



KEEPING IN TOUCH



Message from Mr M...

What another busy week we have had in school!

It has been actioned packed from our 2 Year olds who have settled in really well to Year 6 who are already thinking about Secondary School applications.

School is full of fun and a real hive of activity. Pleasingly, all of our new starters are getting to grips with our expectations and the initial nerves subsiding,

Accompanying today's KIT is an important letter regarding the new attendance guidance implemented by the Department for Education.

It is really important that you are all aware of the latest position as it significantly affects applications for holidays during term time.

Finally, the school day starts promptly at 8:45am. Gates close at this time (when the bell rings). If you arrive after this time, entry is via the main office.



HELP!

Can you help FS1?

FS1 have new sand for the sand pits, but we need some help to move it.

If you have any free time tomorrow afternoon (Friday 13th Sept - between 1pm and 3pm) to help us, then please let the school office know.

Please bring a spade and a wheelbarrow if you have them. Thank you!

FS2 Uniform Sale

We have a small amount of black jogging bottoms in stock that we are selling at a reduced price of £4.50. If you are interested in buying some please contact; uniform@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk

School Uniform



It is great to see orders of uniform now being processed and ordered items arriving with people. We know a small number of people are still waiting for items but hope they will arrive in the next week or two.

If you have been affected by this, please do not worry about having the correct uniform. We understand that this is out of your control!



Dress Up Days

We have scheduled 5 'non-uniform days' for the 24/25 Academic Year. These are days where pupils can attend in non-uniform/themed costumes and partake in activities.

We know people like to be prepared in advance hence we are sharing these with you now.

Friday 15th November 2024

Children In Need - Wear Something Spotty

Wednesday 18th December 2024

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Friday 7th March 2025

World Book Day - Dress as a Book Character

Friday 25th April 2025

Purple Day - Month of the Military Child

Friday 23rd May 2025

SHINE - Non-uniform/party clothes to celebrate the annual talent show.

Parent Information Sessions – Phonics

We are hosting Information Sharing Sessions for parents to find out all about our Phonics scheme and the vital role you play in supporting your child develop their reading knowledge.

Tuesday 17th September - 3:30pm PARENTS OF FS2 RECEPTION AGE PUPILS



Year 6 Open Events Secondary School

Secondary School Applications for 25/26 open on 12th September 2024 and must be made by 31st October 2024.

Applications are made via the North Yorkshire Admissions Team; <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school>

Open Evenings

Risedale School -
Wednesday 25th September @ 6:00pm

Richmond School -
Thursday 19th September @ 5.00pm

St Francis Xavier, Richmond -
Thursday 26th September @ 5:00pm

Wensleydale School -
Thursday 3rd October @ 6:00pm

Bedale High School -
Wednesday 25th September @ 5:00pm

Updated Policy: Jewellery in PE



Following guidance from the Association for Physical Education (AfPE), our policy on wearing jewellery has been updated.

The National Guidance has always been that NO jewellery should be worn in PE (including swimming). This is the school stance. Please ensure your child can remove earrings for any sporting activity in school!



Packed Lunches and Snacks



As a NUT FREE school, it is vital that children are not sent to school with food items containing nuts!

This includes snacks at play time (Key Stage 2) and items at lunch.

We have noted a small number of food sources that can't be consumed including nutella and peanut butter.

Parking

We are all responsible in making sure the areas around school are safe and that we also respect our local community.

Parking is always a topic that we return to and really need your assistance. PLEASE park in the designated areas and consider your speed whilst moving around the school site. We need to keep everyone safe!



Extra Curricular Clubs

We will be launching the booking process for our Extra Curricular Clubs on **FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER**.

We have a range of clubs available during the Autumn Term that commence week beginning 23rd September. ALL clubs will run for an 8 week period. Charges may apply for individual clubs.

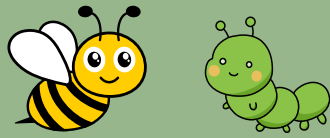
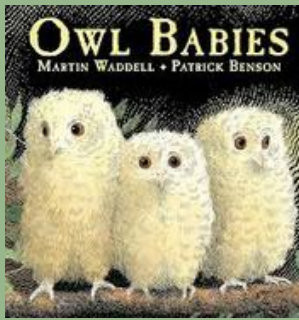


Year 6 Residential Marrick Priory

We are awaiting the final costings for the Residential which we have chased today. We hope to have this information with you by the start of next week meaning pupils wishing to attend can pay in installments.

We have booked a week long residential to Marrick Priory for the week beginning Monday 2nd December.

We will be holding a **Parent Information Session** in school on **Thursday 3rd October at 3:30pm**.



FS1 & 2 Year Olds

This week in FS1 we have been reading 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell, the children have been busy making clay owls and painting owl babies.

You can watch this story here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXP66T2wp-k>

A big welcome to all the children who have joined the setting this term. All the new children in the Caterpillar room have been settling in well and have enjoyed playing with all the new toys.



Important days

Forest schools:

Wednesday FS1 am/ 30 hrs and Two-year-olds

Friday FS1 pm/ 30hrs

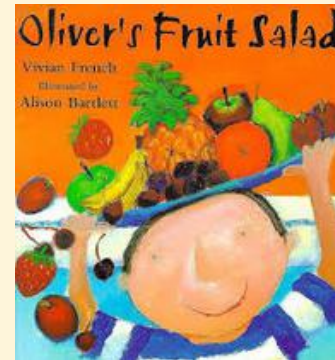
Hall time: Tuesday FS1 am/ 30 hrs and Two-year-olds

Please ensure that your child has wet weather clothing in the setting (wellies, waterproofs). The weather is very changeable now and the cooler weather is on its way, we will be accessing the outside whatever the weather and the children must be suitably dressed to go outside



FS2 Bear, Cheetahs & Hippos

Next week, we will be reading the story, 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' by Vivian French. The children will be picking apples from our tree and making apple crumble. We will also be labelling different fruits with the initial sounds we have learnt so far. In maths, we will be sorting by colour, shape and size



PE will be on a Wednesday morning.

Forest schools will be on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure children have named waterproofs and wellies in school for this.



Please come along to our FS2 Apple shop after school on Tuesday 24th September - We will be selling our own apple crumbles for £2 each. We will also be selling bags of apples from our tree for a donation. This is to raise money for the FS2 outside area.





Year 1/2 Ewes, Chameleons, Rainbow & Bluebirds

What a fantastic start we have had!

The children have come back to school with such positive attitudes. The children have been exploring and investigating in our new areas.

Next week the children in Year 1 will be using their phonic knowledge to write words for a range of purposes and completing a daily phonics session where they will be developing their decoding and reading skills.

In maths the children will be counting forwards and backwards from any given number. They will be reading and writing their numbers to 20.

Next week the children in Year 2 will be developing their knowledge of nouns and verbs and using these to write sentences.

In maths the children will be looking at the place value of numbers in a two digit number. They will be making numbers using tens and ones and other equipment.

Throughout the week both Year 1 and Year 2 will be given a task card to complete which focuses on the other areas of the curriculum.

Special shout out to all the children for embracing this new and exciting school year!





Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers



Next week, we will continue the story 'The Dot' and think of ways we can try new challenges and believe we can do it!

In maths, we will compare whole numbers and look at rounding numbers to nearest 1000. We launched our topic last week, so we look forward to moving to the 1940s and finding out how things have changed.



We would like to congratulate all year 4 pupils for a fantastic start in Year 4! Everyone has settled back into school very well and is working very hard! Miss Tait and Mrs Barnes are hugely impressed!

Well done!

Monday 23rd September (am) - Topic / English Wow Day! Children will take part in a role play morning and become an evacuee to launch our English novel 'Friend or Foe'. Children will be allowed to come to school dressed as an evacuee and bring a small bag of items that they would take with them.

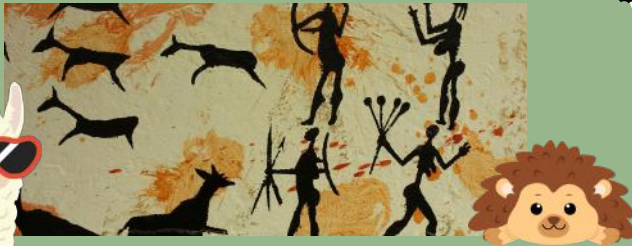


Bring water bottles to school.

PE Days: Monday (pm) indoor PE Kit: leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms, red t-shirt and suitable indoor shoes.

Friday (am) outdoor PE Kit: jogging bottoms, red t-shirt, hoody, trainers.

Reading records to be in school daily.



Year 3 Hedgehogs & Impressive Llamas

This week we have enjoyed getting stuck into our curriculum subjects. We have enjoyed re-telling the Cave Baby story, then our classroom converted into a dark, gloomy cave where the children could create their own story on the walls. In English next week we will be looking at the text Stone Age Boy. We will be unpicking the text to decipher how the characters feel. In maths we have been exploring place value and extending our knowledge to include numbers to 1000. We will be exploring this further next week by looking at number patterns. Our Stone Age theme will be continuing in Art with Cave paintings, In History with life in The Stone Age and in Geography with Stone Age settlements.

All the children in Year 3 are settling in well and looking after each other.



Our PE days are Monday for indoor and Wednesday for outdoor. Children will need their appropriate PE kits on these days. The weather is changing; therefore, children will need outdoor PE kit as we will be outside for this session. A reminder that all jewellery needs to be removed. Thank you.



Equally Important

Equally Different



Year 5 Adventurers & Wolves



What a great start to the Year. This first week has been fun for us all.

5W even got to go and watch the 4 Scots Highland Games, which they all really enjoyed, especially the free ice cream! but not so much the hailstones on the walk back! See the photos.

Next week we will continue with our topic of the Vicious Vikings and how they have had an effect on how we live still live today.

Pupil of the week could easily go to everyone, for a positive attitude and willingness to try new things. Although a special mention should be given to Thane in 5W and Noah in 5A for a their amazing start to the year.

Thankyou to all parents for helping and encouraging with our Reading for Pleasure, it will have a huge influence on your child's performance.

Reminder: PE Indoor Wednesday morning
PE outdoor Thursday morning
Please bring uniform to get changed in to after the lesson.



Year 6 Stars, Hawks & Heroes



Welcome all!

Are you ready for your final year at primary School? It's going to be a fun packed year with our motto #Workhardplayhard.

Our topic this term is The Explorer based on the book The Explorer by Katherine Rundell.

Well done to everyone for starting the year with a smile on their faces.



PE days.
Tuesday Outdoor
Wednesday Indoor

Homework and spellings will come home every Friday and will also be available on Seesaw. It is due in by the following Thursday. We will start on Friday 13th (unlucky for some).

A Chromebook agreement has been sent home with your child. If you would like your child to bring home a Chromebook each evening, please sign and return the agreement to your class teacher.

Marrick Priory information meeting Thursday 3rd October