



# Primary Press Newsletter

Learning, Enjoying and Achieving



- Pupil of the Week**  
**Miss Firman**  
 Archie Coupland  
**Mrs Day / Speight**  
 Sebastien Barry  
**Mrs Shea / Garthwaite**  
 Charlie Hudson  
**Mrs Peverell**  
 Keziah-Lou McKittrick  
**Mr Adams**  
 Rhuari Hill  
**Mrs Brown**  
 Rosie Brown  
**Miss Thomas**  
 Faye Blackman  
**Miss Elliott**  
 Abigail Cook  
**Miss Holden**  
 Jack Bradley  
**Mr Neal**  
 Colin Clark

## We're in the top 100 performing and improved schools

Dear Parents

Thank you to those parents who attended the Academy consultation meeting on Wednesday. Feedback has been highly positive. If any parents wish to ask questions relating to the intended September conversion, do not hesitate to contact me at school.

We have received confirmation that we have been identified as one of the top 100 performing and improved schools in 2016, following our October inspection.

We are the only North Yorkshire school to achieve this accolade.

Please check out the following links to find out more:-

<http://www.govtiq.com/2016editorials.php>  
<http://www.govtiq.com/TopPerfImp2016.pdf>

Mr McFarlane

**Classes of the Week**  
 Miss Elliott & Miss Holden

- Weekly Class Attendance**
- Mrs Shea / Garthwaite—**97.4%  
**Miss Thomas—**96.5%  
**Mr Neal—**95.5%  
**Miss Elliott—**94.7%  
**Mrs Brown—**94.6%  
**Mrs Peverell—** 94.5%  
**Miss Holden—**93%  
**Mr Adams—**92%  
**Mrs Day / Speight—**91%  
**Mrs Pfupa—** 89%  
**Miss Firman—** 84%

**Clubs Information**  
 \*charge for club run by an external provider

Club	Day	Time	Responsible Adult
Choir	Mon	Lunchtime	Mrs Williams /
Orchestra	Mon	3:15pm—4:15pm	Mr Gulbis
Y3 & 4 Tennis Coaching*	Tues	7:45am—8:30am	Mr Frankland
Y2 & 3 French Club*	Tues	Lunchtime	Helen Sayer
Y5 & 6 Gymnastics (Full)	Tues	3:15pm—4:00pm	Mrs Brown
Y4, 5 & 6 French Club*	Tues	3:20pm—4:05pm	Helen Sayer
Y6 Homework Club	Wed	Lunchtime	Y6 Staff
Y5 Boys and Girls Handball	Wed	3:15pm—4:15pm	Daisy Chain
Chess Club	Thurs	Lunchtime	Mr Neal
Y3 & 4 Gynastics (Full)	Thurs	3:10pm—4:05pm	Mrs Brown
Y6 Table Tennis	Fri	8:00am—8:45am	Miss Holden
Y 5 / 6 Trivial Pursuits Club	Fri	Lunchtime	Miss Holden

- Dates for the Diary**
- Friday, 18th March**  
 Sports Relief - Pupils may wear something Sporty or something red if they donate a £1.
- Wednesday, 23rd March**  
 Stay and Play, drop in session  
**Nursery—**8:45am—11:45am or 12:30pm—3:15pm  
**FS2—**8:45am—11:00am or 1:00pm—3:00pm
- Wednesday, 23rd March, 2:00pm**  
 Easter performance from the Choir and Orchestra at St Peter's and Paul's—all are welcome.
- Thursday, 24th March**  
 Last Day in School
- Friday, 25th March**  
 Start of the school holidays and Good Friday
- Monday, 11th April**  
 Pupils return to school after Easter Holidays
- Thursday, 21st April**  
 Y1 Trip to the Great North Museum

## Foundation Stage have been having a great half term

### Bedtime Bear

As part of our whole school project 'The Power of Reading' the Foundation Stage children have had a visit from Bedtime Bear. The children have been taking turns to take him home and enjoy a bedtime story together. To celebrate all the fun they have had, as well as all the super learning, we said goodbye to Bedtime Bear with a big bedtime story all together. The children and their families came back to school all ready for bed and we shared supper and a bedtime story. The event was a big success and the children really enjoyed their bedtime story all together.



A big thankyou to everyone who came and got involved and made the event such a success.

### Tickets please!



The Reception pupils had an unusual trip out thanks to Stokesley Rotary Club and the staff of the Dormanstown Arriva Bus Depot. The children had been reading the story of the Naughty Bus and were keen to go and find out more about real buses. Thanks to a generous donation from the local Rotary Club the children were able to visit the Arriva Bus Depot where the buses are maintained. Andy Pearce the depot manager had arranged an exciting morning where the children inspected the vehicles, saw inside the maintenance area and learned how some of the specialist equipment worked.

They all had a turn learning about how to drive the bus and print tickets but everyone's favourite was finding out about how the buses are kept clean. The children loved the bus wash so much the driver took them through twice! Mrs Challenger

## Extra Curricular Achievements

### Cross Country

On February 24th, a squad of over 30 runners, took part in the area cross country event in Knayton. We had many children finishing in the top 20 of their race (between 60—80 children were in each race). However we had winners in the:- Y4 race Dylan Marsay, Y5 race Campbell Darcy and Y6 race Jack Hastings-Long; securing their place in the North Yorkshire finals on Thursday 17th March. Oliver Tweddle will also be joining them, as he finished 2nd in the Y6 race.



### Netball



A few weeks ago, our Y6 netball team, took part in the cluster tournament at Stokesley School. They played brilliantly and after 5 matches, they managed to finish in 2nd place, thus ensuring their place in the next round.

The area round took place in Thirsk, and after losing only 1 match the team finished 3rd—only just missing out on representing Hambleton at the Youth Games .

### Quiz

On Tuesday 8th March 2 quiz teams represented our school in the area heats of the national General Knowledge quiz. There were 12 teams taking part and our 2nd team managed a very respectable 6th place, scoring 1475 points. Our first team, scoring an amazing 1900 points, won the quiz and will now take part in the semi finals event after the Easter holidays.



### Indoor Skydiving for charity

James Found came up with a totally unique way of raising money for charity. James bravely went to an indoor skydiving facility and was suspended in a column of air. The dive reproduces the feeling of freefalling from a plane. James has raised over £700 so far for Muscular Dystrophy UK, he is still accepting sponsorship money, so if you would like to donate please come to the main office.

Well done James, we are so proud, what an amazing achievement.



**Age appropriate?** It has come to our attention that some children are watching / playing films and games that are not age appropriate. Lots of research has been collected by child psychologists to look at the affect on children; researchers found that over time children start to think more aggressively. When provoked at home, school or in other situations, children will react much like they do when playing a violent video game or re-enact a scene from a film. Please remember to check the age category or watch the games / films before your child to make sure there is nothing unsuitable included.

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