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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

What a fantastic week! It might have been cold outside but we have been working so hard in school there's been steam coming off our pens and pencils! As well as all of the great stuff that has been happening in classrooms, Bikeability started for our Year 5 pupils and KS1 took part in drama workshops about the Titanic. All of the children have been really enjoying their learning with so many of them showing that they are really going the extra mile when it comes to being ready, respectful and safe.

As always it is a pleasure to be out on the playground, and talking to so many of you. Thank you again for all of your positivity and well wishes in these first couple of weeks as the school's headteacher.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Scott-South

DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM

w/c 22nd January - Y5 Bikeability every afternoon (separate email regarding this)

Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th January - Y3 Pedestrian Training (pm)

Wednesday 24th January - Year 3/4 Girl's Football Festival (a separate email has been sent out about this)

Friday 26th January - Yo Yo "What is a Christian?" workshops for KS1 classes (am)

Monday 29th and Wednesday 31st January - Y3 Pedestrian Training (pm)

Wednesday 31st January - NSPCC Number Day for the whole school - children to dress in black and white and bring in a suggested £1 donation for the NSPCC

Thursday 1st February - Ali Sparkes, author visit for KS2 (am)

Thursday 1st February - FODs meeting, 7:30-8:30pm, in school

Friday 2nd February - School Council Bake Sale, after school on the playground (more details next week)

Monday 5th February - Y6 SATs information session for parents, 5pm

Monday 5th February - LKS2 River/Bridges Walk

Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February - Winter themed activities in the school library, 3:15-4pm.

Wednesday 7th February - Parents and carers of neuro-diverse children to meet with Mrs Murray, 8:30-9:30am.

Thursday 8th February - LKS2 Art gallery and collaging session with families, 2:15-3:15pm.

Friday 9th February - KS1 parents welcome into classes to share this half term's learning with their child, 8:35-9am.

Friday 9th February - Last day of the half term



KS1



Key Stage 1 have had a great start back after Christmas. We are really enjoying learning about the Titanic as part of our "Iceberg Ahead!" project. Yesterday Divergent Drama were in school to deliver some really interesting and fun workshops that helped us to learn more about this famous, sinking ship and the people that may have been on board. These workshops culminated in a drama production for our families.

"I really liked the workshop because I was one of the ship designers and I got to show Sasha around the boat because he was a VIP!" - Joshua, Class 5

"It was really fun and I was a lifeboat, a talking lifeboat!" - Ben, Class 5.

"I got to wear a wig and pretend that I was on the ship." - Oscar, Class 5

As the half term continues, we will learn more the Arctic habitat, the animals that can be found there and how they have adapted in order to survive the harsh conditions. We will also be learning about the threats to the Arctic habitat, particularly global warming and what we can do in our day to day lives to slow down the effects of climate change.

KS2 AUTHOR VISIT

On Thursday 1st February, Ali Sparkes, a Blue Peter Award winning author of *Frozen In Time*, and author of over 50 titles, will be visiting our school. All of the children in KS2 will be having a special assembly and talk from the author in the morning. The children will have the chance to learn about what it is like to be an author, as well as the opportunity to ask her any questions.

She will be bringing copies of her latest book '100 Summers' to sell for a discounted price and children can have their book signed by Ali. More detail will follow next week around the cost of this, and how to make the payment. Below is the blurb:

"Dante's ADHD and dyslexia wins him a place at Candlesham Hall summer school where he feels extra stupid, gets into fights and is accused of stuff he didn't do.

Finding Bea's journal changes everything: it has clues to treasures hidden in the house and grounds..."



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MUSIC

York Guildhall Orchestra, Sunday February 11th 2024 3pm

York Music Hub and York Guildhall Orchestra are delighted to be working in partnership to provide up to 200 free tickets for school-aged children/young people and accompanying adults, to YGO's upcoming concert at York Barbican on Sunday 11th February at 3pm.

The free ticket allocation per family works as follows:

1 child ticket + 1 accompanying adult ticket

2 or more child tickets + up to 2 accompanying adult tickets

This form needs to be completed by a parent/carer, and submitted by Sunday 28th January at the latest. In order to avoid disappointment, don't delay submitting the form, as tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Musical dates...

KS2 Spring Concert: 2.00pm Thursday 21st March (everyone in KS2)

Rocksteady Concert - 9.30am Friday 22nd March (Rocksteady students)



WOW WORK!

LKS2 have started their work on collage in art this week and I think we can all agree that Isabella's (Class 8) collage of York Minster is absolutely superb!



RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

Spaces have become available in both Rainbows and Brownies clubs that take place on Monday nights in the school hall. I've printed both posters and put them in the community notice board but if you want more information or wish to sign your child up for either club you can email Vaunda Powell on dringhouses24@gmail.com

