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Parent Questionnaire

As we look ahead to the next school year we would value some feedback via our online questionnaire for parents. This looks at what we do in school and how we can improve things even more. Please could we encourage as many people as possible to complete the questionnaire as it will help us inform our school improvement priorities from September. The questionnaire only takes a few minutes to complete and can be completed via this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGCctb1zreSoHeBOSTh7ydFIk89Kt7vfni8wX1wR_G9JQ_TQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

The last part of the survey looks particularly at our work towards the Food for Life award which we hope to complete by the end of this term. The children in Y2 to Y6 have given their views so please help by giving your opinion by 25th May. Thank you.

Inter School Tchoukball

Here is what Carter, Dawn and Annie thought of the competition held last week.

Tchoukball is a game a bit like netball and basketball but instead of hoops you have a Tchoukball trampoline. The aim of the game is to throw a handball against a trampoline. If someone catches it you don't score a point but if it bounces on the floor you score a point. You can run to any trampoline but you are not allowed to intercept the ball and if you throw the ball at the trampoline the person has to catch it to stop them getting the point. If they don't catch the ball it is a point to the opposing team. You are only allowed to move three steps or less.

First we did some warm up friendship exercises which included working as a team with other schools. After that we were taught how to play by throwing the ball to one another and racing to the opposite side. We were up against five other schools from around the area. We all think we did quite well and that we tried our best. We worked very well as a team. It was a bit challenging because we had not played before but we really enjoyed it.

Diary dates

Our online calendar <http://romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/calendar/> was updated over the Easter holiday but please keep an eye on it as new events keep being scheduled. The Key Stage 2 Sports Day has had to be changed to Wednesday 27th June due to a clash of events. The EYFS/KS1 Sports Day is still Thursday 28th June. Our annual Open Evening to discuss reports and meet new class teachers will be Monday 9th July and transition days with new classes will be 11th, 12th and 13th July.

Royal Learning Day

To celebrate the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, we will be having a 'Royal Learning Day' on Friday 18th May. As part of this, the children are able to come into school dressed in red, white, blue or a mixture of all three! No donation is required.

Help us to save energy and money!

We are looking at ways in which we can help to save energy, therefore protecting our world. We have noticed that there are often lights left on around school unnecessarily, wasting energy, and would like to encourage people to switch them off. Therefore, we are launching a competition to design a poster encouraging people to switch lights off. The winning entries will be copied and displayed around school and book vouchers will be awarded. Please hand your entry to your class teacher by Tuesday 22nd May. Thank you,
Rights Respecting Ambassadors
RRSA Article 24

Y5/6 Open Afternoon

We would like to invite parents and family members of Y5/6 children into school on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd May at 1:30p.m. During the afternoon, children and visitors will be able to rotate around the three Y5/6 classrooms, joining in with a number of activities. The afternoon will be very informal, giving the chance to engage with the children's learning. We hope to see you there.
Y5/6 Teaching Team



Rec/KS1 Taster Day

On Thursday 17th May we have a 'taster day' lunch for all Rec, Y1 and Y2 children. See menu below. We will order a meal for all children, however if you feel your child won't eat a cooked meal you may send a packed lunch instead:

Thursday 17th May
Fish Fingers & Tomato Ketchup
(v) Vegetable Stir Fry

Dessert of the Day
Iced Pineapple Sponge

Please note the menu on **Friday 18th May** will be Savory Minced Beef & Yorkshire Pudding with a vegetarian option of Ratatouille & Yorkshire Pudding.

Horrible Histories!

It's time to become a history detective! To engage both children and adults in History outside of school I have a task that I would like as many people as possible to get involved in. The challenge is to use whatever research methods you have access to (internet, library resources, books within school) to find the most interesting fact from history. The fact could be gory and gruesome, funny or peculiar: whatever you think is interesting. Please could all facts be presented and illustrated imaginatively and handed into school during the first week after half term.

Thank you,
Mrs Howe (History Co-ordinator)

Secret Garden Report

While most of the Y5's were away enjoying adventures at East Barnby, Mrs Jones and Mrs Carlile took Lucy, Raneem, Katie, Jayden, Callum, Skye and Timmie to have a 'secret' mini adventure of their own. Their destination was 'The Secret Garden' in Northallerton (as part of their 'Darwin's Delights' theme).

The secret garden which we visited on Thursday (26.04.18), was a garden, which many people don't know of. It is full of many plants and nature such as trees, herbs and vegetables growing in the garden.

The garden that we visited was overgrown with wild-life when they first started working on it. They also have a chalk board saying which mammals, plants, tree names and boring, but important, rules. Separately it says, warning there may be glass; also a pond with rocks next to several plants and flowers with no animals in but sometimes there are toads.

There were many birds and insects such as worms, woodlice, ants finally a snail shell with no snail in. On our trip we also saw a fantastic hedgehog hotel.

What we did:

We did many exciting things including sketching the beautiful flowers; talking about the wonderful nature and so much more. This is defiantly a place that we all would recommend you go to.

Fun Fact:

If Mrs Jones goes with you she will bring hot chocolate and jaffa cakes to enjoy!

By Lucy M and Jayden M.

Uniform

Recently, we have noticed that some children are coming to school wearing different coloured hoodies/sweatshirts and trainers. Some children are also wearing nail varnish and large colourful earrings. Whilst we cannot enforce school uniform, we would really appreciate support with this matter.

Tour de Yorkshire Artwork

Well done to all the children in the after-school iCreate club who, along with Mr Form, came up with the idea for the Tour de Yorkshire land art on the school field. How the TV helicopter missed it we don't know as it is huge! A special thank you also to the NYCC grounds team who helped paint in the design. See photo at the end of this Newsletter.

Dinner Money / Parent Pay

Please can you ensure that your account is kept up to date and you are not sending your child for a school dinner when in arrears. If a child continues to take dinners when in arrears you will be asked to provide him/her with a packed lunch.

Sickness

Please can we remind parents/carers that in the case of sickness/diarrhoea you should keep your child off school until they have been clear of all symptoms for 48 hours. Even if they feel well they are still capable of spreading infection to other children.

Also if your child is ill for any reason and not attending school, please could you inform the office before 9.15am on their first day of absence.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who received the "Star of the Week" award in our last two Friday celebration assemblies:

Rec/Y1 RA Avah T, Charlotte N, Finley T, Sophie S

Rec/Y1 LH Avleen H, Jimmy-Lee M, Alfie T, Lily F

Y1 DP Luke L, Harry N, Scarlett B, Jack R

Y2 SW/HC Zack M, Oliver B, Charlie A, Freddie T

Y3/4 RO Libby P, Madison A, Poppy G

Y3/4 DW Charlotte A, Max H, Essie—May W, Lily-Rose W

Y3/4 SB/CE Michael A, Harley H, Layla K, Harry V, Jorja R

Y5/6 ES Lucy M, Katie W, Skye N, Sadie P, Alice P

Y5/6 JW/LH Alex B, Seth B, Riley G, Alice M, Raneem A-M, Jayden M, Larissa F, Lilyan N

Y5/6AA Callum M, Timmie P, Tom B, Connie M

Date of Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be w/c 21st May. Any contributions by lunchtime Tuesday 22nd May please.

