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Class News

- Nursery - have been settling in to our new theme of 'Are eggs alive' and learning about the lifecycle of the frog!
YR - have been doing observational drawings of flowers looking closely at the details and drawing exactly what we could see!
Y1 - loved finding out about different parts of the body in science
Y2 - loved doing wax resistant art this week
Y3 - have enjoyed learning about Jackson Pollock's art
Y4 - have enjoyed investigating functions of teeth and conducting their own investigation into tooth decay
Y5 - enjoyed learning how to play hockey during our Sports WOW day!
Y6 - enjoyed the Sports WOW day where they learned some key hockey skills

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I trust everyone had a restful half term. The children have certainly arrived back into school refreshed. Another busy week of learning, Fresh Air Club, rugby, sports WOW day and so much more, our children are so lucky to have such incredible opportunities.

A reminder that school staff are always available to chat, please do not allow concerns or frustrations to fester, come and speak to us. If we don't know about it, we can't help!

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Carr all the best in beginning her maternity leave. She has decided to start her leave a little earlier than planned on Tuesday 4th March. We will of course keep you posted on any baby news!

Book Fair

Next week the Book Fair will be in school from **Tuesday 4th- Monday 10th March**. Children will have the opportunity after school each day to visit the fair. For more details regarding the event, please see the email correspondence sent today. Next Thursday is also World Book Day, we look forward to seeing your children dressed as their favourite book character.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. We will also have the Scholastic Book Fair in school throughout the week to share the power of reading with the children. We invite the children to dress as their favourite book character to celebrate all things wonderful about literature – we can't wait to see your outfits!

School Charity

This week we welcomed Kate from the local RSPCA centre in who delivered an assembly, alongside the school councillors, informing the children about the charity and how donations are used to support them. After fundraising throughout 2024 with events such as the read-a-thon, the sponsored obstacle course and the 'fill a Christmas tree with loose change' activity, we were delighted to present a cheque of **£1268.03!** This is an amazing amount of money to raise from just one school and we want to thank you for all for your participation and donations towards this. As you can imagine, they were absolutely thrilled with our donation and blown away with the children's behaviour during the assembly.



As we move into 2025, the school councillors have been asking their classes to vote for a new charity to support this year. The chosen charity is **Greyfriars's Community Centre**. This arose after children seeing them out in the community visiting neighbours of the school. We are very excited to start our fundraising with our first event being an Easter egg hunt. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the coming weeks...

Value of the week: Respect

Picture News' big question this week has been 'Why do we judge people based on their appearance?' with the back story being a girls football team in York launching a campaign called 'Girls can have short hair. Get over it' hoping to challenge stereotypes in the sport. Some excellent discussions and debates.

Online Safety

Marvel Rivals is a new release which lets players take on the role of various superheroes and villains in a competitive multiplayer shooter. The title has proven immensely successful. The developer, NetEase, reports that as many as 40 million people are playing the game – many of whom will be children, owing to the game's PEGI 12 age rating.

While most of Marvel's content has been family –friendly (and this game has been deemed suitable for children as young as 12), this title does still present numerous potential risks to children and young people. This week's guide offers parents and educators expert advice on the potential pitfalls of Marvel Rivals and how to protect its younger players.

PE Days

Please note the **NEW PE Days for this half term:**

- YR – Wednesday & Thursday
- Y1 – Wednesday & Thursday
- Y2 – Wednesday & Thursday
- Y3 – Monday & Wednesday
- Y4 – Monday & Wednesday
- Y5 – Monday & Thursday
- Y6 – Monday & Thursday

Dates for Diary

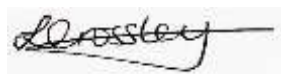
March

- 4th SISA Spring Disco
- 6th World Book Day
- 4th – 11th Scholastic Book Fair in school
- WC 10th Spanish Students visiting
- 10th – 14th Wellbeing Week
- WC 17th Parent Consultations
- 18th SISA's Got Talent Final
- WC 24th Spanish Students visiting

April

- 1st SISA 'Break the rules day'

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley

Headteacher

