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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a difficult few weeks in school with Covid cases amongst pupils and staff being very high, which in turn has meant that some classes have not been taught by their usual teacher. Thankfully, I am pleased to report that infection levels are down to a minimal amount now. Thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support and we will continue to update as and when the need arises.

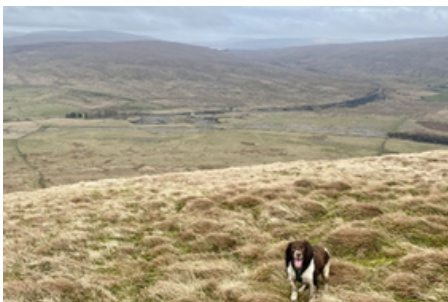
Despite this, we have continued with our 'Living, Loving and Learning' and you will see from the news items below that we have tried our hardest to keep things running smoothly and as normal as possible, with only a few items that have had to be re booked and alternative dates planned. All children have shown resilience, either learning at school or at home.

The third Monday in January has been nicknamed Blue Monday (incidentally, it's also the name of an excellent record by New Order, whom I was lucky enough to see live back in their heyday!), because it's the day when the financial pressure of the Christmas just passed hangs over us most, the weather is at its worst, and the extra pounds we've acquired over the holiday season are proving harder to shift than we anticipated....BUT we are now into February, it is staying lighter for a little longer and the birds are starting to sing again. My antidote to this thinking is to take some time for yourself and get outside!

Whatever is going on in the busyness of life and the world around us, let us look forward to the year ahead with hope and anticipation!

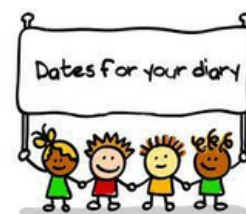
Have a great weekend!

Mr Tim Whitehead
Headteacher.



Dates for your diaries...

07.02.22 - Children's Mental Health week
08.02.22 - Y6 trip to Bradford Industrial Museum
10.02.22 - Keighley & Craven School Cross Country – Race 3 – Cliffe Castle
11.02.22 - Wear Your Scarf to School Day & Children's First Aid Training
17.02.22 - Random Act of Kindness Day
18.02.22 - Last day of half term
28.02.22 - First day of new half term
28.02.22 - Fairtrade Fortnight
08.03.22 - International Women's Day
11.03.22 - School Meal Day
16.03.22 - Keighley & Craven School Cross Country – Race 4 – Silsden Park
01.04.22 - International Children's Book Day
01.04.22 - Earth Day
08.04.22 - Last day of spring term
26.04.22 - First Day of summer term



Extra Curricular Clubs

Due to the rise in Covid cases in school, our extra-curricular clubs have been curtailed. Clubs do not run on the first and last week of term.

We will be in touch soon, with regard to clubs on offer after half term where booking will be via the usual platforms.



Walking Bus

From next week this will be available every Monday and Thursday. It leaves from the car park at Cross Hills Coop at 8.30am. Please sign up for free on Parent Pay.

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Dogs on the playground

A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises. We have children in school who are allergic to dogs. Please can this message be passed on to any family/friends who might drop off and collect children from school too.



Nut Aware School

Just to remind you that we have children in school with nut allergies and we are a 'nut aware' school. Please be mindful of this and make sure that all contents of packed lunches do not contain nuts.



Considerate Parking

Please can we remind you not to park on the road outside school if at all possible, as it makes drop off and collection times so dangerous for children and their families.



School Books

We have a number of missing and damaged reading and sharing books in Robins and Swallows class. Please take care of the books that we send home. If you would like to contribute towards replacing a book please do so via the "Book Replacement Contribution" payment item on ParentPay. Please remember that books should be kept inside learning packs and brought into school everyday in book bags. Thank you.



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Chinese New Year

This week in school we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. Donna in the Kitchen made a Chinese meal and Swallows and Robins class decorated the hall for the children in school. Some of the children even brought chopsticks to eat their lunch with! The children have been learning all about Chinese New Year in class and have enjoyed a number of learning activities.



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Power Down Pete

Power Down Pete (from NYCC) visited school on Thursday 13th January. He worked with each class on environmental issues such as recycling, saving water and energy and the problems with plastics. I learnt that the new Co-op bags are actually made from maize....amazing! He will be returning to school to work with a group of children on saving and conserving energy within our own school!



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A Road Safety Visit

Year Six had a visit from two PCSOs after the children had raised concerns about the safety of the road outside school.

The officers, Emma and Lee, reminded children about road safety, bike safety and answered their questions about how we could make the road outside safer. The children also asked them questions about their job and what it involves. Emma and Lee then brought their police van to the classroom door so that the children could have a closer look at one. Everyone enjoyed having a turn in the 'cell' in the back of the van, looking at the equipment the van carries and sounding the sirens.



Girls Football – Year 5 /6

Well done to our year five and six girls football team that played in a cluster competition last week. We only just had enough players to enter a team due to players having Covid, so well done to those that stood up to the occasion. It was a pleasure to watch and coach. You all played with determination and left the pitch wanting to enter further competitions. Watch this space....there will be more!

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Your Junk is Our Treasure!

We are always on the look out for resources in Robins class. To encourage open ended play, inquisitive minds and curious children. If anyone is having a clear out or enjoys a car boot keep us in mind! It's amazing what a bike wheel, old fashioned telephone, metal spoons, steering wheel, tubes (plastic or cardboard) clocks, tool boxes, curtain hooks, old keys, binoculars, buttons, magnets, a tea set (not the delicate kind!) Baskets of any description are always welcomed with open arms and we'd never say no to dolls and dolls clothes!

Thank you in anticipation, Miss Akrigg



Google Classroom

Please ensure that you and your child have access to, and use, Google Classroom. This is important for homework, remote learning if required and the link between home and school in terms of knowing what your children are learning in school.

Mental Health Champions

Class 3 Kingfishers and Class 4 Owls have received some virtual Mental Health training and will have a face to face workshop next Monday 7th February. They will learn about 5 key skills and qualities of a great mental health champion and also practical tips on supporting their peers.



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Safeguarding

Every school in North Yorkshire (NYCC) has received a review of safeguarding procedures and practices. Ours took place before Christmas and was led by our Senior Education Adviser.

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

The NYCC School Advisor met informally with parents and children at the start of the school day, took a joint Learning Walk across school, spoke to groups of children, staff and the Chair of Governors to discuss safeguarding.

‘Safeguarding is high profile at Kildwick. Every member of staff who talked with the SEA showed responsibility and knowledge of the clear systems in place with strong, appropriate communications throughout school. Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) is understood and used as a continuous learning document which springboards ongoing training, staff quizzes and scenario led conversations’.

‘The Safeguarding Governor (Chair of Governors/CoG) has an excellent understanding of the school's safeguarding arrangements. He was able to detail how safeguarding was a priority within the school's strategic plan and evidence how governors were monitoring and keeping safeguarding central to all monitoring arrangements. Clear direction of the board is ensured by a detailed training needs analysis’.

‘All the children who spoke to the SEA shared how safe they feel at Kildwick. The children unanimously felt safe and were able to articulate a range of reasons why including those around all the trusted adults in school.’

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They could confidently explain about equality and diversity and their respect for all was clearly apparent. Their understanding of on line safety was excellent.

The one area which was a common concern to each group was the cars driving too fast on the road outside. The Vision Leaders were clear that they wanted to ensure everyone was aware of this in order to make their crossing to the field totally safe'.

'In discussion with parents the SEA was informed how well communicated they feel and how safe their children are at Kildwick'.

A reminder that if you ever have any concerns about safeguarding in school Mr Whitehead is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and Miss Akrigg is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. John Perry is our Safeguarding Governor and Chair of Governors.



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Happy birthday to you....

Emmi-Louise - Class 2

Harry - Class 5

Seth - Class 4

Freyja - Class 1

Louie - Class 4

Esme - Class 5

Mia - Class 5

Juliet - Class 4



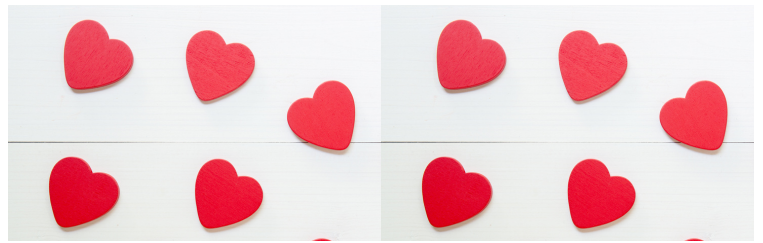
Birthdays

Children are invited to come in non-uniform on their birthday.

If this falls on a weekend or during a holiday, they can come in non-uniform on the Monday or Friday before their birthday.



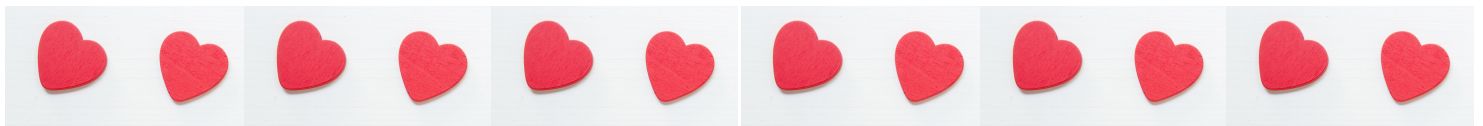
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Wear Red Day

Children came to school dressed in red today, Friday 4th February, in support of the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. This is something close to us at Kildwick as a former pupil has experienced the love, care and support from this charity and her sister is still a pupil with us. Her sister Emma suggested that we hold a cake sale with some hot chocolate to raise valuable funds for the charity. She talked to us about the work that the charity does with the help of some Y6 Vision leaders.

Photos and amount raised to feature in the next newsletter.



Wear Your Scarf To School Day - 11th February

At Kildwick, we subscribe to a PSHE program called SCARF. This is an acronym that stands for Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship.

For Children's Mental Health Week, we would like to 'wrap a scarf around school'. Please could children come to school wearing a scarf (don't forget to put their name on it) and if possible, bring as many scarves as they can get hold of on Friday 11th February. We will be carrying out various mental health related activities throughout the day.

Thank you in advance of your support.

Wear your scarf
to school day
11th Feb 2022

SCARF



Loving to Learn

Reading Forum

Following the introduction of our revised approach to reading in school we will be holding a virtual parent forum on the 14th February. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions about our new approach to reading in Robins and Swallows as well as understanding more about reading as children move onto Key Stage Two. Here is the link to the reading booklet sent out recently. If you would like a hard copy of this, please ask your child's Class Teacher.

Reading



Handwriting Day

Children have spent time in school practising their handwriting and for National Handwriting Day have been writing letters to someone of their choice. They walked down to the post-box to post them. Hopefully, they will all get a response.

