



**Robert
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PRIMARY ACADEMY

Newsletter

THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 2023



What an action packed half term we have had in school. Despite the cold and wet weather our children continue to impress us with their resilience and excellent learning behaviour both in school and when representing our school in the wider community. We are looking forward to tomorrow's Easter hat competition and awarding those Easter Egg prizes that have made my office smell delicious for the last week. Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to seeing everyone back for our busy (and hopefully sunny) summer term.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Once more our children continue to impress us with their sporting talent.

- Our Year 5/6 football team competed in the North of England Regional finals in Sunderland and they won! They now qualify to play in the National finals in May.
- Our boys' and girls' football teams represented our school and York City in the North Eastern finals. Our girls' team were finalists and earned a place in the next round where they reached the semi finals.
- In hockey, our teams played at York High and won places in the next round after Easter.
- Our dance group from Year 6 wowed the audiences with their Dance of the Decades at the festival held at York High.

CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT JOSEPH ROWNTREE THEATRE

Our school choir have been very busy! They performed at the Joseph Rowntree Theatre in York to a packed audience earlier this month. They then attended a workshop and performance at York University with other local choirs in the Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall. They have become seasoned confident performers and sound amazing.

FIRST EVER RWPA MUSIC COMPETITION

Key Stage 2 children and staff were treated to an entertaining morning of music from our class finalists. Mrs McCartney and Mrs Lord (Chair of Governors) had the onerous task of choosing the winner. Congratulations to Rory from Year 5 who was declared the winner. A special mention to Jai for fabulous drumming.

RADIO SHOW WAS A HIT!

Thank you to everyone who tuned in live to our first ever Radio broadcast. What an amazing day the children had. The end result was professional and the children demonstrated great confidence with their live show. If you were unable to listen live there is still chance to listen to the recording. The organiser was impressed by our children and we had the highest number of live listeners across the schools who have taken part. We even had listeners from France, Cyprus, Portugal, India and even the USA! Due to this success we are looking into how this can become a regular and exciting part of our school curriculum, watch this space!

STEM WEEK

What a fantastic week we had last week undertaking a variety of projects across school.

A big thank you to all the children who brought in entries for the STEM competition, the ideas we received were fantastic and the children had obviously spent a lot of time thinking about their water saving device ideas. The governors definitely had a hard time judging the winners!!

The final decisions were:

- Reception: Kieran
- Year 1: Peter
- Year 2: Flo
- Year 3: Alexander
- Year 4: Joey
- Year 5: Lily
- Year 6: Henry

The gadget shop was also a great success again this year, firstly a big thank you to the fabulous Year sixes who helped to run this. We raised a massive £522, 50% of which- £261- we will be donating to Water Aid - thank you parents for your support with this.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Following a change to our attendance policy which reflects the Department of Education drive for improved attendance, we are now obliged to inform the City of York Council of any unauthorised leave of absence requests. This is now resulting in fines being issued for periods of 10 or more sessions within a year, this is the equivalent to 5 days. These fines are payable directly to and retained by the council.

STACEY SOLOMAN'S TOP TIP

We are aware (and as frustrated as you are) that despite many changes in whiteboard pens we are still unable to find ones that wash out easily. However, while chilling in front of the TV I heard that acetone removes the pen from clothing. I admit that I haven't tried it but it's worth a go. If any one has any inside info on pens that do come out PLEASE let us know.

COLOURING COMPETITION TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION

Our school will be marking this historic event by planting a tree in the autumn. A special plaque to be installed next to the tree. This is where you come in!

Every pupil at each of Ebor Academy Trust's 23 schools are invited to colour in the outline of King Charles' head, opposite. You can use pens or paint, or you could make a collage using pictures from a magazine. The outline could contain lots of little drawings or shapes or patterns. Use your imagination!

The best entry from each school, in the opinion of the judges, will have their design preserved for ever on a special plaque and there are prizes for the winners.

Please hand in your completed entry (with your name and class) to your teacher by 9am on Monday 24 April. A printed version of the template will be sent home with the children tomorrow.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Check below for updates

DATE	ACTIVITY
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Friday 31st March	Closing date for Trees consultation. Please see Parenthub for the link Easter Bonnet parade School closes for Easter holidays
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 17th April	Children return to school Year 4 pedestrian training
Tuesday 18th April	Year 4 pedestrian training
Wednesday 19th April	Service Families cafe 2.30pm Brown Hall
Monday 1st May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY FOR CORONATION
Tuesday 9th May- Friday 12th May	Year 6 SATS tests in school
Friday 26th May	School closes for half term
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Wednesday 7th June	Year 6 residential trip departs
Friday 9th June	Year 6 residential trip returns
Monday 12th June	Class photos
Wednesday 14th June	New Reception starters evening for parents 6pm
Friday 23rd June	Sports day
Week Commencing 26th June	New classes announced

Wednesday 28th June	Year 6 transition day at Huntington
Friday 30th June	Back up sports day
Monday 3rd July- Friday 7th July	Sports week
Monday 3rd July	EYFS reports out to parents
Tues 4th, Wed 5th and Thur 6th July	EYFS parents evening appointments
Friday 14th July	Disco night
Tuesday 18th July	Reports out to parents
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6 Graduation event
Friday 21st July	Children break up at noon FORW tuck shop open at the end of school
Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th July	Staff training days
SUMMER HOLIDAY	
Monday 4th September 2023	Staff training day
Tuesday 5th September	Children return to school

We will also add these dates to the school calendar on our website for your reference.

Keeping children safe is everybody's responsibility

If you are worried about a child you can speak in confidence to your local children's safeguarding team on 01904 551900


Please be aware your school's safeguarding lead is Mrs Evans and they are available in school hours to discuss your concerns.

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Have a great Easter break,
Best wishes
Donna Bedfor

Headteacher



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Kids fancy dress disco - 9th April
1pm-4pm @
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FREE ENTRY



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