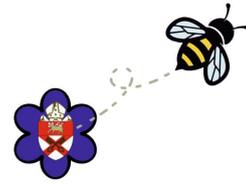




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Newsletter Spring 1

Welcome back to a rather soggy Spring newsletter, thank goodness for wellies and overs!

Safeguarding

If you didn't get chance to check out the latest parental online safety information in our last newsletter, here's the link: <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/> It's regularly updated to keep parents and carers up to date with the fast-moving online world.

Attendance

Wrens	Swifts	Robins	Kites	Hawks	Whole school
96.4%	96.9%	97.8%	97.3%	96.7%	97% [National 94.8%, North Yorks 95%]

Thanks everyone for soldiering through this term of coughs, sneezes, tonsillitis and so much more. Hopefully Spring will come soon and we can all benefit from the extra Vitamin D! It's worth noting that an increasing chunk of the lower attendance is due to holidays being taken. Whilst we recognise that term time prices are significantly lower, we very much appreciate holidays being taken in holiday time, inline with DfE guidance.

FOBS events

Thank you FOBS and everyone who has supported their work – we have several very large boxes in the hall which contain new bikes, trikes and scooty boards. We're commencing Operation Put-It-All-Together, there's already been a huge amount of curiosity, just about the boxes, enthusiasm levels will rocket once everyone sees what they contain!

After school clubs

Mrs Clarkson has been able to extend her provision to Thursdays from after half term, which is great news. She will be running Arty Club on Monday, Super Scientists on Tuesday and Cookery Club on Thursday. Don't forget, clubs now need to be booked as a half termly block please. Mrs Clarkson's clubs finish at 4.20 but on Monday and Tuesday we have extended provision until 5pm which is covered by Mrs Smart. Multisports continues on Wednesdays until 5pm. We are still working with another provider to extend our wrap around provision to 6pm and will let you know when we have progress on this.



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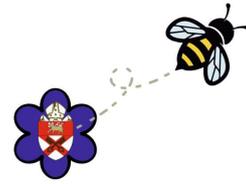




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Staffing

There are a couple of staffing changes coming up before Easter: Miss Martin will be moving into Wrens class ready to job share with Mrs Davison on her return later this term, and Mrs Toner will be joining the team in Robins class. We are so sad to say goodbye to Miss Green, we will all miss her very much, but wish her the very best of luck! Miss Ruddick has done a sterling job of stepping into the Senco role, seamlessly taking the baton from Mrs Tennant. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Davison back later in Spring term.

Sporting Success

Year 3 are loving their swimming sessions, which will continue until Easter. Children from KS2 represented our school in the area Panathlon and came back with some lovely shiny medals and very shiny smiles! Further competitions are coming up, as is some training for our older KS2 pupils to become skipping leaders. Year 6 are very much looking forward to starting their lunchtime clubs as part of their Taking Flight projects.

Forest Schools

Hawks are well prepared for Bewerley Park after this half term's Forest School. It's Swifts' turn after half term – hopefully the weather will be a little kinder, but definitely wrap up in lots of layers on Wednesdays Swifts!

Bewerley Park Residential

We are really excited to be taking our Year 5 and 6 pupils to Bewerley Park – it's a jam packed week full of canoeing, rock scrambling, gorge walking, high ropes, orienteering, night walks (I'm feeling tired just writing this!) and of course the legendary Bewerley Park flapjack... I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mr Easton and Miss Graham for leaving their own families for a week to accompany me and the children, I know you'll appreciate it as much as I do.

School Council

The democratic process spoke recently – a huge thank you to some brilliant Y5 pupils for running the elections – we now have a new School Council and have already had our first meeting. It was great to see so many pupils take part in the elections, and to support their peers even if they weren't successful themselves. There is so much talent and passion in our school, it's got us thinking about how everyone can have the opportunity to make positive change – this is something School Council will be discussing in their first meeting.



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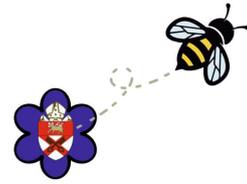




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Join Team Burneston?

Our brilliant Board of Governors play such a key role in school and they are looking for additional members. Ideally this would be people with financial or data skills – if you would like to find out more, just contact either our Chair (Louise Carter) or Mrs Smart and we'd be delighted to have a chat. We will also be advertising shortly for another Teaching Assistant for three mornings a week. This is a primarily pastoral role, and will be advertised after half term. Again, if you are interested and you'd like a chat about the job, just contact Mrs Smart.

Parent Carer Celebration Assembly

There's always such a lovely buzz around school when we have Celebration Assemblies – we love to see how excited the children are to show you their hard work. It's a key part of our Celebrate, Collaborate, Pollinate vision and definitely one of our pupils' favourite afternoons! Our next Celebration Assembly will be in summer term (date to follow).

Parents' and Carers' Evenings

Thank you to Wrens parents and carers for their flexibility in the change of dates for their Evenings. We look forward to seeing our other classes' parents and carers week commencing 2nd March. Information regarding specific days and times has come out, but if you are unable to make the allocated times, or you haven't received the information, please drop your class teacher a dojo.



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