



WISE UP

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Heads Up

Roadworks have begun on the A63 – please take extra care when crossing the road or driving.

Key Dates

- **Special Mention Assembly** on Friday at 2.30 pm
- **School closes** on Friday 22 February for half term

Thought of the Week

'In order to succeed, we must first believe we can.'

Nikos Kazantzakis



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

We're getting towards the end of a busy half term and what a pleasure to notice the beginning of lighter mornings and evenings! KS2 children have benefitted from five lunchtime clubs every week this half term and we've had very positive feedback on the Multi Sports Club. A reminder that Mid-Year Reports will go home on Friday 8th March and if you haven't yet seen your **KS2** child in action on Times Table Rockstars at home please ask them to login and show you what they can do! (Please ask your child's class teacher if they can't find their login). There's important information below on school expectations and safety so please take the time to read through. Finally, Year Six parents are invited to a **SATs Information Evening** on 6th March at 6pm in Eagle Owls Class – we look forward to seeing you there.

Unselfish Thinking

After becoming aware of the plight of local homeless people over the Christmas period. Henry in Year 4 decided to sell some toys and donate his birthday money to charity, he also encouraged his friends to donate to charity rather than buying him gifts for his birthday. Henry raised a total of £245 for Shelter and Sleepsafe. I was very touched to hear of this selfless and community-spirited advocacy and we're very proud of Henry for his maturity and generosity.



Second Round of Sports Hall Athletics

Last week, our team of Year Five and Six athletes travelled to the Reed School in Drax for the second round of Sports Hall Athletics. They threw, ran and



jumped with great skill and were just pipped into second place by Brotherton. Very well done to the team and thanks to Mrs Fogg and Miss Sutherland for taking them.



E-Safety

As part of our 'Kindness Week', every class from Year One to Six has covered some elements of E-Safety this week. You'll know from the media what a relevant and widespread issue this is. The children covered areas including what personal information, if any, to share online, what to do if they are aware of unkind messaging, how to check the reliability of information, not talking to strangers online, age limits for social media and other areas. We are aware that some Hambleton children use social media sites and apps even though they are below the age limits for these sites. We are pursuing North Yorkshire Police to offer workshops both for children and adults. In the mean time we recommend that you keep yourselves fully informed about what your child is accessing online to protect them from harm. We will be happy to support in school with any online issues affecting your child.

Linking to this, on **Friday 22nd February** we'll be having a **non-uniform day** with voluntary donations raising funds towards the considerable cost of a second set of HP Stream tablets. As a school we have only a very limited budget for new computing equipment so please give generously. As well as supporting reading with AR (Accelerated Reading) quizzes, new technology will help to teach vital E-Safety awareness and well as current expectations for coding skills.

I am pleased to announce that the school have been the recipient of a very generous donation of £2250.00 from Simpson Millar Solicitors. This award was facilitated by Mrs Dickinson and we're very grateful for the support. Together with your donations, this money will go toward new technology for school.

Cross Country

Also last week, our qualifiers from the first round of Cross Country running attended the second round at Selby College. Ben, Harriett, Jessica, Josh and Chloe ran their hearts out and represented the school brilliantly. I'm delighted to say that for the second consecutive year we will have representation in the next round as Harriett and Ben qualified! Many congratulations to the team and thanks to Mrs Styrin for taking the team.

Road Works on A63

Further to our text to all parents on Wednesday, we have been advised by NYCC that as from yesterday temporary traffic lights will be in place on the A63 for up to 10 weeks. This is to allow the construction of an access road into the new Taylor Wimpey site.



Our crossing patrol officer Tiffany will still be on duty during this time but please bear with her as it may take a little longer than normal to take the pedestrians across the road. NYCC Highways are working with the contractors to make suitable stops in the lights sequence to allow a safe crossing.

Also if parents/carers driving and pulling out of Gateforth Lane please be aware that the patrol and children may be crossing between standing traffic at the lights on the A63. Therefore please be extra vigilant when joining the A63 from the Gateforth Lane junction.

Stranger Danger

North Yorkshire Police contacted us to advise that a man had taken a child by the hand and tried to lead them away as they walked to a local school one morning. The child got away and ran into school. We have spoken to all children in school about being careful but we ask that all parents also please talk to your children about staying safe as they walk to and from school.

Saint Valentine Family Service

On Sunday, February 17 at 3:30 pm there is to be a Saint Valentine family service of love held in St Mary's Church, Hambleton.

There will be chocolate biscuits, bubbly, activities for the children and a short service. All are welcome.

Water Bottles

All water bottles should be brought into school every day and should contain **WATER ONLY** please. Juice should not be sent to drink.



Snacks

Please remember that ALL snacks should be healthy and should **ONLY** consist of **fresh fruit or vegetables**. No frubes, cheese strings or crisps etc...please.

Packed Lunches

No sweets or chocolate bars should be included in any packed lunches please. We are a **Healthy School**.

Thanks for your support with keeping our children healthy and if you have

any queries please contact your child's class teacher, myself or the school office.

Lost Property

All next week the enormous pile of lost property will be on display in the entrance porch. Please have a rummage. It will then be sold off after half term and anything that doesn't sell will be sent to Bags 2 School.

PLEASE NAME ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM - Thank you.

World Book Day

All parents should have received a letter this week regarding World Book Day on Thursday 7 March.

Friends of Hambleton School AGM

Reminder - The Friends of Hambleton School AGM is to be held next Tuesday (19 February) at 6 pm in school. **NEW and EXISTING MEMBERS WELCOME.**