



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Right of the Fortnight

October is Black History Month and so our Rights Respecting thoughts are **Articles 30 and 40**: 'Children have the right to practice their own culture, language and religion and they have the right to fair treatment.'

There are lots of things happening across school and we will endeavour to keep you fully informed of our upcoming events through the newsletter, our website and social media pages.

****Just a reminder that we break up for half-term on Friday 25th October and children return to school on Tuesday 5th November.****

Safeguarding Updates

Safeguarding our children is at the heart of everything we do at school. Following on from last time's newsletter, here are the links for October:

Mobile Phones - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

Roblox - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/roblox-checklist-new.pdf>

Reporting Online Concerns - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-reporting/>

We will be launching our Mobile Phone and Independent Travel charters and agreements in the next couple of weeks, so please look out for these.

Winmarleigh

I loved seeing all of the photos on social media of the children enjoying themselves and participating in lots of activities. There were so many photos, I almost felt like I was there! The children spoke so well in Monday's assembly about what they were most proud of and how they had shown our values - really well done! I would like to thank the staff who accompanied the children for giving up their weekend to allow the children to make such special memories.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying a coffee and a cake with your children this morning. We have managed to raise £380 - amazing!. Thank you for your kind and generous donations - a very worthy cause that is very close to our hearts.

Scamps Holiday Child-care - Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Just a reminder that our childcare provision is going to be available again this coming October for 3-11 year olds. Knowing our numbers well in advance will help us plan best for staffing and activities - booking is still open. Childcare runs from 8.30am until 4pm. Children will need a packed lunch and each day will enjoy Halloween themed activities such as apple bobbing, pumpkin carving competition, monster den building, mummy wrapping and lots more!



The cost of the childcare is £12.50 per day or £50 if you book all 5 days in advance with a 10% discount for any siblings. This means that any sibling booked in for all 5 days would cost £45. If you are interested, and your child already attends Scamps, then please book and pay via the school gateway. If you are not registered with Scamps and you would like your child to attend one or more of the holiday club days, then please contact the school office to request details of how to register and pay online.

Harvest Celebration - Friday 25th October

We are looking forward to inviting parents into school to celebrate our annual Harvest Festival. It is always a popular event and lots of parents enjoy coming into school. We will be putting two performances on at 9.15am and 2.30pm.



Because the whole school take part in the festival, there is limited space in the hall. If you would like to attend, please fill in the consent form on the app by **Monday 14th October**. If we have more adults sign up than spaces, we will need to use a random number generator to allocate tickets. If you have not signed up on the app by **Monday 14th**, your name will not be included in the generator. The consent form will be open from **Monday 7th October**.

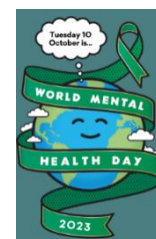
We will accept donations of food, fruit and vegetables from **Monday 21st October** - fresh produce to be sent in on the morning of the assemblies. This will be donated to St Luke's church. Thank you for your support.

'Bright Rainbow' Discos - Wednesday 23rd October

Like last year, we will be holding 2 discos, one for Key Stage 1 children and one for Key Stage 2. We have decided this year to use a rainbow theme for our discos to help support our work on kindness and happiness. We will have 2 discos - Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 will be 3.30pm-4.45pm and then KS2 will be 5pm-6.30pm. Entrance to the disco will be £1 and there will be refreshments available.

World Mental Health Day - Thursday 10th October

We will be marking world mental health day next week at school by having a whole school assembly. This is also a nice opportunity for us to launch our 'Time to Talk Buddies' who are a group of Year 6 children. They have had some training and are eager to help other children with their own mental health. We will also be taking part in some activities in our classes on this day too.



Parent discussions – week beginning 11th November

After half-term, we will be holding our parent discussion meetings to share successes and targets for your child and the year ahead.



Monday 11th – each class teacher will be available for discussion from 3.20pm – 5.50pm. Each class will then have one full afternoon slot throughout the week – between 1.15pm and 5.50pm to allocate appointments for parents. Before half-term you will be able to choose your appointment time on the app and then confirmation of this will be given to your child on our return. We do give siblings time slots close to each other to make it easier for you. Appointment slots will be for 10 minutes per child, and it will be key that these are kept to so that all parents have their opportunity for discussion.

Dates to remember:

Wednesday 9th October – Y1 Visit to St Luke's Church
Thursday 10th October – Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day
Thursday 10th October – Y3 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm
Friday 11th October – Y5/Y6 Lego Engineering workshop
Friday 11th October – Y4 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm
Monday 14th – 16th October – Y4 Roman Residential
Thursday 17th October – Beamish Visit Reception Class and Year 1
Friday 18th October – Y6 Great North Museum Visit
Friday 18th October – Y1 Parent Story Time 2.45pm
Monday 21st October – Y6 Visit to Ferryhill Library
Monday 21st October – Nursery Parent Story Time and Phonics Meeting 2.15pm
Tuesday 22nd – 23rd October – Y3 Stone Age Residential
Tuesday 22nd October – Y5 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm
Wednesday 23rd October – Y6 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm
Wednesday 23rd October – Discos. KS1 – 3.30 – 4.45pm KS2 – 5 – 6.30pm
Thursday 24th October – Y2 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm
Thursday 24th October – Firefighter Visit (Whole School)
Friday 25th October – Harvest Festival (Details to follow)
Friday 25th October – Break up for half-term
Half-term: Friday 25th October – Tuesday 5th November
Tuesday 5th November – Children return to school
Thursday 7th November – Y4 Ferryhill Library Visit and Y3 Ferryhill Library Visit
Monday 11th November – Y1 Ferryhill Library Visit
Monday 11th – Friday 15th November – Parents Evening Week
Tuesday 12th November – POP 'Protecting Our Planet' Day
Thursday 14th November – Y5 Ferryhill Library Visit and Y2 Ferryhill Library Visit
Friday 15th November – Children in Need
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd November – Y6 Grinton Residential
Monday 18th November – Reception Class Ferryhill Library Visit
Thursday 5th December – Reception Class and Key Stage 1 Panto – Bishop Auckland
Friday 6th December – KS2 Panto at Bishop Auckland
Friday 13th December – SEND Parent Coffee Morning



