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Newsletter

8th January 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back!

We have had a great first week back and it has been lovely to see all the children and hear about their experiences over the holiday and of course, what they received for Christmas.

Thankfully, although Castle Hill Lane was on Red Flood Alert, we do not seem to have suffered any damage, but we shall continue to remain vigilant while the wet weather prevails. I hope that you were not affected directly by the floods, and that we all remain unaffected.

The children seem to have settled back in very quickly and this week we have been looking at Stories and Fairy Tales, which will be our topic this term. The Year 2 children have adjusted to working with me in the mornings extremely well and seem to enjoy working together.

House Points

House Points are awarded for positive displays of social and emotional behaviour.

This week's winners are Dino Sam with 48 ! (Red Eagles: 46 Minion Madness: 29 :) Well done to all the teams for their efforts in this week.

(Cumulative points: Red Eagles:29 , Dino Sam: 46 Minion Madness:46)

Attendance

Our overall school attendance this week has been 96.9%, hitting our school target!!

Well done Class 1 for having 100% attendance this week! Fantastic!!

Please remember that the bell goes at 8.55am in the mornings and your child(ren) should be in school before this time.
ALL children should be bringing a warm coat to wear at playtimes now that the weather is turning colder.

Pick-it-up Tidy-up Award

This week Library/dining area has won! Well done for keeping it so tidy!

Merit Certificates

Class 1	Maia for working really hard all week, Beau for excellence in handwriting, Ryan for determination in learning different sentence types
Class 2	Molly for being determined to move up a book band, Casper for displaying a positive attitude to the start of term, Nicola for aspiring to work hard on our "Time" Topic.

Behaviour

We have started the term with excellent behaviour this week! Well done everybody! Let's keep this going for the rest of the term!

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The deputy designated person for Safeguarding is Mrs J Warrington

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Dinner Money

Please can I remind parents that all Dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday morning. A full week costs £10.50 (each day is £2.10). There are still some outstanding arrears from last term. Please pay these as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether you have any arrears, please see Mrs Seager.

MENU CHANGES NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Please note that on Thursday 14th January, it will be fish (Friday's menu) and Friday will be Sausage and Yorkshire pudding (Thursday's menu) This is due to staffing at Camblesforth and will only be for next week. Please remember the **permanent** change on Wednesdays of Spaghetti Bolognaise instead of Lasagne.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club will continue to run on Monday, Thursday and Friday Mornings from 8.30am. There is no need to book, just turn up! Each session cost £1, payable on the days you use.

ADVANCE NOTICE!

On Wednesday 20th January 2016, at 2pm, we will be holding a Parents' Information Afternoon on our Maths Calculation Policy and our Phonics and Reading strategies. If anyone is unable to come along at that time, please let Mrs Seager know and we will try and arrange an evening session at a more suitable time. Please can you also let Mrs Seager know if you are coming to that afternoon meeting.

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2016

If you or someone you know has a child who is 4 now or will be 4 before 1st September 2016, you can now go online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions to start the process of securing a place in a primary school in September 2016. If you need any further information, please ask Mrs. Seager in the office for a leaflet, or use the webpage address above. **Please note the closing date to submit the form is 15th January 2016. Please note if your submit a form after the closing date, there is less of a chance of a place being offered at your preferred school**

SAFEGUARDING

Would parents please note that due to changes in the Safeguarding Policy the back door of the main building will now be locked at 9.00am, once the school day has started. If parents need to speak to members of staff or have other issues, please go to the office at the front of school via the front door entrance. Please do not be offended if you are asked to leave the building after this time and go around to the front door, it is purely for the safety of the children. .

Key Dates

20th January – Parents' Information afternoon – 2pm
15th – 19th February – Half Term Holiday
22nd February – INSET day
w/c 9th May - Year 6 SATS week

Yours sincerely,

Claire-Marie Habbishaw
(Head Teacher)

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