



WISE UP

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Heads Up

- **Change of Menu:**
Thurs 21 December
will be Fish Fingers
Fri 22 December
will be Christmas
Dinner

Key Dates

- **Special Mention Assembly**
Friday at 2.30 pm
- **NO Special Mention Assembly** on Friday
22 December

Thought of the Week

'Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend.'

Theophrastus



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Adverse Weather Information

A reminder that in the event of our school having to close due to bad weather, a text message would be sent out to parents via our Teachers2Parents messaging system. Announcements would be made on **BBC Radio York (103.7 FM)**. Also it would be listed under school closures on the NYCC website at **www.northyorks.gov.uk**.

IT IS THEREFORE REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE UP TO DATE

CONTACT INFORMATION – If you have changed your mobile phone number, then please advise the school office immediately. Thank you.

Little Owls Performance



Little Owls got the Christmas ball rolling for us this week with their fantastic performance of a Paddington-inspired Christmas tale. The children were full of smiles and they sung and spoke beautifully! Thanks very much to the enormous number of parents who attended (see below for details on forthcoming Christmas events).

Thanks also to Mrs Parkin and the team for following the children's interests and supporting them well. Finally thanks to the Gregory family & Friends Group for laying on and serving delicious mince pies, cakes and tea.

Phonics Achievement!

I was delighted recently to receive a letter from MP Nick Gibb (Minister for School Standards) in which he congratulated the school on helping 95% of last years

Year 1 students to pass their phonics assessment. This puts us in the top 8% of schools nationally! Congratulations particularly to Miss Clay who taught the class, but also to the whole of the KS1 team who constantly reflect and improve on their phonics practice. We're now reviewing spelling strategies in KS2 to build on this success.

First Aid for Children

On Tuesday last week, Stephen Smith of Firstaider Training provided three sessions of first aid to our KS2 classes. He covered key phone numbers, checking for signs of life, administering resuscitation and discussed using a defibrillator (relevant as we understand that there is one planned for the village). We were delighted by the number of parents and grandparents who were also able to attend – thank you for your time. Thanks also to governor Emma Andrews who set us off on first aid for children. Stephen wrote to me after the training to say "I would just like to commend your pupils on their exemplary behaviour when I came to teach them". Key tips from the session were:

- Check your child knows their home phone number in case of accident
- Check they know their home post code, if they ever have to call for an ambulance they will need it



Champions Once Again!

On Monday 27 November, Hambleton School took part in Sports hall Athletics 2017. Since 2011 Hambleton Primary School have been reigning champions and this year the school had the hardest competition in years. Some of the schools we competed against were: Longmans Hill, Wistow, Brotherton, Cawood along with 4 other schools. The schools showed great sportsmanship in every event that was set for them. Hambleton won by 14 points but it was a very close contest between Hambleton and Brotherton. Some participants from Hambleton School were: Benjamin Arey (Y5), Harriett Storey (Y5), Millie Smith (Y6), Lilly Morris (Y6), Ruby Winch (Y5), Calum Wilson (Y6), Orla Gordon (Y5) along with many other amazing athletes. Our favourite thing about this experience was the atmosphere - eight schools together competing and cheering on for one another. We interviewed some of the competitors, here is what they thought of the event: "It was fun, when the whistle blew adrenalin pumped through my body" Ellie Britain (Y6). "I really enjoyed it, I did the obstacle relay and the long jump - I hope I have the opportunity to do this event again" Emily Knaggs (Y5). "I have been part of other sports events like Quad Kids and this was a different experience from what I have done before but I still really enjoyed it," Charlie Arey (Y5). Overall, the children that took part really enjoyed this experience; next we are going to the semi-finals and hope to win that too!



By Ruby Winch and Orla Gordon

Cross Country

On Monday morning 8 pupils represented Hambleton Primary School in the Selby Area Cross Country Finals at Tadcaster Grammar School. They all ran really well and their finishing positions were: Year 3 Boys – Sebastian Smith 29th; Year 5 Girls – Matilda Murray 11th, Harriet Storey 15th; Year 5 Boys – Benjamin Arey 1st, Charlie Arey 9th; Year 6 Girls - Poppy Hayes 8th, Millie Smith 9th; Year 6 Boys – Sam Hammell 19th.

We would like to thank the parents and helpers who attended and give a special congratulations to Benjamin Arey and Poppy Hayes who will go forward to the North Yorkshire Finals at Dalby Forest in March.

Football

Yesterday (Thursday) the football team played in the Selby Area final of the ESFA Small Schools' Cup against a strong Barkston Ash side. In blustery conditions the game ebbed and flowed with lots of well taken goals, finishing 3-3 at the end of normal time. Many of the pupils had come out to watch the exciting encounter. In extra time Hambleton scored what ended up being the winning goal, then had to defend hard to the final whistle. Players from both sides did themselves proud with their commitment, skill and sportsmanship. Thanks go to Mr Key for coaching/refereeing and to all the parents and children who turned out to support the team.

'Cinderella Rockerfella' Tickets

Tickets for this performance will be sent home with children next week. We are pleased that we have been able to fulfill all ticket requests. Please remember to bring your tickets to the performance as entry is by ticket only. Thank you.

On Monday 18 December, KS2 pupils will stay at school in order to get ready for the 4 pm performance of Cinderella Rockerfella. They should bring a drink and snack to eat after school. We expect the performance to last approximately 1 ¼ hours and you should therefore pick your child up at 5.15 pm. The KS2 children will leave school at 3 pm as normal on Tuesday and should be back at school for 6 pm in order to prepare for the 6.30 pm performance. Parents should collect their children at 7.45 pm please (after the 6.30 pm performance). Thank you.

Nativity Messy Church

Everyone is welcome to join in Nativity Messy Church at Hambleton Chapel (Chapel Street) on Sunday 17 December at 10.30am. The children can join in telling the Nativity story and there will be Christmas crafts, carols and mince pies.

Children's Society – Our Annual Appeal

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the candles with loose change. Please can all candles (even if empty) be returned to school by Friday 15 December.