



Reminders & diary dates:

- 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
- Fri 17 Feb: 3.20pm school closes half term
- Mon 27th Feb: school opens

We welcomed mums, dads, grandparents and other family members into school on Wednesday when they joined us for our Chinese New Year. It really is a wonderful opportunity for family members to experience and participate in a different aspect of our school day – with the added bonus of enjoying a meal at the same time!

Space arrived at school today in the form of a mobile Star Dome Planetarium. Children were enthralled to physically experience the feeling of total darkness and explore the night sky in its entirety. Budding astronomers from class 2 be telling you how to spot the Plough, Orion and the North Star and Class 1 will be able to point out the Big Bear and tell you how it moves through the night sky. You can test their knowledge of what they learned about planets, which is the largest and what they have been named after.

Menu change

Please note, that on the Thursday of week 1 of this term's school lunch menu, there will be a change. Home-made beefburgers will be served instead of the Mexican bean pot.

Baguettes

A increasing number of children are opting for the baguette meal choice each day. This was offered as an alternative for children who did not like what was on offer for that day's meal. We encourage children to have a hot meal, especially during the colder months and would ask that you check with your child that they are making the meal choice you want them to.

Sports News

The first week of our Friday Fit club run by Young Leaders from Ampleforth was a success. Just a reminder that the club finishes at 4pm the students have to leave and get back as they have another lesson. We are changing children earlier in the day to maximise their time at the club.

Talent Show

This will start at 1.30pm and acts will be a maximum of 3 minutes. Teachers will begin auditions next week. If you would like to come and watch the talent show, please can we ask that you come for the whole event out of respect for all entrants. Last year we had parents arriving and leaving throughout the afternoon which was disruptive for some of the acts.

Book Events

We have been sent some book events being held at Waterstones in York that may be of interest to parents or children:

- Book Launch with Hazel Stevens - join us as author Hazel Stevens launches her new novel, Our Ede. Waterstones store: York Date of event: 26/01/2017 Time: 19:00 - 20:30
- Meet Jack Sheffield - meet Jack Sheffield, author of the fabulous 'Teacher' series, as he joins us to sign copies of the tenth installment, Happiest Days. Waterstones store: York Date of event: 28/01/2017 Time: 13:00 - 14:00
- Harry Potter Book Night - calling all young witches and wizards...Get ready to share the magic as it is Harry Potter Book Night! Waterstones store: York Date of event: 02/02/2017 Time: 18:00 - 19:30

Winners of the awards from last week's assembly



Class 1: have had another very exciting week!

It started on Monday with a visit from a real Doctor with her amazing Doctor's bag! Mrs Simpson (Dr Iredale) was able to answer a whole range of diverse questions (and reassure us that our cuts, grazes and scabs were nothing to worry about, as trouser legs were hitched up and socks pulled down to get a professional opinion!). We celebrated the Chinese New Year (鸡年吉祥 – 'Good luck for this Rooster year!'), finding out how the Chinese get ready for New Year, the story behind the Chinese New Year and all the animals, which animal year we were born in and making a Chinese Dragon to dance with. And on Friday we had an amazing space experience, but we will let your children tell you all about that! In amongst all the excitement, we have also been comparing and weighing items, using a good range of mathematical vocabulary to describe and using the balance (and see-saw!) to check our predictions. We weighed ingredients to make yummy buns too! Then ate them all up!

Class 2 This week, the children have been writing character descriptions. We have tried starting sentences in different ways and have begun to think about the personality and actions a character would use. In maths, the children have been investigating mass and weight. We have estimated, weighed and calculated how heavy various objects are. We have also been lucky enough to have the stardome into school. The children have had a fantastic time leaning about the different constellations and some of the stories which have been made about them. In our topic work, we have made space capsules for our "eggonauts". We will test how successfully they can return to the Earth's surface next week.

Class 3 have had a great week and been incredibly busy. This week we have completed our learning on place value, addition and subtraction. Children have been working on their reasoning skills this week and applying their knowledge across areas of maths such as metric measurements. We will now move onto some shape and space learning. In English we have begun a new unit based on persuasion. We used the texts 'The Tin Forest' and 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish' to stimulate some thinking on recycling which will be the basis for our persuasive writing as we move on. I'm also hoping the Tin Forest will be a stimulus we can use as part of a 'Seed to Table' project and competition we will take part in for part of our outdoor learning as the year goes on. It's a really lovely picture book-I'd recommend it for any parent. Science and topic was a combined session based on the moon and the moon landing. We had a brilliant discussion about the moon landing-there were lots of children with plenty of knowledge to share and a lot of children with questions. We wrote a diary entry as if we were Neil Armstrong and drew 'maps of the moon-they didn't believe the moon had seas till they researched! In RE children have continued to put their mosque visit to good use by developing 'virtual tours' using the photos taken and the knowledge they ascertained.

Thank you for your continued support

Where's Church this week?

Sunday 29th January 2017

10.30am Holy Communion and Confirmation at St Nicholas, Husthwaite

This week is one of our special services with all our seven churches together. The bishop of Selby is coming to lead the service and will be doing a confirmation as part of the service. All welcome.

Best wishes,

Revd Liz

Inside the Star Dome

