



### January News 2024

#### **Happy New Year**

We hope you had a lovely holiday. Thank you for your kind greetings, cards and gifts at Christmas.

#### **Parents' Meetings**

Parents of pupils from Nursery to Y6 will be invited to meetings on either **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February (3.30pm to 5pm)** or **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February (6pm to 8pm.)** Teachers will send a link to the online booking form in their Friday emails **next week**. We are looking forward to talking with you about your child's progress and wellbeing in school.

#### **Curriculum Themes this half term**

*Nursery* – Traditional Tales and Birds

*Dentdale* – Polar Regions and Bears

*Kingsdale* – Materials & Seasonal Changes in Science and Famous Explorers in History

*Barbondale* – Famous Explorers in History and Living Things and their Habitats in Science

*Wensleydale* – Location, Location, Location in Geography and Earth & Space in Science

*Swaledale* – Location, Location, Location in Geography and Properties of Materials in Science

*Wharfedale* – Location, Location, Location in Geography and Earth & Space in Science

On Friday, class teachers will be sending more information about their wider curriculum for the term ahead in their 'Termly Overview.'

#### **Sports/P.E./Clubs**

Y6 children will continue to offer a range of **lunchtime activities** to all year groups and there will be plenty to choose from, starting next week.

Wednesday lunchtimes **KS2 Circuits** with Mrs Mercer.

Becky Mercer will be doing **gymnastics** with Dentdale and Kingsdale on Wednesdays.

#### **Adventures for 2024**

We have dates in the diary for some outdoor and adventurous activities this coming year:

Y5 Brathay Hall Residential 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April

Y3 Norber Adventure May 2nd

Y4 Caving and Climbing May 3rd

Y6 Edinburgh Residential 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June

Y6 Wharfedale Walk 24<sup>th</sup> June

Y2 Dales Adventure – date to be finalised

These local adventures will be led by Olly Roberts Outdoors and funded through our Sports Premium.

#### **Winter Cooking Club**

Cooking continues at 3.30pm this Thursday at the i-Centre for the second group of children. It's Shepherd's Pie this week. Next week the third and last group will meet to cook vegetable soup and cheese scones – remember to bring an apron, tubs for leftovers and £3 subs.

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### Author Visit

The writer Tom Palmer will be spending the day with us on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. This exciting visit will be an inspiration for all our budding authors. We are continuing to restock class libraries with 6 new titles every month, provided by Limestone Books and kindly funded by the PTA.

### Assemblies

This half term we will be exploring the theme of "Truthfulness" in our assemblies.

### P.E. kits

It is really important that children have both their indoor and warm outdoor P.E. kits available every day. Children feel much more confident, independent and comfortable when they are well organised for PE. We are excited about our new sports hoodies arriving, staff ones too! If you missed the letter in December, we are re-sending it today.

### Height and Weight checks

This term, height and weight checks will take place for pupils in Y6 and Reception. More details will be emailed to parents/carers of children in those classes.

### School Preference Forms – Nursery families

Forms for places in Reception 2024 class need to be completed online by the 15<sup>th</sup> January please.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>

### EYFS students

We are enjoying working with Millie Boyles-Read in Nursery and Dentdale for two days a week. Millie is on a long-term placement from Kendal College. In February Natalie Rusiuk will be joining us from the University of Cumbria to complete her developing placement as a trainee teacher, also in Dentdale. Training staff is a very important part of our work in primary schools and we do gain a lot from their time and enthusiasm.

### Snowy weather

If it snows children will require a change of outdoor footwear, warm clothing (especially trousers for sledging) and spare socks. Mr Bickerstaff clears a pathway from the main gate to the front door and in the interests of your safety we request that you use this route into school. We endeavour to stay open and in severe weather it is important that you send children to school so long as you are sure that you can get them home safely again. We understand if parents need to collect children early due to travel difficulties. In the unlikely event of us being forced to close school we will send text and email notification, place notices on the website, on the gate, notify local radio stations and post a notice on our Facebook page.

### ParentPay

Please check Parentpay as we have a number of accounts in arrears. Thank you.

### PTA News

- On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January PTA will be holding a '**Movie Night**' in school from 6pm to 7.30pm. All children from Y1 to Y6 are very welcome to come along with a cushion or a blanket (PJs optional) to enjoy a good film. There will be 3 choices of screens and entry will be £1, including popcorn. Please bring a water bottle.
- On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February the leap year will be celebrated with an '**Extra Day Disco.**' Details nearer the time.
- Please save your jumble as we have a '**Bags to School**' collection planned in the coming weeks.

The PTA will next **meet** on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 3.30pm in school.

### Spring Term

Our half term holiday is the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February and the Easter holidays start on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. All events and term dates are on our website <https://ingleton-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk/events/>