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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been an absolute pleasure to welcome everyone back this week and to experience that heart-warmingly, familiar 'buzz' around school once again! Everyone has slotted straight back into the routines of the 'current' school experience, seeming genuinely happy to be back together. Thank you to everyone for adhering to the current safety measures which have undoubtedly contributed to a stress-free, successful return!

Jigsaw PSHE Programme

This week our children have been welcoming their new Jigsaw Friends into their classes. The Jigsaw Friends, collectively known as The Jiggies, are used in the main as the 'talking object' in circle discussions. The children and staff pass the particular Friend for their class around the circle and when holding the Jigsaw Friend it is your turn to talk or to offer a suggestion, experience or feeling relevant to the discussion (if you choose to). The Jigsaw Friends also act as distancing tools so that children can talk about potentially more sensitive issues without referring directly to themselves.

There are six Puzzles in Jigsaw that are designed to progress in sequence from the start of each academic year:

Term 1: Being Me in My World

Term 2: Celebrating Difference (including anti-bullying)

Term 3: Dreams and Goals

Term 4: Healthy Me

Term 5: Relationships

Term 6: Changing Me (including Sex Education)

Each Puzzle has six Pieces (lessons) which work towards an 'end product', for example, The School Learning Charter or The Garden of Dreams and Goals. Each Piece has two Learning Intentions: one is based on specific PSHE learning and one is based on emotional literacy and social skills development. The whole school works on the same Puzzle at the same time, meaning that each Puzzle can be launched with a whole-school assembly and learning can be celebrated by the whole school in a meaningful way.

As we have launched the scheme mid-way through the year, we have chosen to begin with 'Being Me in My World' and will complete this 'puzzle' in all classes before Easter.

On Tuesday, our whole school Collective Worship focussed on Kind Hands/Kind Words and today we celebrated examples of children's kindness in school.



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World Book Day Art Competition

A huge thank you to all those who entered the World Book Day art competition. We received some really high quality and wonderfully creative pieces to display in school, making the judging incredibly difficult! The winning entries have been announced in Collective Worship today and prizes will be awarded on Monday.

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Reception-Freya B
Year 1-Tom W
Year AG- Max P
Year 2 DA/LR- Luke B
Year 3- Bella G
Year 4- Dan M
Year 5- Charlotte T
Year 6 JD- Carys M
Year 6 RD- Seb J

Mr Scoreby Sessions

You will be aware that Mr Scoreby's session resumed this week and as expected, it rained! The sessions are scheduled as follows for the next two weeks:

Wednesday 17/3

9:10 -10:10 am	Year 6 JD
10:55 11:55 am	Year 4
12:25-12:55pm	Y5 Lunch Club
1:00-1:30pm	Y4 Lunch Club
1:40-2:40pm	Year 6 RD

Wednesdays 24/3

9:10 -10:10 am	Year 3
10:55 11:55 am	Year 5
12:25-12:55pm	Y5 Lunch Club
1:00-1:30pm	Y4 Lunch Club
1:40-2:40pm	Year 2

After the Easter break:

Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 will have weekly sessions during the first half term and Year 4 and Year 6 will have weekly sessions during the second half term.

We do go out in all weathers so please ensure your child has warm outdoor PE kit and a rain jacket for their scheduled sessions.

Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching

Children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 enjoyed taking part in the 'Chance to Shine' cricket coaching sessions with Joe Barr yesterday. This programme runs for four weeks and sessions will always be outside so again, please ensure that your child has a warm outdoor PE kit and rain jacket on 18/3, 25/3 and 14/4.



Explorer Virtual Visit in Y1

As part of our current Explorers topic, on Thursday we had a very exciting virtual visitor in Year 1, Dr Rachel Pateman. Dr Pateman joined us on a Google Meet and told us all about her incredible adventure to the Amazon Rainforest when she was 19 to catalogue animals. We learnt all about the many aeroplanes she went on, the sights she saw, how she washed in muddy rivers and saw some fascinating photos of the animals she met. The children came up with lots of thoughtful questions and we now have a class of budding explorers!



We want to say a massive thank you to Rachel for the time she has taken to prepare and share her incredible story. What an inspiring experience!

Miss Jarvis

York Sports Network Virtual Challenges

A huge thank you too all the children who took part in the York Sports Network Virtual Challenges during both lockdown periods. It was lovely to see the names popping up when I logged in to see how we were getting on!

The Ultimate Warrior and Speed Bounce Challenge seemed to be lots of fun and I know some children in school also had an enjoyable time completing these two tasks too.

The football challenge appeared to be the most popular and when I checked the final results last week I was so pleased to see over 125 names of children from our school had taken part.

In Y5/6 we came 2nd out of 7 teams with 8599 points, narrowly missing out on the first spot by 52 points. A brilliant achievement-well done!

In Y3/4 we came 3rd out of 8 teams with 5672 points. Another superb effort!

In Y1/2 we came 4th out of 5 teams with 2890 points. Amazing!



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Thank you to the pupils, but also to the parents who helped to support your children in taking part in these activities. I appreciate it is not always as simple as finding a ball or rolled up pair of socks and letting them have a go!!

Mrs Rowntree

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We will be getting the children as active as possible during our time in school with our usual 2 hours of P.E. per week. Not only does physical activity keep the body healthy, but I think we all know after our long periods of lockdown, that exercise is also brilliant for our mental health. We want to encourage the children to increase their levels of activity and it's great to see so many of them walking, cycling and scootering to school.

We have put extra-curricular clubs on hold until now and followed government advice. However, we feel ready to welcome a small number of coaches back into school and so we aim to provide at least one club for each year group bubble in the summer term.

These will be run by Dave Scoreby (our curriculum fitness and resilience coach) and a company called Primary Influence, who provide extra-curricular coaching in a variety of sports.

Half term 1 Y6- Mr Scoreby, Y2- Primary Influence, Y3-Primary Influence ,Y4-Primary Influence.

Half term 2 Y5 -Mr Scoreby, Y1- Primary Influence, Foundation Stage- Primary Influence, Y6- Primary Influence

Details have been sent out with this email for the clubs happening straight after Easter in half term 1. Further information will be sent out about the clubs for half term 2 nearer the time.

Many thanks for your continued support,

L.Rowntree

Comic Relief - Friday 19th March

Next week Friday is Comic Relief and to support this worthy cause we will be providing two opportunities to raise money for the charity. Firstly, Friday 19th March will be a non-uniform day and children are invited to bring in a £1 donation for Comic Relief.

As well as this, throughout next week, a Spot the Undercover Teacher competition will be running. In this competition children can pay a £1 donation to receive an entry form where they will need to work out which teachers are hiding in silly disguises! There will be a prize for the winner in every phase (EYFS, KS1, lower KS2, upper KS2) and if there are multiple correct answers the winner will be drawn out of a hat.

We ask that, in the interests of hygiene, children do not bring the traditional red noses into school.

We hope the children enjoy a chance for a bit of a giggle and thank you in advance for your support in raising money for this important charity.

Miss Jarvis



Mrs Brandon

And finally, Mrs Brandon has informed us of her intention to retire at the end of June.

I've been asked not to make a fuss! However, it needs to be said that Mrs Brandon has very effectively and efficiently managed our school office for 28 years, dealing with a myriad of activities and a multitude of interactions on a daily basis. Her business skills and knowledge and her understanding of our school and its wider community will be incredibly hard to replace. She will be very much missed by us all!

With very best wishes,



Caroline Hancy

Headteacher



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