



# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers 26th May 2023



## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's hard to believe we say 'Goodbye' to another half term this afternoon, the past 6 weeks have certainly flown by! In assembly today we also said 'Goodbye' to Miss Wilkins because she gets married over the half term break and after the holiday we will be saying 'Hello and Welcome' to Mrs Morgan. We all wish her well for her wedding day and can't wait to see the photos, she will make the most beautiful bride.

Over the past 2 weeks, it has been the turn of our Year 2 children to do their end of Key Stage tests and they have been amazing. We have been really proud of how they have all tried their very best, concentrated hard and worked independently without talking. To mark the end of this 'tricky work', they've had a wonderful celebration today, dressed as Londoners. They all looked very smart!

Enjoy the lovely sunshine that's forecast for the next week, and as you can see from the list of dates, we have lots to look forward to in the final half term of the year.

*Debbie Cousins*



### June:

- 5th** - School re-opens after the half term break
- w/c 12th** - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 15th** - EYFS New Starter Meeting @ 5pm
- w/c 26th** - Sports Week
- 27th** - Year 6 Trip to London

### July:

- 4th** - Year 5 & 6 Sports Morning @ 9.30am / Picnic Lunch/  
Year 3 & 4 Sports Afternoon @ 1.15pm
- 5th** - Year 6 Transition Day  
Nursery & Team Starfish Sports Morning @ 9.30am  
Nursery & Team Turtle Sports Afternoon @ 1.30pm
- 6th** - Year 1 & 2 Sports Afternoon @ 1.15pm
- 11th** - Annual Reports & Class Allocations sent home
- 12th & 19th** - Visits to new classes
- 18th** - Year 6 Production @ 1.30pm
- 20th** - Year 6 Final Celebration Assembly @ 2.15pm

## KS1

This half term Key Stage 1s topic was 'Far from home'. Within this topic we have looked at lots of different maps and have been identifying where the United Kingdom is. The children have loved looking at the maps and seeing all the different countries, and it came as quite a shock when they realised how small the UK actually is. We then started to look at the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities. Once we had located the countries, we compared two different places; London and Coll (a small island in Scotland). The children had a great time exploring these places on Google Earth and looking at the similarities and the differences. Using the knowledge they learnt from looking on Google Earth, the children discussed the different human and physical features for both of these places.



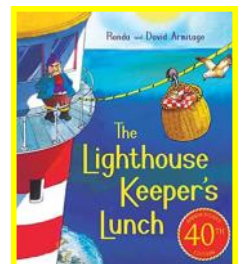
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In English we read the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and had a great time acting it out. We then re-told the story using different characters. In the last few weeks of the half term we have been creating a non-chronological piece on the famous landmarks in London. The children had a great time finding out the facts and writing them in their reports to inform everyone else. Did you know that the London Eye has 32 pods?



We are so excited to be finishing off our topic with a dress as a 'Londoner Day' and having a Royal London tea party outside.



# KS1 Londoner Day



Our class attendance this week is...

w/c	Orca	Turtle	Starfish	Octopus	Seahorse	Dolphin	Stingray	Lobster	Puffer Fish	Shark	Sea Otter	Whale
08.05.23	89.8%	92.9%	92.8%	94.0%	89.1%	93.2%	97.8%	96.6%	82.1%	96.3%	99.0%	97.0%
15.05.23	91.22%	97.96%	94.5%	92.4%	97.5%	90.42%	96.79%	81.54%	93.33%	90.0%	95.38%	84.14%

19th May

## Stars of the Week

26th May

**Turtle**

Cain for always showing our REACH values & being a fantastic role model for all of Team Turtles!

**Starfish**

Jaxson for showing our REACH values in all aspects of his day, & challenging himself to read lots of new words.

**Octopus**

Elsie for showing our REACH values & writing a fantastic retelling of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch!

**Seahorse**

Aubree for her amazing independent writing on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. Well done Aubree!

**Dolphin**

Elsie-Mae for being a super role model to the rest of the class with exemplary behaviour for learning!

**Stingray**

Leona for trying super hard with her swimming & becoming really confident, and even swimming underwater! Well done Leona!

**Lobster**

Zach for always putting 100% effort into his writing & producing a high standard of work. Well done Zach!

**Puffer Fish**

Amelia for always showing an amazing attitude in all her learning. Keep it up!

**Shark**

Emily for showing amazing resilience & effort in maths. We are so proud. Keep it up Emily!

**Sea Otter**

Amelia for her positivity & determination to always do her best.

**Whale**

Charlie for his enthusiasm for our new topic, brilliant work in maths & for a fabulous attitude this week.

**Turtle**

Harmony-Mai for her amazing attitude towards her learning this week!

**Starfish**

Issac for trying his best with his reading & writing this week. He has been working hard to segment words on his own in his writing.

**Octopus**

James for helping his friends in Team Octopus and showing lots of enthusiasm for our learning challenges. Well done!

**Seahorse**

Alexis-Mae for showing perseverance & resilience in her maths group, and at home with her maths papers. Well done Alexi-Mae!

**Dolphin**

Ethan for being a maths superstar, & encouraging and helping others in maths lessons.

**Stingray**

Paisley for always being such a helpful member of Team Stingray. Whenever there's a job to be done, we can rely on her to offer to help. Thank you!

**Lobster**

Phoebe for trying super hard with her fraction work & being a maths superstar. Well done!

**Puffer Fish**

Rowan for always showing the school REACH values, & being an absolute pleasure and joy to have in the classroom every week.

**Shark**

Tobias for an amazing effort in his non-chronological report. Well done Tobias!

**Sea Otter**

Layla & Mia for their positivity and determination to succeed in their learning, especially in maths.

**Whale**

Agape for brilliant writing about tectonic plates.

### Wellbeing Award

Isaac for always being polite & friendly.

### Mrs Cousins' Headteacher Award

Jacqueline for being such an enthusiastic learner outdoors. The bug hotels she has created are incredible.

### Wellbeing Award

Ella-Mai for most improved attendance. Keep it up!

### Miss Hagen's Deputy Headteacher Award

Emma for having an incredible improvement in her times tables. Well done!





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# MAY HALF TERM FREE Turn Up & Play

Tuesday 30th May

10am-12noon Heworth ARLFC, YO31 1DX.  
Multi-Sports

10-12noon York Acorn ARLFC, YO24 2NW Inflatable

1:30-3:30pm Strensall Green, YO32 5XW Inflatable

Wednesday 31st May

10am-12noon Strensall Green, YO32 5XW Inflatable

1:30-3:30pm Woodthorpe Green, YO24 2RX  
Inflatable



Thursday 1st June

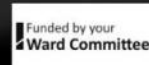
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Friday 2nd June

10am-12noon Strensall Green, YO32 5XW  
Inflatable

1:30-3:30pm Arron Place King George's Field,  
(off Dodsworth Aven) YO31 8SF Multi-sports

1:30-3:30pm Acomb Green, YO26 5LL Inflatable



## REPORT RACE HATE



HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED IT?

Name calling, being left out,  
physical attacks, being the butt  
of 'jokes', threatening behaviour

HAVE YOU WITNESSED IT?

You can also report incidents  
which happen to a friend, family  
member or even a stranger

WE CAN HELP  
07704 120722

[HTTPS://YREN.CO.UK/RACE-  
HATE-CRIME/](https://yren.co.uk/race-hate-crime/)

YREN ARE:

### LOCAL

We are a North Yorkshire  
based Racial Equality  
Charity, run by local  
Minority Ethnic residents

### INDEPENDENT

Everything you tell us can  
remain anonymous if you  
wish. We can also support  
you to approach North  
Yorkshire Police to report  
a hate crime or incident

### AVAILABLE

Our helpline is open  
Monday to Friday  
9am to 5pm  
Answerphone available  
at all other times.

We WILL get back to you if  
you need to leave an  
answerphone message

THE FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK PRESENT:

# SPACE FOR GIRLS

ROWNTREE PARK · YORK · JUNE 2023

MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP ● TIK TOK DANCE ● YOGA SESSIONS ● PILATES IN THE PARK ● PRINT WORKSHOP ● BASKETBALL SESSIONS ● ECO CRAFT CLUB ● THE DANCE FLOOR PROJECT ● PAMPER SESSIONS ● PERSONAL SAFETY POP UP STALL ● FITNESS CLASSES ● WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ● STREET DANCE ● IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP ● NATURE CRAFT GROUP ● POSITIVE SELFIES ● WILD ONES NATURE SESSIONS ● CANOEING EVENT ● SINGING SESSION ● NATURE ACTIVITIES ● COLLAGE WORKSHOP ● ORIENTEERING ● HERBAL REMEDY CLASS ● THEATRE WORKSHOP ● CONSERVATION ● CHEERLEADING ● MUSIC & PICNIC PARTY

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Cats use of public and public spaces drops off from the age of 8!

Studies have shown that while boys' worlds expand, girls' worlds contract and diminish along with the mental, physical, and emotional health benefits that come from enjoying these spaces and feeling safe in them.

Join us this June to "Make Space for Girls" in Rowntree Park! This packed festival of (mostly free) events is primarily aimed at older girls aged 10-18 with some activities suitable for younger girls and women.

Our aim is to get girls and women into public spaces, trying new things, reclaiming the public space, expanding their horizons and having fun!

For more info, to book sessions and to find out more about the event and our aims visit  
[rowntreepark.org.uk](http://rowntreepark.org.uk)

Try new things! Expand your horizons! Reclaim your space.