



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Boardman

We have had an exciting week in school as we appointed a new Deputy Head yesterday. I will be able to give you more information about this very soon. The new Deputy will start in January and I am sure they will be a fantastic addition to our staff team.

I was so impressed with the children yesterday. Farah and Kahlo classes were taught by the candidates. A group of Year 6 children thought of very interesting questions, then interviewed the candidates and gave me feedback about them. The children behaved and responded brilliantly to everything that they were asked to do and I was very proud of them.

Parents' Evenings

The teachers are looking forward to meeting you next week on the following days:

Tuesday 19th October 3:30-6pm remote meetings (video/ telephone)

Wednesday 20th October 4-7pm as face to face.

Miss Curry will hold her meeting on Thursday 21st October instead of Tuesday. Information about bookings has been sent out on email and classdojo. Please click the teacher's name below to book an appointment.

[Nyongo' Class – Miss Curry](#)

[Attenborough Class – Mrs Roy](#)

[Johnson Class – Mr Smith](#)

[Farah Class – Ms Graystone](#)

[Kahlo Class – Mr Levick](#)

On 20th October, After School Club will offer a free stay and play session for school aged children while you attend your appointments.

Carolyn Ray, our SENCO will be available in school from 4-7pm on Wednesday 20th October if you would like to drop in for a chat with her.

If you really can't attend an appointment on one of these days, please speak to the teacher to arrange a different time,

New Office Manager

After half term, we are looking forward to welcoming out new office manager Sarah Cook. I would like to thank Mrs Wilson who has covered the office this half term, picking up a lot of new systems very quickly. Mrs Wilson is a qualified teacher and has actually been teaching in classes at short notice in between her office work this week as there has been a major shortage of agency staff in York this week.

Dates For Your Diaries

- Thursday 21st October—break up for half term
- Friday 22nd October—School closed for INSET
- Monday 1st November—School reopens
- Friday 5th November—Parents invited to Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm (parents invited every Friday unless we let you know otherwise).
- Friday 12th November—Non uniform day for Children in Need
- Friday 19th November—Photographer in school for individual and sibling photos.
- Friday 17th December—School closes for Christmas Holidays
- Monday 3rd January— School reopens

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Nyong'o Reception class



Nyong'o Class have enjoyed another fun filled & very busy week! We all absolutely loved having parents into class for our 'Stay & Learn' and the children have not stopped talking about it! They were very excited to show you round our classroom & outdoor area so thank you so much to everyone who was able to come.



This week our learning in Literacy has centred round the story 'Six Dinner Sid' and we have started to learn our first 'Talk for

Write' (actions to help us remember the story). The children are picking it up quickly and are really enjoying retelling the story with 'Sid the cat' and taking him on adventures round the classroom! Everyone also drew/painted or made 'Sid' in one of the areas of learning and we had some fantastic representations of him. In Maths we have been learning about finding one less and this week our challenge was to count the different dinosaurs Firecracker (our class dragon) had set up for us and then find out what one less would be. Wild Wednesday was another lovely afternoon and we thoroughly enjoyed collecting sticks the correct length to make a picture frame and then building our own nature pictures inside. We have also really enjoyed learning how to use the watercolour paints and making some beautiful paintings of flowers.

Another fabulous week Nyong'o Class, well done!



Attenborough, year 1



This week we have created our own story maps and have drawn them out ready to help us write. We are using 'Talk for Writing' to retell the 'Grandad's Is-

land' story with actions to help us.

We have been practising using the phonic sounds igh, oa and oo and practising using the tricky words 'she' and 'my' and have been writing sentences using these sounds. In maths, we are ordering numbers and amounts and using the vocabulary which relates to this.

We have been using the laptops, creating artwork using rubbings in art, using 2 and 3D shapes and creating our own animals for Grandad's Island. In PE, the children are improving their throwing and catching skills and we have also enjoyed learning a new song 'I'm the only I'.

We are proud to celebrate lots of names on our tree of recognition for showing our school value safe this week and we are showing this in lots of



different ways.

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Johnson, year 2/3

Another great week, jam packed full of learning in Johnson class! After a short time being away, it's lovely to be back in school working with the children again.

In English this week we have spent a lot of time looking at what makes a sentence and how we can make our sentences better by using adjectives, conjunctions and the correct punctuation. In maths we have used concrete resources and our knowledge of number bonds to accurately answer addition and subtraction problems. We continue to refresh our phonics skills and handwriting daily.



In science we have looked at what makes materials suitable for specific purposes. We discussed properties of materials and designed a house for the three

little pigs. We wanted to make sure we used the correct materials so the wolf couldn't destroy our house!

We have had lots of fun using aerial imagery and Google Maps in Geography to explore our local area. We even took a virtual trip to Machu Picchu and the Great Pyramids of Giza.



I'm looking forward to seeing you all at parents evening next week!

Farah, year 3/4

Farah class has had another jam-packed week! In English, we have explored Non-Chronological reports and adverbs for time, manner and place. We are doing our own independent research to gather facts to use in our version of a River report.



Linking to Rivers, we continued to look at what causes York to flood and how this can be prevented. We also created our own Water Cycle in a bag, which is on our classroom doors to see if we

can make the water evaporate etc.



A fabulous week of learning and plenty of new vocabulary to use in our reading and writing lessons! Well done team!

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Kahlo, year 5/6

It has been a wonderful week here in Kahlo, with lots of positive learning, hard work and a real buzz around taking pride in what we do. In maths, we have explored addition and subtraction with exchanges, tackling this through place value counters, playing cards, fingers, column method and number lines. Our reading has been focused around refugees (with some tear jerking answers I must admit!), whilst we have powered on with some beautiful writing of our setting descriptions. In science, we have been looking at separating materials, and carried out a series of experiments to test different methods with different types of mixtures and solutions.



I am incredibly proud of the way Kahlo class handled themselves when we've had visitors in school this week; acting with maturity, intrigue and enthusiasm, whilst being authentic to themselves but respectful and polite. This class typify why I got into teaching - week by week they continue to amaze, humour, shock and surprise me



in the best way possible, and I feel so lucky to have them. Big well done Kahlo, keep up the good work!

Other News and reminders

- If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please fill in a form from the office. We can send it off and do the checking for you. You never know, it could save you some money!
- There is now an option to pay for non-uniform days for the whole year on ParentPay.
- There are two flyers attached for upcoming activities in the church.
- There is a flyer attached for Educational Psychology support.
- The new lunchtime menu has been sent out on ParentPay, it will start after half term. Paper copies are available at the office.

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LIGHT PARTY

AT ST BARNABAS CHURCH

St Barnabas
CHURCH
LEEMAN ROAD



St Paul's Holgate
a place to belong

**SUNDAY 31 OCT (4 - 5:30PM)
FOR AGES RECEPTION TO Y6
FOR ST PAUL'S AND ST BARNABAS**

St Barnabas and St Paul's Churches invite you to join us to celebrate all things light. We will have craft, games, music, party food and mini-light disco.

- Children need to come with a parent/guardian.
- If you want to, dress up in a costume that sparkles, shines or lights up.

**SUNDAY 31 OCT FROM 4 - 5:30PM
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For more information please contact:
adminestpaulsyork.org.uk

If you are joining us please complete the form below and return to your class teacher by 21 October or go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/187733033557>

Name of Child(ren).....

Age of Child(ren)

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ONLINE AND IN PERSON TALKS ● EXHIBITIONS ▲ WORKSHOPS



FAMILY FUN AT YORK DESIGN WEEK! 20 – 26 OCTOBER 2021



Spanning the October half term, York Design Week will have fun and educational events for all the family. Come and take part in workshops, exhibitions and events that aim to help make our city a better place to live by working together and sharing perspectives. Learn about drawing machines, explore dream spaces, make your mark on a big shared painting and help build a cardboard prototype community space. Come and shape the future of York!



yorkdesignweek.com

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Educational Psychology (EP) Support Line

A confidential telephone support service, staffed by Educational Psychologists, to talk through questions or concerns about children and young people's wellbeing or learning.

Open to all parents/carers of children with additional needs or SEND, living in the City of York, and practitioners working with children who live in/attend an educational setting in York.



Calls of up to 30 minutes, available during term time:

Wednesday mornings 9.30am-11.30am

From 3rd November – 15th December 2021

To book a slot, please e-mail: EPsupportline@york.gov.uk

with your name and a contact telephone number.

On the following Wednesday morning, we will e-mail you with a time slot for your consultation. Booking for each session will close on Tuesdays at 5pm. Spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please note: the helpline offers short slots to talk with a psychologist about particular concerns; unfortunately, within the time available, we cannot advise on complex situations where different agencies need to work together to support a child or young person.