



Reminders & diary dates:

Tue 3 Jan: staff training day

Wed 4 Jan: school opens - spring term starts

Fri 13 Jan: Toddler morning

Fri 13 Jan: After school sports club starts

Fri 13 Jan: Y5/6 sportshall event @ Galtres Centre (separate letter to follow)

Tue 17 Jan: Y4/5/6 trip to Bradford

Wed 25 Jan: Chinese New Year school meal – families invited

Tue 7 Feb: Toddler morning

Tue 14 Feb: valentines disco

A Happy New Year to you all and hope you all had a lovely and relaxing Christmas break! We have welcomed the children back into school and the start of the spring term. This half term's topic is 'to infinity and beyond' looking at space investigation and Neil Armstrong. We also welcome into school this term Mr Chapman (teacher in Class 2) and Mrs Fielding (TA in Class 1).

Y4/5/6 Bradford Trip:

A reminder that all permission slips and money need to be handed in by Monday 9th January.

Clubs

Clubs on offer during the spring term are attached on a separate letter. If your child wants to attend a lunchtime club there is no need for parent permission. However, we do need parental permission for Mr Warriner's after school sports club on a Monday. If your child attended Miss Goodchild's film club last term, there is no need to fill out a new permission slip – this club runs continuously throughout the academic year. This club is full and we cannot take any more children.

Sharing assembly

Parents are welcome to join in our sharing assembly on a Friday afternoon – 2.45pm. However, there will be no sharing assembly on Friday 13th January due to a sporting event.

Chinese New Year lunch

Please find attached a separate letter regards parents/relatives of pupils being invited to join children for a Chinese New Year lunch on Wednesday 25th January. All replies must be received by 11th January.

Class 1: Happy New Year and welcome back!!! The children have come back ultra excited (but still quite sleepy – the Christmas holidays are SOOOO busy!) and receptive to learning. This week we have got straight back into learning, looking at numbers in the numerical and written form, writing notes to the man in the moon (his name is David!) and started to really embrace our Space topic. The children have been so excited by the spaceship that is under construction and have had loads of fun going on an alien hunt. RE included more smelly stuff, but this time it was frankincense and myrrh rather than donkey poo! We also welcome Mrs Fielding, who will work with us on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week – she has settled right in and is an amazing addition to Class 1. In nursery, we say a HUGE HELLO to Henry, who now joins us on Friday mornings. We hope they both have lots of fun in Class 1 at Husthwaite.

Class 2 have been working hard this first week back. It has been fantastic to see all the children ready and eager to learn and they have all been very welcoming in my first week at Husthwaite.

In English we have started looking at Biographies. This is linked to our new topic for the half term 'Space', where we will be finding out all about Tim Peake. In maths we have been focusing on measure. The children have measured, estimated, compared and started to calculate different lengths. Please remember P.E kits need to be in school on Mondays and Thursdays.

Class 3: Happy New Year! Class 3 have come back in good form and ready to learn. This week in English we have had a grammar focus, revising terminology and answering grammar questions. In maths we have had some place value consolidation which will lead us into our negative integers learning next week. Y6 were introduced to the new organisation for Thursday morning SATs booster and we discussed organising our time to enable us to successfully attempt our practice papers that will come home. The before school arithmetic sessions will begin next Thurs for any of Y6 that wish to attend (all Y6 received letters about extra booster sessions before the holidays). Y5 were also introduced to their new maths target question books that school invested in to help with problem solving questions: they will do these on Thursdays. We kicked off our topic 'To Infinity and Beyond!' by looking at how we first found out about space and what was used. The children wrote a short play, that they will act out next week, based on Galileo and the telescope and in Science we looked at Prof Brian Cox's Star Gazing programmes and began thinking about known space facts and how we could prove them in a short film of our own.

Thank you for your continued support

Where's Church this week?

Sunday 8th January

9am Morning Prayer at Coxwold

10.30am Joint service with the Methodists at Husthwaite Chapel.

6.30pm at Husthwaite - a quiet, informal service with bible study and prayer. Great to wind down before the start of the working week. All welcome.

Best wishes

Rev Liz

