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'Working Together, Putting Children First within our Christian Family'
'Together we care, learn and grow'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Certificates

Stars of the week -

Play School – Toby M -for his positive attitude and number recognition skills.

Class 1 – Bobby O – fantastic number work and number bonds to 20.

Class 2 – Edwin T – for a positive attitude in reading and maths.

Class 3 – Joshua M - for his positive attitude in the classroom.

Children receiving praise postcards from the headteacher this week –

Bailee L and Finley W

Alaia M and Isla O

Jack P and Shivonne C-A

School lunches next week

Monday – Organic beef burger, chips and beans

Tuesday – Chicken korma and rice

Wednesday – Minced beef and mashed potato

Thursday – Sausages and roast potatoes

Friday – Fish, chips and peas

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. This has been a testing week for us in school, with new lockdown rules and new guidance from the DFE. I have to say that on the whole our children remain calm and grounded and this is demonstrated in their eagerness to show and produce excellent work - they are a real credit to you!

Unfortunately, we had our first positive case at Sherburn this week, our Class 1 teacher tested positive on Thursday and this has meant that her class and teaching assistant are now self-isolating for 14 days. We will endeavour to introduce our remote learning offer for those children next week.

Worry and anxiety is natural in these circumstances but I can reassure you that every effort is taken to ensure that your children remain safe in our schools and our system of bubbles and adult social distancing has meant that only one class has been compromised. If you have children in other class bubbles, I would like to reiterate that they can still come to school and it is important that children continue to see school as the norm. I understand that during these times guidance can seem contradictory and confusing regarding siblings and self-isolation but I would like to stress that



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school is the right place for children to be. We have extended our rigorous cleaning schedules, reviewed our risk assessments and the school is undergoing a deep clean of the whole site ready for Monday.

Reception places for September 2021

FAO Parents of Nursery Children (born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017)

If you have a child who falls into the age range above they are due to start school in September 2021 and you must apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception.

Important – you must apply for a school place even if your child has an older sibling at the school or they are attending the nursery attached to the school. You can apply for a Reception place at a primary school for your child from 12 October 2020 and the deadline to submit your application is 15 January 2021. www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions

Governor vacancy

The Wolds and Vale governing body are looking to recruit a governor to the board, this is a Co-opted skills based position and not a parent governor role but anyone can apply.

Why volunteer to be a school governor or trustee?

School governors make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. You will also be joining the largest volunteer force in the country: there are over a quarter of a million volunteers governing state funded schools in England. Schools need governing boards that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience to enable it to be effective. Ofsted (the national inspection body for schools) has repeatedly noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management – which includes the governing board.

Who can become a school governor or trustee?

Anyone aged 18 or over can be a governor or trustee (but there are some exceptions) and you do not need to be a parent. There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. There is plenty of training available to help you learn about education. Schools needs and benefit from a range of professional knowledge on their governing board including education, finance, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, property and estates management, and organisational change.

If you or someone you know is interested in the position, please contact Laura Waller (clerk to governors) for more information. 01944 710282 admin@luttons.n-yorks.sch.uk

Have a relaxing weekend

Mr Taylor