



INSPIRE NURTURE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Working **together** to be the **best** that we can be.

Happiness

Perserverance

Resilience

Kindness

Friendship

Respect

Ecclesiastes 4:9:

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.



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Working Together for Excellent Attendance



Well done to Year 2 and Year 6 who had the best attendance this week with 100% attendance!

This week, Year 6 have been doing their end of Key Stage Two Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). They have blown us away with their effort and resilience!

We are so proud of them no matter what as they are superstars through and through! They enjoyed a special breakfast every day, followed their final SATs paper by dancing FOOTLOOSE (see X – formerly Twitter) and enjoyed a Friday 'ice-cream party' treat! Well done Year 6!

As well as completing Bikeability as part of their 'Keeping Safe' curriculum, the next step for them, is to now focus on their writing - there is no test for that so pieces have to be submitted to the Local Authority! We know they will continue to do a brilliant job of their school work!

P.E and earrings

National guidance on personal effects is given in 'safe practice in physical education and school sport', published by the Association for Physical Education (afPE). Website: www.afpe.org.uk. Personal effects (e.g. jewellery, religious adornments, watches, hair slides, belts, spectacles, hearing aids) constitute a hazard if worn while participating in physical activity and should be removed beforehand.

Taping over ear studs is not recommended as a solution. Earrings cannot be made safe if the child doesn't/can't remove them so the child cannot take part in the activity e.g. P.E or go swimming whilst wearing earrings. The Local Authority sought clarity with insurance about this and this has been agreed by them.

Moving forwards, **it is preferable for earrings not to be worn in school (ideally, they should be worn outside of school e.g. weekends).**

If earrings are worn, they must be **flat to the earlobe**. Earrings will not be permitted for P.E or swimming.

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If the child does wear earrings on these days and cannot remove them independently in school, they will have to be involved in the lesson in ways that avoid direct physical participation (e.g. act as referee, scorer, analyst or use other equipment, etc.). If this cannot be achieved they will not take part at all. Children will not be permitted to join in the swimming lesson if they cannot remove their own earrings.

If you are thinking about having your child's ears pierced, **please wait until the summer holidays** – otherwise their ability to participate in P.E curriculum and events such as sports day and competitions will be impacted.

Having ears pierced at the start of the summer holiday gives time for the ears to heal, so that when your child returns to school in September, the earrings can be removed for PE and swimming.

Change to summer menu

There has been a change on the summer menu. The tortilla chips on Monday week 3 proved unpopular so we have arranged with North Yorkshire County Caterers to provide a chicken burger option that day in place of the tortilla chips.

If you have booked meals in advance, please revisit your booking and make sure you have a meal ordered for Monday week 3 – next date is 10th June 2024. Orders for tortilla chips will have been cancelled.

Summer footwear

During the warmer weather, some families may want to make adjustments to uniform. While school shoes are recommended all year round as they offer better protection for little toes in class and at playtime, if you are choosing sandals, **toes must be covered** and sandals must also have a full ankle strap for security.

Slip-on style sandals or Birkenstocks etc. are not permitted.

This is based on advice sent to schools from the Local Authority as chair legs can break toes, and sandals can cause trip hazards – especially when playing out.

This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis this term.

Muddy Puddles

Muddy Puddles starts again next Friday morning (24th). Please make sure your child brings wellies into school.

DT Contribution

Our DT budget is fast diminishing. If you have not yet paid your annual contribution to DT costs, please do so as soon as possible. This covers the items the children make and bring home. Payments on ParentPay please.

Oak Class trip to Mother Shipton's Cave

Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch for the trip on Wednesday, no glass bottles and no nuts or chocolate. If you have ordered a school meal, please cancel this to avoid being charged. Also ensure your child is wearing weather appropriate clothing and sun cream, and has a water bottle with them.

Bikeability

Bikeability next week for some year 6 pupils. Please bring a packed lunch on the days you are taking part. Your bike can be left in school on the first night. Wear suitable clothing, long sleeves/long legs and wear sun cream. Jeans and shorts are not permitted – light clothes that cover arms and legs are preferable. If the forecast is rainy please bring a rain jacket.

North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund

Just a reminder that there are funds available for low income families:

[List of goods available under the North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Mrs Athey's new arrival

Adaline Athey (known as Ada) arrived at lunchtime on 12th May, weighing 8lbs 9oz. Mum and daughter are doing well and are now at home. We send many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Athey, and we look forward to meeting her soon. I'm sure you will agree with us, Ada is just beautiful! Mrs Hargreaves bought her a Zebra Teddy from Oak class and Ada loves it – see the picture below!



Reminders:

- **Please check that you have ordered meals for your child for next week and future weeks.**
- **Sycamore class swim on Mondays, please send in swimming kit with your child.**
- **Please check on ParentPay and settle outstanding amounts to bring accounts up to date.**
- **Oak class to bring packed lunches on Wednesday – see above**

Have a lovely weekend!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'ZEllis', written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Mrs Zoe Ellis
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