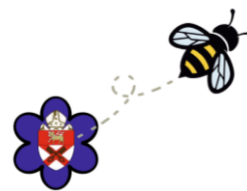




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Newsletter Autumn 3, 25th September 2020

Celebrate, Collaborate, Pollinate

Our new school vision, hinged around these three ideas and the theme of bees, is beginning to spread a ‘buzz’ around school (sorry, couldn’t resist...). The children have been learning about what Celebrate, Collaborate and Pollinate mean for us in school, and are very excited! We have been hard at work creating artwork and displays to remind us – and we had been planning to invite you all in for a huge launch event. In light of restrictions, we have been rethinking this, and over the coming weeks will be challenging the children to help us make a short film to introduce our big new ideas to you all. We will be in touch once it’s ready!

Equestrianism

Thank you very much to Polly and Isobel’s mum, who has offered to manage the school equestrian team. This crack squad attends competitions near and far, and are looking for new members – so if your child is already competing, and is interested in representing the school, please let Mrs Gatenby know and we will pass your details on to Carolyn.

Ask Me About stickers:

You may have seen your child come home with a sticker this week, which has ‘Ask me about...’ on it. This is part of our plan to foster conversations at home about school. As a parent myself, I still sometimes get the reply ‘Can’t remember’ when I ask my child what they did in school today (and sometimes I was in the lesson too!) – so we have had the bright idea of jotting down a conversation starter on a sticker. We are also making a point as staff of asking children to talk about their sticker if we see them wearing one. The children will receive a sticker for doing/saying/being something brilliant. Our plan is that as well as fostering lots of talk, it will reinforce how brilliant that child has been every time someone asks them to talk about it, which will encourage them to carry on doing/saying/being something brilliant – one big, happy, positive cycle. Look out for a sticker on your child tonight!

New Starters 2021

Thank you so much to everyone for spreading our word far and wide – we have had a steady stream of after-school visitors to look around, and have had a lot of very positive feedback. Please keep going with this, we’d like as many children as possible to join our happy band!



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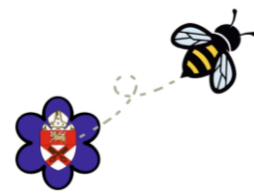




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Duke of Burneston

The Year Sixes were very excited this week when Mr Easton introduced them to their new project – the Duke of Burneston. Over the year, the children will complete 6 challenges, all of which have been designed to build their resilience, independence and community spirit. They will have the chance to run clubs in school, to make a difference in their community and to earn Bronze, Silver and Gold badges as they do so. Keep an eye out for our Year Six Young Leaders too, who will be wearing special hoodies provided by school as a mark of thanks for the work they will be doing with our younger children. Celebrate, Collaborate and Pollinate, all in one project!

Yorkshire Cricket

Falcons and Kites classes are enjoying weekly sessions with a North Yorkshire Cricket coach this half term – I've got to say, he was very impressed already with their skills! Mark will be returning in the (more traditional) summer term for further sessions – if we haven't tired him out by then!

School Census Lunch

Don't forget this Thursday there has been a slight menu tweak, we will be having Sausages, followed by chocolate muffins. Government funding is allocated based on the numbers of hot dinners being taken by certain groups of children, so if your child fancies a yummy lunch on Thursday, the school budget will benefit too!

Remote Learning

The teachers and I are working hard on plans for how we can support you with the children's learning in the event of another lockdown, or if your child should have to isolate for any reason. We are thinking of running along similar lines to the summer, whereby the teacher will put activities and short clips on Dojo and children will be encouraged to send work in to share with the teacher and rest of the class. There will be slightly different systems operating for individual children self isolating. I am currently putting together a policy regarding this, which I will share with you when finished.

Breakfast Club

We have sent a letter full of information about Breakfast Club via email on Wednesday. Please contact Mrs Gatenby if you haven't received it. Bookings have already begun, so if you are thinking of using this service, don't delay!



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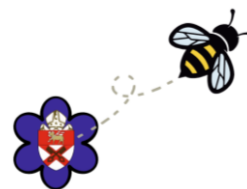




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Flu Immunisations

If you haven't already signed your child up for their annual immunisation, please do so. This year more than ever, we would like our children in school as much as possible, so anything we can do to prevent the usual coughs and colds will be really helpful. It's just a quick squirt up the nose, and the Immunisation team are friendly and efficient – your child will hardly notice!

Governor Vacancies

We currently have three vacancies on our Governing Body. Our Governors play a vital role in driving our school forwards, and we need your help! If you can think of anyone who might be interested, or you are interested yourself, please get in touch. The workload isn't onerous, and this is a fantastic opportunity to help set the strategic vision for our school and support our children, staff and community flourish.

Dates

When	What	Who
Monday 28 th September	Breakfast Club restarts	All
Thursday 1 st October	School census special lunch	All
8 th October	Flu immunisations	All
Wednesday 14 th October	Individual photos	All
Week Commencing 19 th October	Parent and Carer Consultations Week	All
Friday 23 rd October	School closes for half term	All
Monday 2 nd November		
Wednesday 16 th December	Nativity, at St Michael's Kirklington	All



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Here's a taste of what's been happening around school this week:



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