Choir

Debbie Allenby writes: 'Would you like to sing with a new Youth Pop Choir? We are holding a FREE taster session for on Thursday 13th July for singers to come along to and try out. We will sing a huge range of songs from artists such as Justin Bieber, Ed Sheeran, Katy Perry, Adele, One Republic and many more! Open to singers aged 8 to 14, 6 till 7pm, at the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Please get in touch with Debbie from the Dales Community Pop Choir on 07789 071425 for more information. Please get in touch if you would like any more information about the sessions.'

Dales Countryside Museum - From A-Z, a story of West Burton

A talk by Sally Stone about her account of West Burton school. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Friday 21st July at 7.30pm. Free Event – Donations Welcome. For more details visit: <http://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk/category/events/>

Penhill Children's Church: Takes place every 4th Sunday of the month. The next date will be 23 July at Wensley Village Hall from 09:30-11am. Parents welcome to stay – refreshments and newspapers will be available.

Sunday School bring and share BBQ and Pet service Staling Busk Sun 2nd July

Please join us for a bring and share BBQ at Carpley Green Farm at 12.00pm and then at our pet service at St Matthew's Church, Staling Busk at 2.30pm on Sunday 2nd July. All are welcome – Don't forget to bring along your pet or favourite teddy – we can't wait to see them all!

The Wensleydale Chorus

The Wensleydale Chorus are performing Vivaldi's Gloria and Mozart's Requiem in St Oswald's Church, Askrigg on Saturday 15th June 2017. Tickets will be available on the door or from Mrs Greenslade. Everyone is welcome.

BAINBRIDGE NEWS

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ASKRIGG NEWS

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Growing Up Talk – Y5 and Y6 at Askrigg

Miss Collins will be delivering this session on Thursday of next week, not Monday as originally stated in the letter parents received last week.

Fish and Chips and Ice Cream!

To tie in with our Seaside topic Gillian and Catherine have very kindly offered to provide fish and chips (wrapped in paper) and ice cream for lunch on Wednesday 12th July for the children. Let's hope the weather's good enough to enable us to eat outside! If your child usually has packed lunch but would like to join us for fish and chips that day they are welcome to do so. Please contact us to let us know and arrange to pay £2.10 per child on Parentpay. Thank you Gillian and Catherine!

Keeping Our Children Safe

As you will be aware, once the children have come into school in the morning, we lock the playground gates, including the gate at the west end of the playground which leads towards the gym. In order to keep our children safe at the very start of the day (whilst the gates are unlocked), please can I ask that if you are using this west gate you ensure it is closed behind you to encourage the children to stay on the playground. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Askrigg Show

Liz Connelly will be coming in at lunchtime on 3rd and 10th July to help the children prepare entries for Askrigg Produce Show. If your child has any ideas they would like help with, this may be the perfect opportunity.

PTFA Raffle Tickets

Please can you return all raffle tickets (both sold and unsold) plus any money, to school on Monday next week? Alternatively you can drop them into Angela Peacock at Cornmill Tearoom, Bainbridge.

Cardboard boxes needed - Can you save any small or unusual shaped cardboard boxes (not egg boxes) to be used in Nursery at Bainbridge – many thanks.

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WEST BURTON NEWS

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Forest Schools – Friday 7 July: A reminder that it is Forest Schools at West Burton next Friday. Please make sure your children have the appropriate clothing.

Fish, Chips & Ice-cream: Mrs Chapman will also be providing fish, chips and ice-cream for lunch on 12 July!

Thursday 13 July: Due to the BAWB Sports Day, the After School Sports at West Burton Club has been cancelled.

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		Cycling – Ms Pollard – 3:30pm -4:30pm	
Tuesday		Cross Country – Mr Bullock – lunchtime After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm	
Wednesday			
Thursday		Modelling Club (Y4-6) - 3:30pm – 4:30pm	After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday			
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
3.7.17			Y5 and Y6 Growing Up Talk
5.7.17	Y6 Leavers' Trip – Tree Top Nets at Ripon		
6.7.17	Y5 and Y6 Growing Up Talk		
7.7.17	Y6 Summer Fair (and PTFA raffle draw)		
12.7.17	Fish, chips and ice cream for lunch		
13.7.17	BAWB Sports Day at Askrigg		
14.7.17	KS2 Cluster Sports – The Wensleydale School – 1pm		
18.7.17	1pm and 6pm – Summer Production at Askrigg – The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe		
19.7.17	BAWB Trip to Saltburn (more details to follow).		
			2pm Celebration Assembly + Y6 Sketch/Play

Forest School Dates

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for these sessions

30 th June	Askrigg
7 th July	West Burton