

SAXTON NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2018: EDITION 3

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy time in school since Christmas. Everyone came back to school ready to work hard and have some fun at the same time.

On the training day on the 8th January all staff reviewed our approach to phonics and spelling and you may have noticed some differences already at home.

We had a fire drill and, for the first time, assembled Willow in the churchyard. This worked much better and all the children had evacuated the building in less than two minutes in a very orderly and safe manner. We also had a fire safety meeting with our North Yorkshire adviser who is satisfied with the policy and procedures.

Teaching and learning continues to be a focus for us and I am very pleased with what is happening in school. All the staff work extremely hard and so do the children! During lesson observations I see exciting teaching and learning going on and the children making good progress. Biscuit Club has started for Y6 – revision for the forthcoming SATs. All the staff takes part to support the children – yet another example of staff commitment to your children.

Year 5 spent the day at Sherburn High School doing Forensic Science yesterday. These are great transition experiences for the children and help them understand what High School is like.

Parents, children and staff have thoroughly discussed our Christian values recently and the ones chosen which best represent our school ethos are: compassion, respect, community, courage and creativity. We discuss these regularly in school and in collective worship in particular.

As you know, safeguarding was a key issue in our Ofsted inspection and, as a result, we had a monitoring visit from Her Majesty's Inspector last week. The day was very intense and the inspector was very thorough, looking at all aspects of safeguarding. He observed children, spoke to them and staff and scrutinised all the underlying paperwork. The visit went well and you will be getting a letter from Ofsted as soon as it comes into school.

Plans for becoming an academy and for replacement after Easter are also going well. I can't give you details yet but I will do so as soon as I am able.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Middleton

OFFICE NEWS

Thank you to all who brought something in for the Bags 2 School I shall let you know how much we raised when I receive the total :)

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Once more a reminder to please keep your ParentPay account in credit as often as possible.

Thanks
Danielle



FOSS NEWS

Saturday 27th January - There is now a defibrillator in the phone box in the village. Free Defibrillator training in the village hall from 10.30-12.30 to book a place contact by email - thestudiosaxton@btconnect.com

Friday 9th February "Valentine Bun Sale" - after school in the front playground. Please could Willow families donate cakes for this event - volunteers welcome to help sell the cakes.

FOSS Easter Celebration Thursday 28th March 2018 - After School in the playground (or in School hall or Church if wet) - decorated Easter Egg competition and Easter Cake Sale - details to follow nearer the time

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BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH – 27TH TO THE 29TH JANUARY 2018

Dear Children, Parents and Carers – for your information

I am hopeful the weather will be starting to improve now spring is around the corner (we have our first lambs down on the farm!) Very soon Willow will be back in the outdoor area, timetabled for Wednesday afternoons, as soon weather permits, as they start their “Wild Challenge”. We are all signed up to this initiative and raring to go. (Thanks Mrs Connell for the suggestion.) With this in mind, the children will be taking part in their first event of the challenge which is the annual RSPB`s “BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH” early next week. Wellies and warm clothes will be needed. I will text parents with the day we are completing the task ASAP – just keeping an eye on the weather at the moment!

However, **anyone** can take part in the National Big Garden Birdwatch which takes place this weekend and full details are on the web link below, you can also find lots of tips on how to attract birds to your garden and bird identification information too. If you send in a bird count, you receive lots of interesting information back about the bird population in the different areas of the British Isles and a letter/certificate of thanks for taking part. It really is worth doing if you can – and it is only for 1 hour. If you do download a pack and take part I would love to know what you saw.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/families/family-wild-challenge>

Happy Twitching!
Joann Blades

RAINBOW AWARDS

Awards this week went to:

Ned Fielden
George Wilton
Evie Firmin
Nathaniel Southern
Ollie Holgate

Well Done to you all!!

DIARY DATES

Friday 26th January:

- FOSS Disco - 4pm-6pm in the Village Hall. Please see posters around school.

Monday 29th January:

- Total Sports - 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 1st February:

- Biscuit Club (Yr6) - 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Monday 5th February:

- Total Sports - 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 8th February:

- Biscuit Club (Yr6) - 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday 9th February:

- Year 5 French Day @ SHS - Details have been sent out via e-mail, please could I ask you to return consent forms if you haven't already done so.
- FOSS Valentine's Bun sale - 3.30
- Break up for half term.

HALF TERM

Monday 19th February:

- School re-opens.



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[Click here](#) for the latest Newsletter from Sherburn High School.

 sherburnhigh.co.uk/



TADCASTER GRAMMAR NEWSLETTER

[Click Here](#) for the latest Tadcaster Grammar School Newsletter.

 web.tgsch.uk/



PARENTPAY

Please [click here](#) to be re-directed to ParentPay, where you can pay for lunches and other school related items.



LUNCH MENU

Please [click here](#) to access the lunch link where you can make your child's choices for lunch this Spring Term. If you do make amendments please remember to let me know!!



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