



School News – February 2020

School Ofsted Inspection

With the inspection now behind us we can all get back to business and enjoy the rest of the half term. We are no longer waiting for ‘the phone call!’ I will be able to share the Ofsted report with you in a couple of weeks when it is published. In the meantime confidentiality is very important while quality assurance takes place by Her Majesty’s Inspectors – HMI.

Thank you

Your children all know the importance of saying thank you and showing their thanks in all kinds of ways. Words, expressions and actions all convey thanks. I would like to thank your children for their authentic and sincere attitudes when speaking with our inspector, Mr Riozzi, last week. They did you proud.

I would also like to thank you for your overwhelmingly positive support expressed through Parentview last week. To know that 96% of you would recommend Ingleton Primary to another parent is such a good feeling. I often say to the children that the most important part of my job is to keep them safe and happy in school; 99% of you say your children are both of these. This is what really matters. Thank you.

Parents’ Evening

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Parents’ Evenings tonight and Thursday. This is also a good time to come and talk in the office if you have any other concerns.

Safer Internet Day

We want all our pupils to appreciate e-safety issues. Ms Gill has organised our “safer day” next Tuesday in school but perhaps you could talk further at home? A good starting point is www.thinkyouknow.co.uk

Senior Administrator

We will be seeking a replacement Senior School Administrator following Mrs Hartnell’s resignation last week. The post has now been advertised on the North Yorkshire website. Details can be found at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>

KS1 Performance

Children in Years 1 and 2 are performing “Eddie the Penguin Saves the World” on Wednesday 12th February at 2.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale this week and will cost £1.

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in being a member of the school governing body, please watch out for the paperwork soon to be circulated. I would happily talk to interested parents if more information about the role is required.

Ingleton Village Panto

We are looking forward to seeing some of our Y5 girls starring in ‘Aladdin’ just after half term. Tickets are available from the Community Centre.

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Collecting Children at home time

We expect pupils to be collected at 3.30 unless parents have informed teachers that it is o.k. for them to walk home alone. Any child not collected will stay with their class teacher. Please ring school if you have an unexpected delay and we also appreciate being informed if someone different is collecting your son/daughter. We have to inform you that if no one arrives by 4.30 p.m. we have a duty to inform Children's Social Care. These measures are all in place to protect your children.

World Book Day – March 5th

Mrs Clements will be informing you about World Book day – she has a few surprises!

School Book Fair

Books to browse and buy will be arriving on Wednesday 4th March for one week. You are welcome to look either before or after school and can spend your World Book day tokens. We appreciate your purchases since it boosts our school resources too.

Life Education

We have a two day visit from the 'Life Education' team planned in early March. Children will take part in workshops exploring themes such as friendships, feelings and my body. There will be a short session for parents at 8.50am on Friday 6th March if you are interested in finding out a little more about the programme. This will support our school Personal, Social and Emotional Development curriculum.

SPORTS NEWS

KS1 Athletics - Unfortunately the Year 2 Athletics event at Settle College was cancelled.

KS2 Athletics - Congratulations to the Y5 and 6 pupils who went to Settle College on Wednesday 15th January to compete in the North Craven Indoor Athletics. Both the boys and girls team did incredibly well and it was fantastic to see some of our girls enjoying their first competitive athletics event.

Catteral Shield - Well done to Lucas, Finn and Mack who went to an Under 11 invitational cross-country event at Giggleswick School in January, all three boys did exceptionally well. Lucas - 2nd, Mack - 4th and Finn - 9th out of 97 runners! Well done boys!

Swimming Gala - Congratulations to all our swimmers who went to Settle Pool on Friday 31st January for the North Craven Swimming Gala, 16 swimmers competed, including lots of children swimming competitively for the first time. Congratulations to Harry W, Harry E and Sophie who will go on to the Final at Craven Pool next Wednesday.

Bewerley Park

There is to be a meeting with Miss Middleton for all Y5 parents and pupils if they wish on Thursday 27th February at 6p.m. Thanks to everyone who has already paid in full. Please remember that payments can be made at any time via ParentPay or by cash/cheque to the office. The balance must be paid in full by 6th March please.

Clapham Consultation

I would like to draw your attention to the consultation document about the proposal to close Clapham School from 31st August 2020. Unfortunately the recovery plan that was drawn up for the school last spring is no longer sustainable and the Governors have requested that the County Council begin to consult on the school's closure.

I would like to make particular reference to the proposed catchment area as quite a few of you live within the existing Clapham School catchment area and this could have consequences for you in terms of possible entitlement to home-to-school transport.

The proposal is that the catchments of both Austwick Primary (2 miles away) and Bentham Primary (5.5 miles away) are expanded to include the current Clapham catchment area even though Ingleton Primary is closer to Clapham - 4.7 miles away. Our Governors feel quite

strongly that this is discriminating against future families living in the Clapham area who might want to choose Ingleton Primary for their children in the years to come. This isn't about us taking in additional children to expand our school now, we have enough mouths to feed already! It is about future-proofing our school and giving a fair choice to families in the area. The Ingleton catchment area is already quite small in terms of populated areas. If you live over the second bridge in the bottom of the village you may not realise, but you are actually in the Bentham Primary catchment. Thornton, Westhouse, Burton, Masongill are all out of our catchment area. This follows the closure of Burton Primary a few years ago when the whole catchment area went to Bentham Primary. If you are interested in seeing the catchment map we have one in school. It is quite enlightening. There is a very real chance that Ingleton could be surrounded by a vast Bentham catchment if this proposal is accepted. We are very supportive of our local schools and we work together closely. We do care about the sustainability of all the remaining schools in this area, ours included, and that is why a fair decision is needed.

If you are interested in expressing your views, please respond to the consultation using the form at the end of the document or submit an online response.

Lunches

Please remember that dinner money should be paid in advance, either at the start of the half-term or at the beginning of each week. Pupils are only charged for the meals they have so credit for any absences remains in your meals account on ParentPay. Please ensure any debit balances are cleared by half-term. Thank you.

Accordion lessons

There is space in the Accordion lessons if any pupil is interested in starting. Parents can find out more from the office. Harry Hinchcliffe is a great teacher!

Medication in school

If there is a need for us to administer prescription medication we will request that you complete a parental agreement form. Children must not bring any medicines to school. The school Medical Policy can be found on our website along with many other policies.

Half term holiday

School will be closed the week of 17th February. We will re-open on Monday 4th February.

J Colledge
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