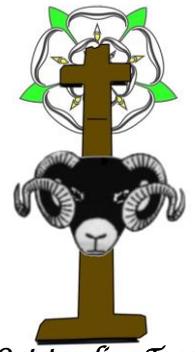




# NEWSLETTER

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*"Outstanding Together"*

*Happy New Year!*

## News from the Classes

In **KS1**, we have started our new topic "Fly me to the Moon" and the children have enjoyed using their imaginations in the "Space" role-play area. We have been using the iPads to research Tim Peake and enjoyed watching his New Year's message from space.

In Maths, we have been practising our 10, 2 and 5 times tables.

As of this week, years 1 and 2 will receive spellings to practise at home each week. They will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Support with these at home would be great.

Just a reminder that the swimming sessions start on Monday afternoon at Loftus and everyone will need to bring their swimming kit in. Thank you.

Amy Webster is now helping out in **KS2** on a Tuesday and Wednesday which is really helpful as it means with the homework marking we can have smaller groups and follow up misconceptions more quickly.

We have been getting our brains back into work .... always tricky after the Christmas holidays but New Year means resolutions and back on track with our learning really quickly.

Homework: This is now Maths on Tuesday and marked on Tuesday. Comprehension/Grammar is now Wednesday and marked on Wednesday. This takes advantage of the additional adults on these days.

You will be pleased to know that the Big First Aid Saint John's Ambulance training has been worked on. The children now know the importance of DR ABC (please ask) and would know what to do in various emergencies. Mrs Grace was really impressed with how sensible they were with the various emergency scenarios that they were given.

## Breaktime Fruit and Drinks

Just to confirm that fruit is available free every breaktime (this is really just for KS1 but we usually have enough to give KS2 some as well!) Milk is always available and costs 15p (supplied by school). Juice cartons are 25p, they are provided by County Caterers and that is what we have to charge. During the winter months Hot Chocolate is also available and this also costs 25p as it is provided by the Caterers.

Gaby keeps a record of the money that each child brings in, so the correct amount will be deducted each day depending on what drink is taken. Unfortunately she is not able to give a drink if money has not been paid. Some children pay for a drink as and when they get one but if you send money in to cover a week or more it would be advisable if this was put in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the child's name and amount. Thank you.

## Esk Valley Teaching Alliance - Teacher Training Event

**School Direct - Teacher Training Information Event**

**16 January 10-1**

**Whitby Tourist Information Centre**

**Are you interested in training to become a teacher? Would you like to Train-to Teach in local Schools?**

Come along to our information event to find out more about local School Direct teacher training opportunities.

School Direct, Initial teacher training is an exciting school led graduate programme that allows you to Train-to-Teach in local schools.

The Esk Valley teaching alliance has places available for Primary training starting in September 2016.

Contact Sharon Markham 07875 287780 or <http://www.eskvalleyteachingalliance.co.uk> for more information

**PTFA Coffee Morning, Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> January**

There is a Coffee Morning next Saturday from 10am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Donations of Raffle prizes, cakes and help on the day would be greatly appreciated please!

**Holiday Dates and Events up to Easter**

Please find enclosed a list of holiday dates for the next school year from September, to assist you with forward planning! Remaining holidays up to summer are as follows:-

Half Term	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February
Easter Holiday	Friday 25 March to Monday 11 April (inclusive)
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May
Half Term	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June
Break up for Summer	Friday 22 July

Staff training days are: Monday 11 April, Monday 25 July and Tuesday 26 July

Also enclosed is a preliminary list of dates of events etc up to Easter, which will be subject to change.

**Next Week**

<b>Monday</b>	Sumdog Club Year 6 Booster Club, <b>finish 4.15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Netball Club
<b>Saturday</b>	PTFA Coffee morning, Village Hall, 10am to 12 noon

**News from Glaisdale**

This week, after discussing what they had all done during the Christmas holidays and what they valued about them, **Class 1** also began looking at the new topic for the term "Fly me to the Moon." In Maths they have been exploring the properties of 2d shapes and in Art have created their own "scratch" pictures.

**Class 2** has begun an exciting topic based around space and, as a theme running through the term, will be reading the book "Cosmic" by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. In Science they have begun to look at the solar system and how the earth moves and in Literacy have investigated characters and time lines, along with some work based around the famous Earthrise photograph.