Newsletter

Friday 22nd November, 2019

Dates for the diary

29th November, Forest School

West Heslerton

2nd December, Snainton School are on Yorkshire Coast Radio

4th December, Forest Schools, all day

6th December, Christmas Craft Open Afternoon KS1 & KS2

11th December, School Trip to see Cinderella at The Spa

13th December, Christmas Jumper Day

13th December, Christmas Lunch

13th December, 2.00pm Christmas Service at St Stephens, followed by refreshments

17th December, 2:30pm

Nativity

Snainton Village Hall

18th December, Forest Schools, all day

19th December, 6pm

Nativity

Snainton Village Hall

20th December, Achievement Assembly at 3.00pm

20th December, 3.30pm, break up for Christmas

7th January 2020

Pupils return to school

The school website has undergone significant updates. You can now find more information about your child’s class and locate copies of the school newsletter and other useful information. I hope you will find the website useful, and can refer to it if you need anything. You can still contact the school office should you need to for any enquiries.

On Thursday 14th November, school welcomed Paddy from Yorkshire Coast Radio. The children recorded a version of their festive song ‘Sleeps ‘til Santa’ along with a Christmas Carol. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time recording the song and are excited to listen for it being played on the radio. Sleeps ‘til Santa will be played on the radio on Monday 2nd December at 6:40, 8:40 and 15:40 and will also be on their website for the whole day. The Christmas Carol will be played on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day but we have not been given any times for this. I hope you can share this with your extended family and friends.

Simba seems to have been struggling lately with his puppy teeth hurting him. It means that he has been wanting to bite most things (and fingers) so I have limited the time he spends with our classes to avoid any unwanted incidents with the children. I am looking forward to him getting through this phase so that we can increase his time in classrooms, and train him to let the children read with him and to become a good friend to all of the children.

Behaviour policy update

Since September, the School Council and teachers have been reviewing the current behaviour policy. Everyone agreed that it needed to be updated.

School council consulted with their class mates and brought ideas to meetings with myself. This generated a wide range of potential rewards and consequences for the new behaviour policy.

Teachers have used these ideas to put together a diagram to illustrate the new expectations for behaviour, and the structure for rewards and consequences that will be used throughout the school. I have attached these to the newsletter for your information.

This policy will be implemented from Monday 25th November as a draft policy. Governors will consult on this policy on 27th January, where it will either be amended or approved. After this meeting, the final policy will be available on the school website.

**Silver Birch Class**

Silver Birch Class have started to design some wonderful stained glass inspired art work that will be used on the dividing glass between Silver Birch and Maple Class. They considered the Holy Trinity in RE and used their understanding of this to design their art work. I am looking forward to seeing the results of their labour, and it will also be visible for you to see at future Open Afternoons.

Parents meeting

There was a really good turnout for the parents meeting held in school on Thursday 21st November. I shared the revised vision and values and new behaviour policy with parents. We also spent time considering more ways to further promote the school and shared ideas of how the school can continue to improve.

Thank you to all those parents who shared their views, but please remember that staff are always available for you to share your thoughts before and after school.

**Maple Class**

Maple Class impress Mrs Gibson and myself each day. They are showing a really positive attitude to their learning and working hard to collaborate with each other to achieve different tasks. The class have been inspired by David Attenborough’s programme ‘Seven Worlds, One Planet’. They have considered the continents and studied Africa in more detail. The children enjoyed telling me what they remember about Africa when I visited their class earlier this week.

Closure details

As we prepare for potentially inclement weather, I want to share school procedures with you. Please do not contact the school to ask if we are open or closed. This occupies the phone line at a time when school needs to be able to communicate with other agencies. The decision to close the school will only be taken in extreme circumstances. If we do need to close the school, we will notify the Local Authority and Yorkshire Coast Radio. Both have websites that update parents about school closures in the area.

**Oak Class**

The nursery children have been reading the book ‘The Emperor’s Egg’ this week and are really enjoying learning more about Antarctica. This morning the children had so much fun painting differently shaped ice, and sharing their learning with Reception children. Nursery is almost at full capacity after we have welcomed some new children. The children have settled in to the routines in Oak Class extremely well and it always a pleasure to hear how happy they are to welcome each other every morning. Please contact the school office if you would like to increase your child’s hours in nursery.

Mr Davies