



Working together to be the best that we can be.

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to the Spring update from the team of governors. We are thankful that the school is now open to visitors and we are able to venture into school rather than conducting all of our meetings via 'Teams'! We are sure your children are likewise happy and enjoying all of the inspiring learning that is taking place.

We have been busy monitoring some of the areas of the curriculum including Maths and the 'Maths Mastery' approach to Teaching and Learning. It has been a pleasure to meet and talk to some of your wonderful children.

Safeguarding was one of the areas we monitored. We looked at how children can keep themselves safe.

Our main focus was on:

- Bullying - both verbal and physical
- Cyber bullying
- What to do if you feel uncomfortable about something that is happening to you?
- Who are trusted adults?
- How to sort out disputes with friends
- How to be a good friend
- Should secrets be kept?
- Keeping our bodies safe through exercise and eating healthily

I wonder what your children would say if you chatted to them about some of these issues?

We have seen that the teachers work hard on these areas through their PSHE lessons, in assemblies and in discussions and activities linked to the weekly Ethos Statements.

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We say a big thank you and a sad goodbye to Marianne Tharby who has supported the governing body with her wisdom and expertise.

Jules Clegg is our safeguarding governor.

We are sure you are already aware that any safeguarding concerns can be discussed with Mrs Ellis or Mrs Richards but we would like to make you aware that Mrs Clegg carries out a series of monitoring checks to ensure that all the correct safeguarding procedures are in place. These checks are made every term. She also spends time talking to the children about how they learn about safeguarding through the curriculum. Jules is therefore a very knowledgeable person to speak to if you have any concerns.



Information about each governor can be found on the website under the 'information' tab.

Safeguarding is diverse with many aspects of it being woven throughout the curriculum to provide children with the knowledge they need to keep themselves safe.

Recently children in Y5 and Y6 completed a 5-week course of First Aid and CPR called Mini-Medics. They learned how to bandage a wound, how to do a primary assessment of a patient and even the techniques of CPR by practising on a 'Resuci-Annie' doll. If you have a child in Year 5 and 6, talk to them about **DR ABC**.

All classes have enjoyed a visit from the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. During the assembly they discussed hazards that may occur in the home, what to do if they encountered a fire and the numerous roles of a firefighter. Once the children could answer the questions with adequate proficiency, they were awarded with a certificate.

The children also took part in Safer- Internet day and Children's Mental Health week. Mrs Ellis and her team are passionate about children understanding how to keep safe physically and emotionally.

All of these activities help the children understand how to keep themselves safe not only in different situations that may occur during their time in school but also throughout their life.

Celebrating and sharing the Y2 children's success: Phonics results.

Each year, Year 1 children usually take their Phonics Screening Check in June. The results are reported to the Local Authority and DFE.

This was postponed last year and moved to the Autumn Term due to the pandemic. Just before Christmas, the (now Year 2) children completed their Phonics Check. We were delighted with the results! They reflect the dedication and hard work of the children along with the support of the whole KS1 team.

The pass mark was 32 / 40. **All children made excellent progress from their starting points.**

GPS: 85% Meeting or above (46% exceeding)

SCPS: 100% Meeting or above (74% exceeding)



Fantastic results children!

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Parents / Carers / Teachers / Children

Many of the activities that the school planned to share with parents / carers last year had to be postponed due to the ongoing pandemic. We acknowledge this with sadness but we have been delighted to welcome our families into school for some shared activities. So far there has been:

- **Stay and play for EYFS and Y1 + Y2**

The two activities below were scheduled to be this half term but unfortunately had to be postponed. We are hopeful that they will happen in the very near future.

- **An EYFS and KS1 Parent Workshop on Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths Mastery.**
- **A Whole school Progress 'Book Look'**

If you and your children want to be inspired, informed and motivated, don't miss an opportunity to go in to the school/classroom! We have had lots of feedback about these sessions

How we make learning stick



Future governor visits to school:

Mrs Clegg and Mrs Wilson will be talking to the children at the end of February about the work that they do in **PSHE** which is **Personal, Social, Health and Economic education**. This part of the curriculum links to Relationship Education and children learn about Growing Up with characters called Yasmine and Tom. We all look forward to working with your children – we hope to add reports from each of the governor monitor sessions to our future newsletters.

