

Learning to Live, Living to Love, Loving to Learn

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# Newsletter

**15th October 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had another busy week of learning in school, working hard and enjoying being back together as one vibrant community. It was great having everyone together in church celebrating Harvest. Thank you very much for your generous gifts of produce which have now been delivered to Skipton Foodbank.

Although it has been World Mental Health Day, Physical and Mental Health is very much part of our School Strategic Development Plan, particularly as we emerge from the Pandemic. It is not something we think about one day a year but it is very much a thread woven through our Personal, Social and Health Education program. In our Collective Worship we have been thinking about the importance of connecting with nature and how this has benefits for our physical and mental health.

We welcomed Reception parents into school to find out about our early reading approach. We see this as the foundation for all future learning. We will be sending further information to all parents over the coming weeks regarding our whole school approach to reading.

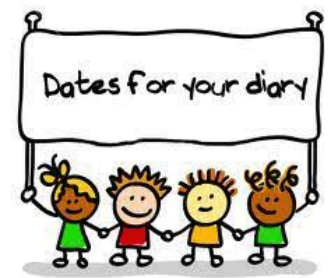
Have a great weekend!

Mr Tim Whitehead

Headteacher

## Dates for your diaries...

21.10.21 – Mixed Football event at South Craven – KS2  
21.10.21 – Year 1 & 2 trip to Nell Bank  
22.10.21 – End of first half term  
01.11.21 – Teacher training Day / Parent Consultation afternoon  
06.11.21 – Open morning for prospective new children in September 2021  
09.11.21 – Diversity Day  
11.11.21 – Open afternoon for prospective new children in September 22  
12.11.21 – Children in Need  
15.11.21 – Anti Bullying Week  
15.11.21 – Road Safety Week  
19.11.21 – World Toilet Day  
26.11.21 – Non uniform day – donations for Christmas Fair  
03.12.21 – Christmas Fair in school  
07.12.21 – Nativity performance in Church – 2pm & 6pm  
09.12.21 – Carol Service in Church – 6pm  
16.12.21 – Christmas dinner and party afternoon  
17.12.21 – End of autumn term



## Change to term dates due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Please note there have been some slight changes to the school calendar this year due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There will now be a school training day on Monday 25th April.

The full calendar can be viewed [here](#)

## Open day – Starting school in September 2022 – come and see our wonderful school in action!

Saturday November 6th 9.30-11.30am

Thursday November 11th 2.00-4.00pm

Further details can be found on our school [website](#)

# Learning to Live

## **Governing Body Update – Message from John Perry – Chair of Governors**

Minutes of the September 2021 Full Governing Body Meeting were approved - these will be downloaded onto the school website shortly.

The meeting focused around achieving the school vision: Learning to Live, Living to Love, Loving to Learn.

Governors heard an interesting presentation on the approach to learning and emotional well-being interventions from Mrs Manthorp, followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion.

The meeting also heard from Miss Akrigg, Special Educational Needs Coordinator, about the approach to special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), including her recent work with a specialist SEND consultant which has both developed her practice and helped develop school wide approaches to SEND. School is to revisit the SEND Information Report, from the school website, and Inclusion Policy and feedback to governors.

Curriculum updates were provided by Mr Whitehead, including the revised approach to phonics and collaborative work with another local school to develop the History curriculum. Governors were pleased to see that the school was again able to plan for school trips as well as offering a range of extra-curricular activities.

The revised Diocese Collective Worship guidance document was noted.

Governors will with staff, the wider school community and the Church shortly be reviewing the Collective Worship policy.

Governors also acknowledged a September 2021 letter from the Diocese asking all Church of England School governing bodies to reflect on and 'meaningfully review their position on academy conversation'; in essence whether Kildwick Primary should join a multi-academy trust.

## **Governing Body Update – Message from John Perry – Chair of Governors - Continued**

Given the significance of such a decision governors agreed to take a measured approach and carefully consider all available information. Governors are to research the issue further before the December 2021 full governors meeting and consider any next steps at a Spring Term 2022 meeting.

At this stage no decisions have been discussed or made and no changes to the school status will be considered without wide reaching discussion; the Diocese however expects governing bodies to engage with the issue.

The meeting also agreed an approach to 'signing off' a number of key school policies, including on Data protection, e-safety, Exclusion and Looked After Children.

Ben Lazenby was the sole applicant for the vacancy of parent governor circulated in September and therefore has been elected. Governors look forward to Ben joining the governing body and are sure he will bring important qualities to the group.

Following the resignation of Jamie Logan as Parent Governor there is now a further Parent Governor vacancy. School will shortly be organising the nomination and voting process. Please consider applying for this position; the governing body sees the role of parent governor as central to the successful functioning of the school.

Whilst any interested parent can put themselves forward for the position, we would again particularly welcome nominations of parents who would like to develop the Health and Safety brief, an important area of work for the governing body.

The next planned governors meeting is a finance and resource meeting in early November, at school.

Further information on the work of the governing body can be seen on the [school website](#). School policies and the strategic development plan can also be seen through the [website](#).



# Learning to Live



## Year 4/5 residential

We have booked High Adventure for our Year 4 /5 residential. Further details have been emailed to parents this week and it is now live on Parent Pay. There will be a meeting for parents nearer the time.

## Core Value Vision Leaders

Over the next week, the core value vision leaders will be recruiting children from across school to help them lead some of our whole school Collective Worships. Rev Peter Thomas will be helping with this process.



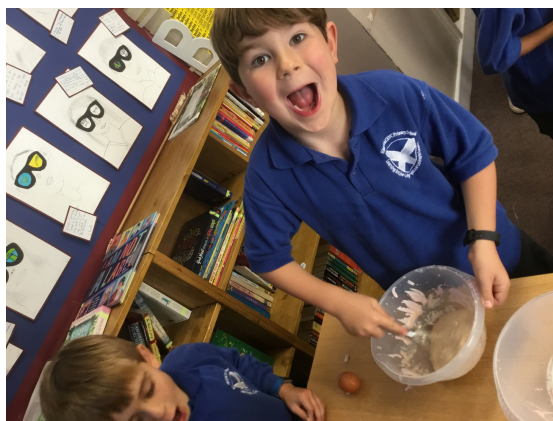
## Walking Bus

This takes place each Thursday and leaves from the car park at Cross Hills Coop at 8.30am. Please sign up for free on Parent Pay.

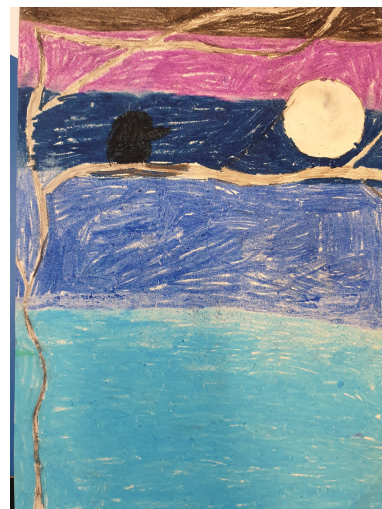
# Learning to Live

## Extra-curricular clubs

We have had a fantastic response to clubs this half term. Please note that clubs do not run on the first and last week of each half term. Unfortunately, there won't be a running club due to the dark nights. I will be writing to you shortly regarding some further Cross Country events. Below you will find our timetable of extra-curricular clubs commencing after half term - further details on how to book etc to follow.



Monday -	Choir KS2 Kanga Sports – KS2
Tuesday -	Sewing / Craft – KS1 & 2 Kanga – KS1
Wednesday -	Dance – KS1 Cookery Club – KS2
Thursday -	Mini Ringers





# Living to Love

## **PTA – A message from Gemma Harling**

A warm welcome to parents, caregivers and friends of Kildwick school. My name is Gemma Harling and I am the current chair of the PTA. I have a daughter who is in Kingfishers (Year 3) and a younger son who will be attending in 2023.

Our PTA is about much more than simply fundraising. The PTA exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff and parents together socially in support of the school.

## **How can I help?**

There are so many ways you can help -

- Sell raffle tickets
- Donate raffle prizes
- Chaperone the school discos
- Entertain at the school discos
- Run one of the stalls at our summer/Christmas fair for an hour
- Help in preparation of the fairs
- Build us a game for the school fair
- Prepare food
- Run errands

## **Who can help?**

Although it is called the Parent Teacher Association, we are lucky to have involvement from not only parents (both mums and dads) but grandparents and friends which include parents who have stayed on to help even when their children have grown.

## **I can't attend meetings can I still help?**

Absolutely - We have held meetings via zoom for those unable to attend but would like to take part. You will also receive notes from the meetings to keep you informed alongside our Whatsapp and Facebook group. If you would like more information or would like to join us please feel free to approach me in the playground, contact us through our Facebook page, email us [kildwickpta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kildwickpta@hotmail.co.uk) or text me on 07792845885.



## Happy Birthday to you!

Imogen - Class 3

Thomas - Class 2

Ruby - Class 4

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Harry - Class 4

Archie - Class 2

Charlie - Class 5



### **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.



# Living to Love

## Defibrillator

The defibrillator is now installed. A big well done to the Key Stage Two children, Mrs Fothergill and Mrs Fenlan for all their hard work and fundraising efforts. The children raised £648.00 and additional funds were donated by a parent who does not wish to be named but to whom we are extremely grateful. The defibrillator is there for our whole community and we are very proud that the children have been able to do this for the people of Kildwick and Farnhill.



## World Toilet Day

On Friday 19th November we will be fundraising for World Toilet Day. World Toilet Day is an official United Nations international observance day on 19 November to inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. Worldwide, 4.2 billion people live without "safely managed sanitation" and around 673 million people practice open defecation. Each class will come up with a fundraising idea to raise enough money to buy one toilet. This means we can 'twin' all of our toilets to another toilet (funded by us) somewhere in the world. The staff will also be fundraising to 'twin' the staff toilet! Please keep an eye on Google Classrooms for further details.



# Living to Love

## Harvest in Church

It was great for the community to be able to celebrate all together in church for the first time since the start of the Pandemic. Church was full and we are very grateful to Jill Wright who led the service. I received this letter from Jill and am sure she won't mind me sharing it with you all.

*Dear Mr Whitehead, staff and pupils,*

*I'm writing on behalf of the people of St Andrew's church to say a very big thank you to you all for bringing your Harvest gifts to school last week. They made a lovely display in church on Friday, when we could see them on the altar.*

*On Saturday morning, we moved them off the altar and put them on two smaller tables in front, so that all the people who came to church on Sunday could see them. Everyone was very pleased – and very impressed at how generous you have been.*

*Today, Year 6 helped Chris, Sandie and me to pack up all the gifts and put them in our car. On Wednesday morning, we'll take them to the Skipton Food Bank. I rang them this morning and they are very pleased to hear that we are going with your gifts.*

*Thank you all for being generous – and please say thank you to the people at home, too.*

*Best wishes.*

*Jill Wright*





# Loving to Learn

## **Class 3 Kingfishers and Class 4 Owls visit to local Bronze and Iron Age burial grounds.**

Class 3 & 4 walked along the canal and onto Bradley Moor. First, they went to the long barrow, a Neolithic burial site. There they talked about how, when the site was excavated in 1930, burnt and unburnt bones and some flints were found which dated from the Neolithic period. The children discussed the different types of burials from the

Paleolithic, through Mesolithic and Neolithic to Bronze Age and what changed and what stayed the same. Finally, they went to the round cairn Bronze Age burial site and talked about what historians think about Bronze Age burials.



# Loving to Learn

## Nell Bank Trip

The Reception children enjoyed their first ever school trip last week. They read the story of 'Tidy' and spent time thinking about how to look after our world. The Nell Bank staff commented on the children's enthusiasm and Miss Akrigg was extremely proud of all the children.



Year One and Two children will be going on their trip on 21st October, please make sure you have paid and/or consented via parent pay as soon as possible.



# Loving to Learn

## Parent Consultation - Monday 1st November

This term our parent consultations will be held on Monday 1st November from 12:30pm - 5:30pm. Appointments from 12:30pm - 3:30pm will be virtual appointments and from 3:30pm onwards appointments will take place in school.

This is to meet the varied needs of all parents and carers. If you have already met with your child's class teacher this year and do not feel another appointment is necessary, please do not feel obliged to make one. Details of how to book have been emailed.



## School Music Group

We are looking to establish a music group / band in school and this will run as an extra-curricular club after school each Thursday until 4.10pm for KS2 pupils. If your child has started to learn an instrument or has been having lessons a while, then please do consider joining this club. Mr Schofield, who teaches music lessons to KS1 and Year 3 will be leading the club. Mr Whitehead will be joining the band too. Please see separate email sent out this previously. If you would like more information or a conversation about this then please do email the school office.



# Loving to Learn

## Spelling Day - Friday 5th November

We will be celebrating spelling day in school on Friday 5th November. We are inviting you to send your child/ren into school dressed as something that they are able to spell. For example, a character from a book or film or an everyday object that they can spell. In the afternoon of this day, children will work in their core value houses on various spelling activities.



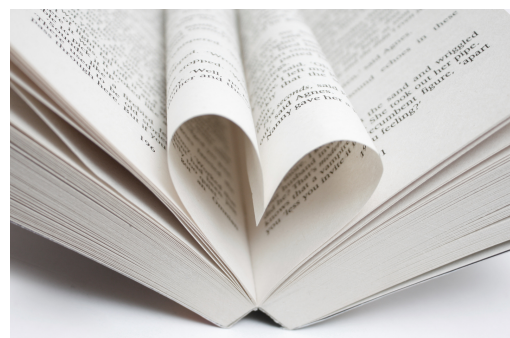
## SENDCO

A reminder that Miss Akrigg is our SENDCO in school. She will be arranging meetings with parents and carers of children with additional needs in the coming weeks. If you have any concerns or queries you would like to discuss with Miss Akrigg please contact her at [d.akrigg@kildwickce.uk](mailto:d.akrigg@kildwickce.uk)



## Reading books

We are extremely grateful to those parents who have made donations to replace the missing and damaged books in school. We have had two particularly generous donations, thank you so much! Parent Pay remains open for donations. Could we ask that children are supported and encouraged to treat books with respect and use learning packs in book bags where provided.



# Class Awards – 08/10/2021

## Class 1 – Robins

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
SEB OSCAR	LIYANNA PHOEBE	SETH TEDDY

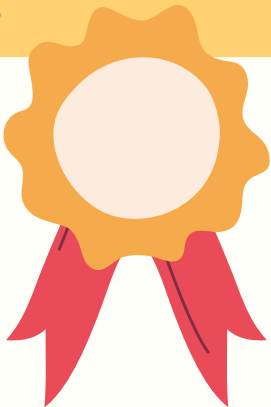


## Class 2 – Swallows

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
THOMAS	GEORGES	HARRY

## Class 3 – Kingfishers

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
MAYA	ISLA.P	OLIVIA.S



## Class 4 – Owls

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
BEN	STEFAN	IMOGEN.J

## Class 5 – Eagles

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
GEORGIA	LOTTIE	CHARLIE



# Class Awards – 15/10/2021

## Class 1 – Robins

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
ZAK	DAISY	AMELIA

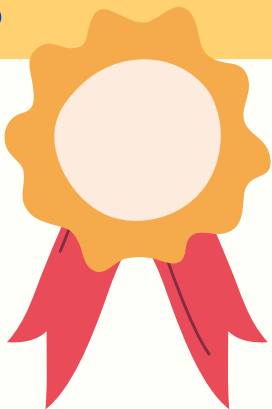


## Class 2 – Swallows

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
ETHAN	JUDE	ARCHIE.D LAWRENCE

## Class 3 – Kingfishers

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
SUSANNA	LOUIE	NIC



## Class 4 – Owls

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
TOMMY	MILES	EMMA

## Class 5 – Eagles

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
LOUIE	FINLAY	JACK

