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Inspire Enjoy Achieve

Dear Parents and families,

Elsie's Rainbow Danceathon

On **Monday 11th March**, the whole school will be taking part in 'Elsie's Rainbow Danceathon' to raise money to build 'Elsie's reading house' in our EYFS area. This will be a special place to remember the lovely Elsie and celebrate her love of reading. Each class from 2 year olds to Year 6 will have a half hour slot to dance non-stop in our school hall in their brightest rainbow clothes. We would be grateful if you, your family and friends could sponsor your child for this event. Any amount you can contribute will go towards 'Elsie's reading house'.



Please return your sponsorship form and money collected to school by Friday 15th March.

'Well-being Winnie' – our Well-being dog



Say hello to Winnie. She is 3 years old and a Golden Doodle breed. She is the much loved member of Mr and Mrs Tanner's family, and she has become part of our team as a well-being dog. She has a wonderful temperament and is already very 'chilled'.

The advantages of a well-being Dog

There are many benefits to having a well-being dog in a school setting, the main one being the health and well-being of both Pupils and Staff alike. A dog has an immediate calming effect by just being near. The role of well-being dogs is to react and respond to people and their environment, under the guidance and direction of their handler. For example, an individual might be encouraged to gently pat or talk to a dog to teach sensitive touch and help them be calm.

Having a dog in school has the potential to help young children to develop in a range of academic, personal and social areas.

A comprehensive Risk Assessment for Winnie will be published on the school website and she will have her own page.

Children's Chat & Chill Club restarts

Some girls in Year 5 approached me last week with a request to start *Chat & Chill Club* back up for their peers. It is a place where children can sign up to have a break from the hustle and bustle of playtimes if they want to. They have written below an explanation of the club.

"Chat and Chill is a place where you can relax and be comfortable to talk to us. You can tell us about any worries or things that are bothering you. Things that are urgent (serious), will be shared with a trusted adult. Other things that you can do are, talk about your day and things that make you happy. We will meet on a Monday and Wednesday lunchtime. Things to do are:

colour in / read/ play with fidget toys / relax and chill / stay in a quiet space

Visitors from NYC and Carers

On Wednesday 21 February, we had two visitors from **North Yorkshire Council** and **Carers Plus**. They came to talk to our School Councillors about facilities in the village. All the children took part in answering questions and sharing ideas about what the village has to offer children and young people, as well as what services could be improved. They drew pictures and their comments were written down by the ladies on large pieces of paper. Both ladies were very impressed with the knowledge of the School Councillors, and their ideas on how to improve the village for young people.

Is your child struggling to attend school?

Some children and young people find attending and engaging with school more difficult than others. This can be for a variety of reasons. In education settings and services supporting children and young people's mental health in North Yorkshire, there has been a reported increase in children and young people experiencing these difficulties. If your child is struggling with aspects of school attendance or engaging with school, it is important that you discuss these issues with your child's school.

<https://thegoto.org.uk/im-a-parent-or-carer/is-your-child-struggling-to-attend-school/>

Attendance update

Considering all of the coughs and sneezes that still abound, our attendance this week was excellent. Every class was above 95.5% and two classes (Year 3 and Year 4) were 100%. This is very impressive and shows real resilience and a desire to be in school. Well done everyone!

Filey Lions 60th Birthday Celebrations

School has close links with Filey Lions and they support us with books for the Library, minibus for transport and a wonderful Christmas tree each year to name a few things. We are helping to celebrate their 60th birthday by working closely with them, to support their local and global community links. They came into school with Roary The Lion to introduce a poster competition that they launched.

Eco Team

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In line with a new Eco-Code, the children have started regular awards/recognition for the most eco-conscious classes based on feedback from drop-ins by the Eco Team. I introduced the topic of e-waste

which we are looking at it in more detail later in the term. (Mr Pottage)

Kyle (Y5) added, "The Eco Team met to discuss the Eco positives and negatives at school. We will put together an Eco Code for our school. Topics that we will talk about are Recycling, Energy, Litter and other things. We will promote this in a poster competition next week. Details will follow."

Conrad Fox

Headteacher



Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2024

Tues 30 th Jan	- Year 2 to start swimming (7 sessions)
Tues 6 th Feb	- Safer Internet Day 2024
Monday 12th Feb – Friday 16th Feb Half-Term	
Mon 19 th Feb	- Winnie's first visit to school
Thurs 29 th Feb	- Year 4 East Barnby Parents meeting
Mon 4 th March	- Bikeability for Year 5 starts
Thurs 7 th March	- World Book Day
Mon 11 th March	- Science Week in school
Mon 11 th March	- Danceathon for Elsie
Fri 15 th March	- Non Uniform Day for Easter egg donations
Mon 18 th March	- Assessment Week
	-Gymnastics Festival in school
Thurs 21 st March	-Easter Bingo
Fri 22 nd March	-Parents Chat & Chill morning

Easter Holiday

Mon 25th March – Fri 5th April