



# Tockwith

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a slightly shorter but very unusual term. I think the children got quite used to 4 day weeks!

This is, that special time of the year, when the children in Year 6 complete their SATs tests. You may have read a few articles in the press about the reading test the children across the country completed. It was challenging, with a higher word count than we'd previously seen before, but the children dealt with it extremely well, just like all of the other tests. They showed excellent mental agility during the week. Mrs Perry, the children and the parents do such an amazing job preparing them for these tests that by the time they come around they just want to show people what they can do.

This term the children in Year 2 become secret agents to complete their tasks. I've never seen children so excited to be doing a 'quiz'!!

At the end of this term, we also cast an eye forward to the next academic year and look forward to welcoming new members of staff and welcoming new children into the school. Due to the additional building work in the village, we have increased the number of children we are able to accept into our Early Years setting to a limit of 40 whilst trying to keep the remaining classes at 30 or less. A parent hub will be coming out from Mrs Williamson about how this will be organised in our new 'inspire' unit. Like everything we do at our school, we have researched, sought best practice and thought carefully about the needs of the children within the boundaries of financial constraints.

We are also able to confirm the classes for next year.

### Inspire Unit

Miss Davidson - home teacher for Einstein (Reception)

Miss Kilvington - home teacher for Picasso (Reception/Year 1)

Year 1 Miss Bernard

Year 2 Mrs Williamson

Year 3 Mr White

Year 4 Miss Stanton

Year 5 Mr Goodacre

Year 6 Mrs Perry

In the meantime, we have got a fantastic final half term to look forward to with so many events happening. One of the dates for the diary is the 7th July when the PTFA are holding their annual Summer Fayre. Last year, this raised a significant amount of money which has had real impact in the school. As the money available to schools continually diminishes and the costs continue to rise, this is a great avenue for the school to give the children that extra bit which school is not able to fund. We are always asking for additional support, so if you can spare time or help at events please let me, the office or your PTFA representative for your class know.

I hope you all have a fantastic holiday.

Mr Reeve

Justin Reeve  
Headteacher

## EYFS on the farm

In EYFS this half term our topic has been "On the farm" we have had a range of key texts that have allowed us to explore our topic creatively, the children have shown high interest in the farming culture and have been lucky enough to have some amazing opportunities over this half term. Our first opportunity being a visit to Grasslands farm in Rufforth, farmer David had a range of activities for us to complete including exploring a range of crops and observing habitats over in his field. Due to Grasslands being a cattle farm we were lucky enough to see cows, calves and bulls! We even met Jennifer the hen and her newborn chicks. As part of the visit we went on a tractor ride over the farm where we could observe the animals and take part in a leaf/tree identification activity.

The farming fun did not stop there..we were very lucky to have Emily's dad (Tom) in EYFS join us to talk about the everyday life on their farm and the daily role of a farmer. The children loved meeting the lambs and had lots of questions about what they ate and how they are looked after. We are very lucky to be surrounded by parents who can support the school in educating and exciting the children about our curriculum! Thanks again for your time, these are brilliant opportunities that the children will remember.

Miss Kilvington, Miss Davidson and Mrs Poole.





## Interschool PE competition

This term, the children across all year groups have been getting involved in their inter-house competitions. From relays to tag rugby tournaments, the children enjoyed putting into practice the new skills they have learnt this year. Our school values friendship and perseverance were in abundance as cheering and great sportsmanship was clear to see. Miss Stanton



### Triathlon Competition

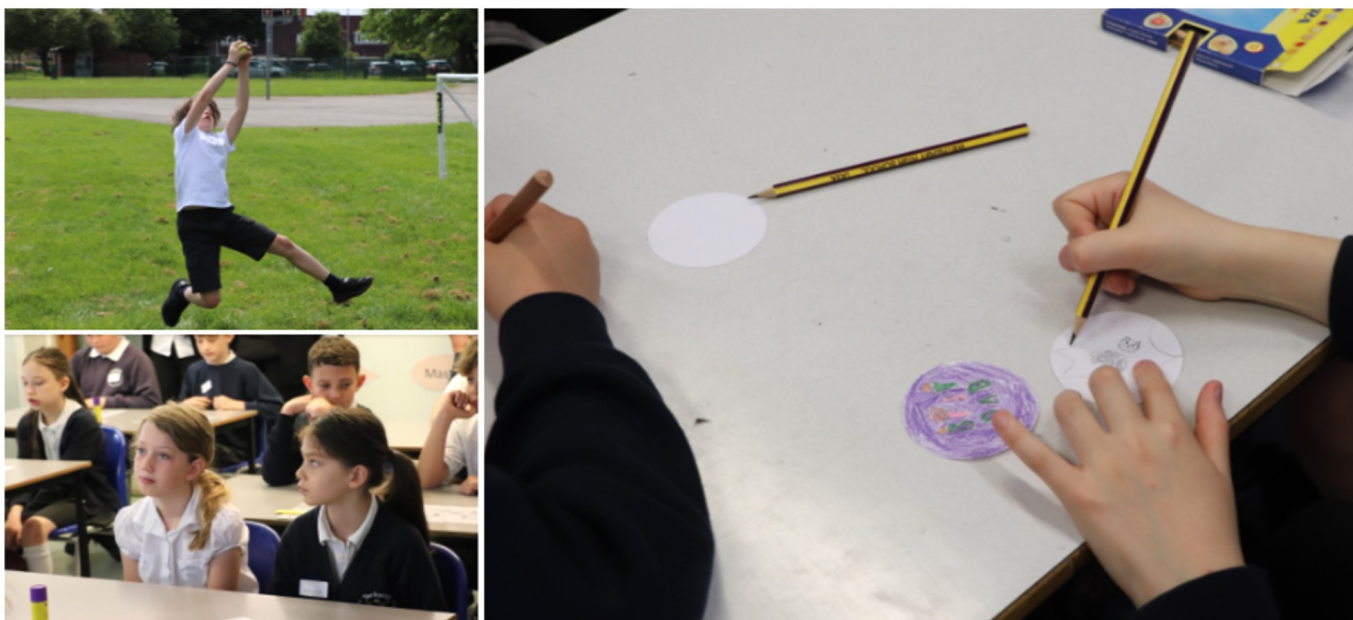
A small group of Key Stage 2 children took part in the Brownlee Brother Foundation mini-triathlon on 15th May at the John Smeaton Leisure Centre in Leeds. The children started off by swimming 50m, clambered out of the pool to put their shoes on. They then ran to the bike transition where they completed 5 laps of the course followed by a final dash to the finish line. The children showed amazing friendships through cheering on their peers at the finish line. All in all it was a lovely day and we're already looking forward to next year's event where we can hopefully take more children to this superb taster session.





## Day in the life of a Year 7 student

Year 5 were presented with the opportunity to experience 'A Day in the Life of a High School Student' at Wetherby High School. Mr White and Mr Reeve accompanied the children alongside some heroic volunteers who gave up their time to help the children experience a jam packed day! The children were on top form and demonstrated that they were already Year 7 ready in an English class where they wrote poems based off of the allegorical meaning behind images. In maths, they solved visual problems and looked for patterns in puzzles. They created badges in DT and got to use the school's laser cutter to engrave pencils with their names. The day finished with coaching sessions conducted by some of the school's Year 9 pupils. The children were excited by the day they experienced and they look forward to open evenings next year and deciding on where they would like to go to High School.





## Year 5 Go Racing

Year 5 made their annual trip to Ripon Racecourse in April to take part in a day of maths themed activities. They learned about the imperial and metric systems for weight and length. We were informed on horse and rider welfare as well as possible careers in the horse racing industry. The children even got to see horses in the parade ring before viewing two races. As ever, the children were immaculately behaved and drew lots of positive comments from the staff at the racecourse.





## Celebrating the Coronation

To commemorate the King's Coronation earlier this term, Ebor Academy Trust held a competition to design a plaque that will be placed next to a tree that will be donated to the school. Arthur, in Year 6, produced a fantastic design that was picked as the winner.



## Learning with Lords

This half term year 6 had a fantastic opportunity to speak to a Lord. This was organised after the children's visit to the Houses of Parliament. The children received a talk from the Labour Lord who has been a Lord since 1993 and then spent the next 30 minutes grilling him with their prepared questions!! They had some very tough questions for him. He did encourage the children to be involved in politics and stand up for what they believe in.



## The Parish Council

This week, I was invited to a Parish Council meeting to do a presentation about the school. I thought this was a great idea but an even better one would be to take some children to present with me. I asked the Year 6's for help and the majority of the children volunteered to do it. I was really impressed with Will and Sophie, who wrote their own parts of the presentation and presented it to an unknown audience at the village hall. Very impressive stuff.



## Art Club with Mrs Starr

Another fabulous few sessions in Art Club with the Year 2's this time. During the six sessions, we have produced some wonderful artwork. The children had fun, creating colourful bunnies, wonderful Mondrian-style geometric owls and of course, the trademark mini woolly bobble hats! I look forward to running Art Club again after the holidays, with a group of Year 5's and 6's Mrs Starr



## Pastoral at Tockwith

Sleep!

This half term I have had enquiries about sleep!

Everyone has issues with their sleep / children's sleep at some point, the trick is discovering what is causing the difficulties and putting in the appropriate strategies.

4 in 10 CHILDREN will have sleep difficulty at some point - (the sleep charity) - so you are not alone.

If you need support please get in contact -

<https://northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/your-health-and-local-services/children-and-young-people/childrens-sleep-support-clinic/>

pastoral@tp.ebor.academy

[Sleep hygiene NHS](#)—for more information

Have a lovely half term  
Sarah Slack



### NEED HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S SLEEP?

Sleep clinics for families of children aged 12 months upwards in North Yorkshire



Does your child have difficulty sleeping?  
Have you been prescribed Melatonin and would like some help replacing this with a behavioural approach to get to sleep?  
Or has the Covid-19 pandemic had an effect on your child's sleep? Is it impacting on their behaviour or on family life?

Why not book one of our 1-2-1 sleep clinic appointments available via telephone or video calls?

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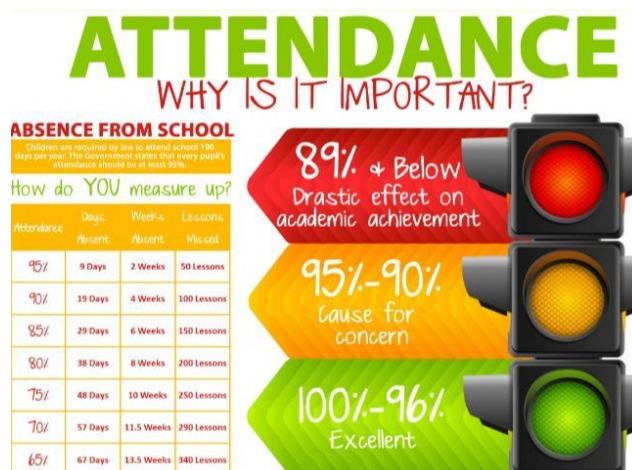


## Walking To school week

This half term we had another walk to school day and the data showed that just over 70% of our children are walking to school. This is brilliant news as it helps to stop the congestion around the school, it contributes towards a healthier lifestyle and is excellent for environment. It is brilliant to see so many more cycles and scooters coming into school as well.

## Holidays in term time

We have noticed a significant upsurge in the number of applications for holidays during term time. We have been looking at this in closer detail and further information will be on its way after the half term. The most important thing to remember is that children who miss significant periods of time in school miss out on important teaching and learning which can seriously harm their progress and attainment.



## Communication

Communication is so important in our school and we make sure that this is enhanced by parents having a direct contact with teachers through Seesaw.

Can we please make sure that we only contact teachers between 8am and 6pm please? I have asked them to take the notifications off after 6pm to ensure they maintain a healthy work life blend

## Volunteers

We have recently had an increase in the number of volunteers who have come into school which is fabulous news. The teachers and children really appreciate this additional support so thank you.

## 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%20fruted%20teacake>

## Play equipment outside

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