



Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has proven to be an epic newsletter so please feel free to put the kettle on, get a mince pie and enjoy catching up with all the amazing things that have been going on in school this half term - it's been a busy one!

In school, we have been doing a lot of work, as a staff, to ensure that our broad and balanced curriculum allows our children to live life in all it's fullness. It has been a pleasure to hear how much knowledge the children have retained this year across the curriculum and how they are applying this across all the subjects.

In school, our children's attitudes to learning are incredible. Visitors regularly comment on how focussed our children are in their independent learning and how respectful they are of each other. I have the pleasure of visiting numerous schools and having worked in many different settings I must say that the teaching and learning that happens here is something special and our children coupled with the talented, passionate and knowledgeable members of staff is a recipe for success. The next page of this shows how well the school performs compared to other schools.

It has been lovely to celebrate so many Christmas events with you this term, whether that was at Humph the Camel, Papa Panov, the Christmas Fair or other events that have been happening. Please carry on reading to find out how busy we have been over this half term.

This week we celebrated 2 fantastic members of staff: Mrs MacLennan and Mrs Slack. They were awarded long service recognition certificates from Ebor Academy Trust. It was lovely to get the school together to celebrate both of them. Like a fine wine or cheese, they both keep getting better and better and it has been a pleasure to see them continue to grow over the 9 years I have worked with them.

Thank you so much for all of your support this term and I wish you a very merry Christmas and all the best for the new year.

Kind regards
Justin Reeve

I love this time of year in school. So much to do, watch, celebrate and be part of. In the last couple of weeks we've had a full Governor's meeting, I helped judge the House Singing Competition, sat in on the anti-bullying assembly, met with Mr White who was talking to the staff about SEND provision, joined some Pupil Progress Meetings, watched the Nativity and met the new caretaker and this week I'll be watching the Key Stage 2 presentation, popping into a couple of parties and going to the panto and that's only a small part of what our amazing staff is juggling. What a busy time of the year it is for them, but every time I visit they are all smiling and raring to go. What a truly awesome lot they are with such inspirational Leaders.



Also this week I met with Mr Reeve and two of the Ebor Trustees. We enjoyed a walk round the school where children were engaged in many activities, sewing with Teaching Assistants, working on tasks in classrooms, rehearsing in the hall, squirrelled away in pods. There were children in every space and still there was a focus, a purpose, an engagement in everything they were doing.

I also, alongside other Governors, and Gail Brown, the CEO of the Ebor Trust, had the pleasure of seeing our new Waller Suite officially being opened by Jen Waller. It was a lovely moment, tinged with a small amount of sadness but also a great feeling of celebration. We all agreed that Norman would have been so proud of our amazing new build and the feeling of excitement for the future it brings.

We have recently appointed a new Foundation Governor onto the Local Governing Body - Dawn Kennett, who I know some of you will know. Dawn has lived in the village for many years, is involved in Education and the church and given much to the community, and we are looking forward to welcoming her to her first meeting in January.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governors to wish you all a happy family filled Christmas and a peaceful and hopeful New Year.

Sue Corbett
Chair of Governors

School Performance Tables

This half term has seen the reporting of our performance last year based on our SATs results. These do not have to be published but we felt it was important to share them with you.
The school is measured on 2 aspects - Attainment and Progress. In both areas we have performed above national averages and some areas this is by a significant amount.
What progress measures mean?

Most schools will have progress scores between -5 and +5. If a school has a progress score of 0 this means that on average their pupils achieved similar results at the end of KS2 (end of year 6) to pupils in other schools with similar results at the end of KS1 (end of year 2).

Progress in reading, writing and maths

Reading

Number of pupils = 27

Pupils with adjusted scores = 0

Progress score 0.52

Confidence interval
-1.9 to 2.9

Writing

Number of pupils = 28

Pupils with adjusted scores = 0

Progress score 4.70

Confidence interval
2.5 to 6.9

Maths

Number of pupils = 28

Pupils with adjusted scores = 0

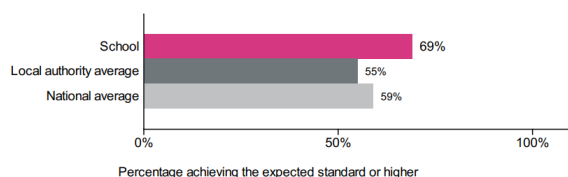
Progress score 2.87

Confidence interval
0.7 to 5.0

Reading, writing and maths combined

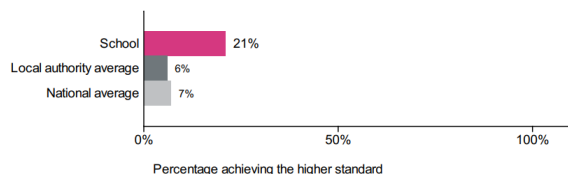
Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard or higher

Number of pupils = 29



Percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard

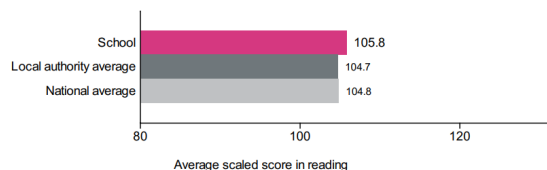
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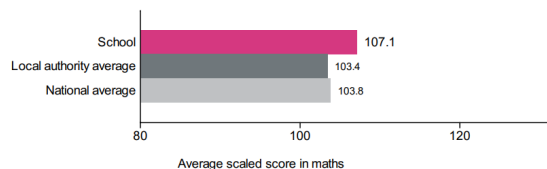
Reading

Number of pupils = 29



Maths

Number of pupils = 29



The same pattern exists in Key stage 1 and in Early Years with all groups exceeding National Averages

KS1	School	National	Difference
Reading	80%	67%	+13%
Writing	70%	58%	+12%
Maths	80%	12%	+12%
Phonics	83%	75%	+8%
Reception	83%	65%	+18%

This data on tells part of the story at Tockwith and we take great pride that the results are not our main driver at school but John 10:10 - living life in all it's fullness is. We endeavour to always make sure our children reach their individual potential, through our Christian values, and are prepared for the future.

Nativity

This year Key Stage 1 and EYFS put on an amazing performance of Humph the camel. All children were enthusiastic from the onset to take on acting roles, narrating and signing the songs. After a busy few weeks practising the children enjoyed entertaining a packed church at three different performances. I was particularly impressed that they got better with each performance. Such opportunities provide children with a memorable experience for them to cherish and reflect over for many years to come. We are incredibly proud of the confidence and enthusiasm they all showed and hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. In typical Tockwith style, we really do 'live life in all its fullness'. Thank you for the understanding with the tickets for the Nativity. Having an extra show allowed us to come together in a safe way and ensure that all families had the chance to see their children in a comfortable way!



Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert

We had 200 parents and grandparents join us for the Key Stage 2 production of Papa Panov which was translated by none other than Tolstoy! I am not saying it but some might suggest that this was a touch ambitious! Well it certainly wasn't. The children sang beautifully and guided us through the story expertly. What a treat it was. Special thank you to our soloists, our technical wizards and the Key stage 2 staff for putting on such a confident, polished performance. It was a joy to hear the selection of songs that were chosen for this play.



Panto

Whole school panto on the penultimate day of term, with our children, not a problem! It was a pleasure to take our children to the Leeds Carriage Works to watch Cinderella. The buddy system was in full effect and it was a pleasure to watch how lovely our older children were with our younger ones. A great performance was enjoyed and we sang, danced, booed, hissed and shouted at all the right places and saw the children 'living life in all its fullness'. We really enjoy this theatre because of the ease of travel and drop off, the quality of the production and moreover the fact that we take over the whole theatre!! Well, apart from a couple of other families! You often wonder what they think as 210 excited children pile in behind them, well now we know!! The day after we received this lovely email.

I just wanted to provide some feedback on your amazing students.

We attended the pantomime with our daughter and if I'm honest, when I saw the theatre filling with school children I was a little apprehensive as thought they would be disruptive and impact our little girls first panto.

How wrong was !! Your students were amazing! So well behaved, great fun and made the entire experience more enjoyable and fun. Our little girl saw there were other children joining in and started to interact with the performers too.

So thank you from a naughty mummy who shouldn't have judged, my husband and our very own Cinderella.

Merry Christmas to all your students and staff.

Kind regards



It was a pleasure to see Cinderella at Leeds Panto. We were so excited when Buttons came on stage. Being able to watch it with our reception buddies (year five also went with their year one buddies) added to the sheer delight. All of the characters performed with brilliance and our favourite was Buttons. By George and Alfie, Year 6.

Living Advent

Our village always looks fantastic this time of the year. Recently, it has looked even more aesthetically pleasing with the 'living Advent' getting bigger and better each year. We love being part of this initiative and our windows are looking fabulous once again. A massive thank you and shout out to Sarah McBride, who does such a fantastic job organising this lovely event.



Christmas Lunch

This week, we had a delicious Christmas dinner of roast turkey, roast potatoes, carrots, sprouts, peas and gravy. It was a delectable treat enjoyed by all the children and staff of Tockwith! Thanks to Sandra, Heidi and Pauline for all of the work they put in to deliver such a lovely lunch. We are really lucky to have a team who not only produce and serve lovely food they do so with a smile on their faces and mirror our school ethos.



Christmas Fair

Thank you so much to our PTFA for organising a splendid Christmas Fair. Not only did you help to put smiles on everyone's faces, you have also really helped to raise money for the school for the little extras that are becoming increasingly hard to find. It is in times like this that the additional funds being raised is even more important for the school and the children. Thank you also to everyone who baked cakes, ran stalls or just came to join in the fun. I think the addition of a café really helped to create more space in the hall and our Santa and Mrs Santa were absolutely fantastic. We raised an incredible **£966** from the event—Wow!!!



Christingle

This week we were delighted to welcome our church team into school to help to make a Christingle for every single child in the school. What a fantastic offering by the team and it was lovely to hear the Year 2s further extended their learning in class. We are so lucky to have a church who work so closely with the school. Just a reminder that fire safety advice is that candles should be in a stable holder and kept away from children.



Aspire

This term we have resurrected the Aspire Group. This is a group that looks at links between the church, the school and the community. It is made up of governors, parents, teachers and our GS crew members.

As a result of this meeting we have organised a Church experience day in March, the GS crew have worked with Miss Cunningham to produce a GS newsletter which will now become a termly feature. We will also, in the new year, be inviting the congregation of Tockwith Church into our school to see what one of our collective worships is like.

If you would be interested in being part of this group please email or call the school office.

GS Newsletter - Autumn 2022



Edited by:
Alex, James, Abbey, Ruby and Ella

Spirituality day

In Year 6 we used the life of Nelson Mandela to consider spirituality.

We discussed what Nelson Mandela had experienced when he looked around and saw inequality and apartheid. We thought about how he had reflected on the unfair situation and showed determination to try to open the door to freedom.

In EYFS we looked at Florence Nightingale and discussed the impact she had made in her life. We reflected on her life choices and how these may have made her and others around her feel. We looked at the role of nurses now and how much of their role was influenced by Florence Nightingale.

Opening of the Waller Suite

It was a pleasure to have the Waller Suite officially opened this month. It was lovely to be able to invite Jenn Waller to open the building alongside Gail Brown the CEO of Ebor Academy Trust. It was also a lovely opportunity to have a little time before the opening to talk about Norman and discuss how proud he would have been. He was a lovely man and an excellent governor who gave so much to the school and to the village and it is a fitting honour to name part of the building after him.



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@gbrown011

Was an absolute pleasure and also well done @Tockwithcofe for acknowledging in memory an amazingly committed, honest and loyal governor. Lovely to meet Jenn and I think Norman would definitely be so proud 🥰

Maths session with parents

It was good to be able to invite parents in to observe maths lessons across school and to give a flavour of what maths looks like at Tockwith. The children enjoyed showing off their understanding and reasoning skills during sessions, as well as sharing strategies, mathematical vocabulary and supportive learning walls. It was well attended and we hope you found it helped you to understand how we support and challenge the children. Afterwards we were then able to share the Mastery Maths approach we use in school, sharing the rationale behind it. As part of the session we shared supportive resources children use in class, some bringing back memories from our own education. We also shared tips with how you can support your child at home which will further support their mathematical understanding.



House singing

Over the last half term each house has been meeting up weekly to sing their chosen Christmas carol and Christmas pop song! It has been a lovely opportunity to see the receptions all the way to year 6 work together as a team to produce their performance. I have been so impressed with the children's engagement and confidence during these singing sessions. This continued when each house performed on stage, it was great to see all the children supporting each other and clapping along to the music!

The winners of our house singing competition were..... LUCAS! Well done Lucas, you impressed us with your change in pitch and solos! They even incorporated instruments into their performance!

We look forward to more musical events over the year. Miss Kilvington



Open the book

We have been fortunate to welcome the Open the Book team to school to tell us part of the Christmas story. The children always enjoy these collective worships and it is great to see the Year 6 children and bring the story alive. We appreciate the team giving up their time for the school and delivering a collective worship in such an interactive way.



The school PTFA Disco

Wow! Our first school disco for over 2 years went with a bang. 180 children danced the early evening away, raising a grand total of £645 for the PTFA. There were games for the young ones and which lead into some more hardcore dancing for the older ones towards the end!

DJ Sandra was super impressed with the school and the children saying,

'It was wonderful to see such well behaved, engaging children who take pride in their environment. They were chatty, polite and helpful. I was very impressed and enjoyed watching the interactions between staff and pupils. In fact, the staff spoke to the children adult to adult and the children responded in such a polite, happy and positive manner. An absolute delight for anyone attending your school. I have done many school disco's including private schools but I can honestly say that your school stand's head and shoulders above the rest! Well done to you all and thank you for making my experience a memorable one. I loved Neville by the way!'



England v Iran

The hall was packed with children wearing their favourite team's shirts. The atmosphere was electric with lots of loud cheers for England. We were impressed with the unity that the Iranian players showed by refusing to sing their national anthem. Whenever England scored, the hall went wild! It was a great experience to see England playing in the World Cup with all of my friends. We felt really grateful that we were able to watch it as not all of our friends in other schools were allowed! It made me excited for the rest of the World Cup. Come on England!

Year 5 Child



Children in Need



On November 18th it was children in need day and the school council made an assembly about the charities that support children in need. They also performed a pudsey dance in front of the school and showed the school some charities which they would like the school to support. The charities the school council chose were Wellspring Therapy and Training and In2out. Wellspring helps children handle tough situations with therapy and training. In2out helps children who have just been released from prison and helps them put their lives back on track. Both charities are close to Tockwith, Wellspring is in Harrogate and In2out is located in Wetherby. Seth and Ysabel

Winter Games Club

During our time this year, Year 6 have been given opportunities to take part in clubs at lunch time and Year 6 have been able to lead these clubs.

Since early November, it has started to get colder for our younger years down school. This gave Mrs Slack the idea to have an Indoor Games Club. On a lunchtime break, Key Stage 2 have been invited to play games inside on their day once a week.

This has attracted many years throughout key stage 2. Playing games like LOGO, UNO or even Dobble the children love. We would like to say a big thankyou to the PTFA for funding the games for us.
From Abbie and Leyla, Y6.



Grandparents Lunch

On Thursday 17th November we opened school and invited grandparents in to join their grandchildren for lunch. We had an incredible 96 people join us for lunch which was amazing! Mrs Hobson and her team but on a fantastic chicken pie for lunch and all hands were on deck to make sure the grandparents had a great experience. We received such positive feedback about welcoming grandparents into school and the great time they had. Thank you to everyone involved!



7 in 7 Challenge to raise money and awareness of MND

Year 3's inspirational person for this half term is the former Rugby League International, Kevin Sinfield. In 2019, his former team mate Rob Burrow was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Since then, Kevin has taken on 2 incredible challenges running 7 marathons in 7 days (2020) and running 101 miles in 24 hours (2021). Next week, Sinfield is running 7 ultra marathons (40 miles) in 7 days. 7 being Rob Burrow's shirt number throughout his career.

Year 3 would like to support Kevin Sinfield and raise money for MND with the help of every student. Every class took part in a daily run/jog/walk whereby as a school we tried to run 77 miles a day. We also invited parents to join in!

The children did an amazing job, as did those parents /carers who were brave enough to run in this winter weather!! We raised an incredible £220 so thank you to everyone who donated and supported this cause with us. Mr Goodacre.



led by Rob Burrow, Freddie Hill, Stephen Dorley and other people living with MND, Kevin Sinfield will once again attempt an **challenge** to raise money to support the fight against MND.

will run from Edinburgh to Manchester via Newcastle, Middlesbrough, York, Leeds and Bradford in seven days, starting over 1000m per day. He will start on Sunday 13 November at Muncaster and finish at Old Trafford at half time in the FA Cup final on Saturday 19 November. #7in7 you've got this!

400 people taking on their own 7 in 7!

This week has gone bigger and better, and so we are introducing **7 in 7 Reloaded**. Choose your distance and complete seven runs, walks or bike rides over seven consecutive days. You could run a mile every day, 77 miles over 7 days or 7x 10 days - it's your challenge, your choice. Join the team to raise money to support families affected by motor neurone disease and help fund vital research in the fight against MND.



"One of the incredible things about the challenges I've completed so far, is the way they've inspired other people to take on their own challenges. I really hope my next 7 in 7 does the same. It doesn't matter if you run or walk, do 7 miles or 70. The most important thing is getting involved, to support families affected by MND and fund vital research. While the impact we can make as individuals might be limited, when the MND community gets together we can really make a difference and change the story for people diagnosed with MND in the future."

Kevin Sinfield

Sign up and you'll receive a #7in7MND running vest or t-shirt, as well as lots of support from our fundraising team. You'll also be able to claim your very own 7 in 7 - Reloaded medal if you raise over £100!



Mr Crilley's Year 5 and 6 band

We were delighted to invite parents in to watch the Y5 and Y6 band assembly this week. The whole school enjoyed listening to the two brilliant bands perform their songs. Well done to the children involved as it takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of the whole school and perform. From keyboard to drums to bass guitar and singing, Mr Crilley offers a full range of lessons. Please contact the school office if you would like to sign up for lessons.

'Ellie and Emily

We loved performing in front of our friends and family. It's the best feeling to be up there at the front with everyone watching and listening to our music being played.

We had loads of fun and loved sharing it with our friends. All together it was amazing and would love to make sure that everyone has the opportunity that we have. To live life in all its fullness.

Mr Crilley will also be working with our staff to deliver a Boomwhackers session across the school. I look forward to telling you more about this next term.



SEND @ Tockwith

This term, we have worked as a staff on assessing the number of children on our school register with a form of a Special Educational Need. At present, there are 35 children (16%) identified at school working with some form of SEN. Next term, we will begin with a review of our provision by completing an audit as part of a project which champions SEND provision in schools. This is being completed by SENCOs throughout EBOR and Pathfinder Trusts.

Teachers will send out new targets for those that have a Pupil Passport or My Support Plan at the end of the first week of term. Teachers will also be in touch to arrange meetings if they have assessed any new areas of the curriculum that need additional support for certain pupils.

Art Club

Another wonderful six weeks of art sessions with the Year 4 art 'clubbers'. In this short time, the group have used pencil crayons to produce cubist-style autumn trees, learnt to draw lion's faces with willow charcoal sticks, produced zentangles and miniature bobble hat decorations for their Christmas trees. Lots of top quality artwork has been produced and I'm looking forward to working with the Year 5's again, in January
Mrs Starr



Dance Festival

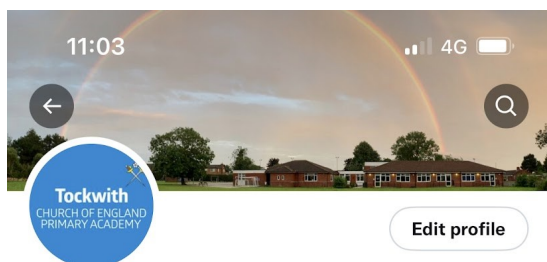
Children in Year 3 have been practicing for the last few months for the Yorkshire Dance Festival. This is an annual festival that celebrates, supports and promotes dance in primary schools, secondary schools, colleges and wider communities. Their hard work paid off as the children put on a fantastic performance in front of hundreds of parents, carers and dance fans! The group was the youngest there but, in typical Tockwith style, smashed the performance and made us all really proud. Huge thanks to Miss Cunningham for choreographing the routine and taking the time to teach the children every week. Special thanks to Miss Stanton, Mrs Curry for spending the day at the Yorkshire Dance Festival and making sure the children had an awesome time and to all parents / carers for making the effort to get their children to the festival! The children had a fantastic time and are already asking if they can do it again next year!



Bus transport to cut down traffic outside

North Yorkshire County Council provide a bus service for children that live in Bilton-in-Ainsty or Bickerton. To help reduce the number of vehicles outside school at drop off and pick up time, we would like to encourage children living in those areas to contact NYCC in order to get a bus pass for this service. A bus service used to be run from Cowthorpe village but was stopped due to a low number of children travelling from the village. We would welcome you to contact NYCC about this service if you would want your children to have arranged transport.

To add to this, we obviously strongly advocate walking to school as well. It is good for you, helps the environment and means that you do not have to deal with the parking situation outside of the school.



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If you want to keep up with live updates from the school and use twitter, please give the school account a follow @tockwithcofe . We also retweet all the teachers' updates, but please give them a follow as well please

OFSTED

We will soon be heading back into the OFSTED window. Your feedback is always incredibly useful for us and for them. Could you please fill in the questionnaire, it is very simple to do.

Play equipment outside

Please can you keep your children off the play equipment, especially the ones in the bigger playground as we have had a couple of incidents this term with children playing on them out of the sight of their guardians.

Healthy Snacks

Please can I remind you to send in healthy, nut free snacks with your children please?

We are having a couple of bags of crisps and chocolate bars slipping through the net.

I will also speak to the children about prematurely dipping into their packed lunches rather than taking their snacks.

The NHS have some great ideas on their website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/#:~:text=1,spread%20or%20a%20fruited%20teacake>.