



Reminders & diary dates:

Wed 25 Jan: Chinese New Year school meal – 12.00 noon – only for those who have booked a meal already

Fri 27 Jan: Star Dome Planetarium – Classes 1 and 2

Fri 3rd Feb: Talent Show organised by the School Council

Tue 7 Feb: Toddler morning

Tue 14 Feb: valentines disco

Chinese New Year Lunch

A reminder that lunch for the families who have booked to join pupils for the Chinese New Year lunch on Wednesday, will need to arrive at school between 11.50am and 12 noon.

Water bottles

Please can pupils bring their own water bottles to school? Children are finding cups to fill with water and sharing them. We are concerned that germs will be passed on and as we have had a number of children off school this week with a sickness bug we want to eliminate the risk of it spreading. Children are free to fill up their water bottles from our plumbed water coolers, but we are not able to provide cups for them.

Valentine's Disco

There will be a school disco on Tuesday 14th February. KS1 pupils disco will be 4.30-5.30 and KS2 disco will be 5.30-6.30. This has proved hugely popular in recent years. As usual there will be glow sticks and sweets on sale. Admission will be £1.50 to include a drink.

Sports News

A huge well done to Y5/6 for their performance at the Sports hall Athletics on Friday. The children applied their growth mindsets to the max as they competed against 6 other schools in the cluster in a number of field and track events. They were placed 3rd with 232 points and were only 6 points behind Easingwold (238) who finished 2nd; Crayke topped the table with 252 points. The children should be incredibly proud of their achievement in a highly competitive event.

Money in school

If you are sending money into school, please place it in a sealed and named envelope. We have been receiving loose 50ps for the talent show and not sure who has or has not paid. We would hate to deny any child their 5 minutes of fame!

Star Dome Planetarium

All pupils in classes 1 and 2 will be participating in an exciting adventure next Friday morning when we will be visited by a professional astronomer who will take the children on a magical trip into the night sky in the Star Dome to find the star patterns, or constellations. The last time this came to school children thoroughly enjoyed experiencing being inside the night sky. Thank you to those parents and carers who have contributed. Although we can only ask for a voluntary contribution towards this activity, to date we have had a disappointing response. As school will need to subsidise the event more significantly than originally hoped, this will have an impact on the feasibility on future visits and class activities. If you have not yet sent in a donation towards this activity, but wish to do so, please can we ask that you send at your earliest convenience?

There was no sharing assembly last week.

Class 1: In class 1 this week, we have been concentrating on counting, reading, ordering and writing numbers. We have had a go at working out which numbers were missing from calculations (and from a hundred square!) and year 1 worked on number bonds and adding on. Year 1 have been busy in literacy too, creating a story plan about an alien adventure, then using it to help them write their amazing stories. Reception have been trying to be more

independent in their learning, writing cvc words and short sentences, thinking about capital letters, full stops and letter formation. We have continued our space work and enjoyed learning a bit more about the planets in our solar system from some singing planets. We also learnt about the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000. We shared 5 (mini) loaves and 2 fish amongst the class. Our 'congregation' thoroughly enjoyed the food, so there were definitely no baskets of left-overs. None at all!

Class 2 In Class 2 this week, we have unpicked the story of 'Way Back Home'. We watched the animation, recounted the story and have written conversations between the boy and the alien, who found themselves stranded on the moon. In maths, we have investigated capacity. Year 2 and 3 have focused on estimating and measuring capacity and volumes of liquid. In Year 4, we have challenged ourselves by converting units. In our topic work, Class 2 have had a heated debate about the space race. Half the class were Soviets and the other half American. They had to persuade the other side that they had won the space race.

Class 3: Well the highlight of the week was the Y4/5/6 trip to Bradford. The children were a pleasure to take out for the day. We learnt a lot about the mosque including how to say it in Islamic (masjid) and the children found out the similarities there are with the Christian faith as well as the differences. They asked sensible questions when they had the opportunity. When we headed on to the IMAX children were in awe at some of the 3D images during the Space Station film (and I have to say I was also impressed!) Even with a busy day out we have still managed plenty of other learning; Year 6 have been giving their brains a good workout with BODMAS and Year 5 have been using their reasoning skills to pick the best method to use for different types of subtraction. In English we have completed our 'flashbacks' learning with writing a pensive memory of an adult we know as if we are there. In science we recorded our solar system videos which required Miss Goodchild bringing in a rather large pack of toilet roll! In DT we finished planning our moon buggy frames next week we just need to decide measurements and begin sawing!

Thank you for your continued support



Class 3 at the Sports Hall athletics



Years 4/5/6 at the Mosque in Bradford





Years 4/5/6 at the Imax Cinema and the National Media Museum in Bradford

