



# AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

## Open Afternoons

It has been fantastic to welcome so many parents into school this week for the children to share their learning with you. We hope you enjoyed the singing and various activities such as orienteering and outdoor measuring. We will be holding open afternoons again in February and May.



## Harvest Festival



We had a wonderful Harvest Festival assembly and are so grateful for the amazing generosity of our parents. We had a representative from 'Springboard' the Harrogate Homeless Project come to speak at our Harvest Assembly and they were very grateful for all the donations. The Foodbank had been due to take half of the produce, but has been so overwhelmed with donations from other organisations that they said we could give all our harvest gifts to Springboard.

## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



Thank you to all those who attended our coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, we raised £85.00! It was a lovely community event giving parents the opportunity to catch up with each other over coffee and cake.

## Reception Tea Party

It was lovely to see so many reception parents and children at the After School Tea party. There were lots of lovely craft activities to participate in. Fruit kebabs were our favourite!

## Bikeability

29 Year 6 children took part in cycle training this half term. The training is provided by NYCC and takes place in the playground and on local roads during the school day. We are really pleased that our children are given the opportunity to enhance this very important life skill.

## Girls Football

Here are the girls who represented Hookstone at an inter-schools football tournament. They were fantastic representatives and after a close match versus Follifoot were victorious after dominating a penalty shootout and eventually running out winners by 6 penalties to 1



KS1 have harvested their bountiful crops and made very tasty leek and potato soup.



Our **Nurture Group** have created a lovely display about what Nurture means: Need, Understand, Respect, Trust, Unite, Resilience and Expectation.



**Sporting Influence** have been in school this term working with our Young leaders who have been practising their skills with the Lower Juniors and are now ready to take on some lunchtime responsibilities. Sporting Influence have also been leading some well-being sessions.



## Y1 & Y2 Visit to the Yorkshire Showground

The Yorkshire Agricultural Society invited our pupils to the orchard for an **Apple day**. They learnt about different types of apples how to make apple juice and created a baked apple to take home and cook.



Thank you to the **PTA** for the wonderful **Halloween Disco**, it was great to see such an array of fancy dress costumes and some truly amazing carved pumpkins!



## Applying for a Primary School place

If you are a parent or carer of a child living in North Yorkshire, who is eligible to start primary school in September 2020 (i.e. a child born between 1 Sep 2015 and 31 Aug 2016 inclusive), you will need to apply online for a primary school place at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions). Paper applications can be requested by contacting 01609 533679. You must submit either an online or a paper application form **no later than 15 January 2020**. Late applications received after this date will be dealt with **after** those received on time.

## Applying for a Secondary School place

If you have a child in Year 6 you will need to apply online at the website address above by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

Attached to this newsletter are the **Term Dates** for the next **Academic Year 2020-2021**.

Please note: spare copies of **Term Dates** for this current Academic Year 2019 -2020 are available in the main entrance.

**Poppies and poppy accessories** such as rulers, wrist bands, pencil sharpeners etc will be on sale in school from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Our Year 6 children will go around the classrooms in an afternoon.

We wish you all a very happy half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### Upcoming Dates:

- 4 Nov School reopens  
Beech Y3s & Hawthorn Y2s swimming
- 8 Nov PTA Non-Uniform Day for tombola prize
- 15 Nov Fundraising for Children in Need
- 18 Nov Holly, Pine, Willow visit to Life Centre
- 29 Nov Christmas Fayre

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