

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Letter 28

Dear Parents/Carers,



### **April Article 24**

Everyone has a right to  
health care

## **Next Week at School**

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Arete Safeguarding lead visiting school 3.20pm KS2 Mr Scaife after school sports club Year 5 Rescheduled Parent Teacher Consultation
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Cycling for all hosted at Broomfield 7.00pm FOBS meeting – all welcome to attend
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Y5/6 Dynamo Cricket competition 6.00pm Karate Club (external provider)
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Year 5 Rescheduled Parent Teacher Consultation
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	KS1 Celebration assembly 3.20pm Mr Darcy After School Football club

The weekly letter is now also on the school website under the newsletter tab.

Attendance for each year group this week is:				<b>Well done this week to Year 2 for the highest attendance in school!</b> <b>Please remember to call us before 9.00am if your child is absent.</b> <b>If you don't contact us, we will call you and work down our contact list.</b> <b>If we still cannot contact you, we may come to your house to do a welfare check.</b>
Reception	99%	Year 4	95.5%	
Year 1	94.6%	Year 5	96.1%	
Year 2	99.6%	Year 6	86.5%	
Year 3	92.7%	Whole School	95.4%	
Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Fiona Sharp Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Mr Dave Fenn Safeguarding Governor – Mr Richard Shuttleworth				

I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday. I am getting lots of holiday requests at the moment, please may I remind you that I am unable to authorise holidays as part of the DfE changes to attendance. Holidays over 5 days are likely to end up with a fine. I have added the information below which we have been following since September.

### **STAFFING**

Please be patient with us at the moment. Miss Richardson is absent in the school office and will be absent for the foreseeable future. Mrs Bateson is doing a fantastic job in the meantime, however we are working to get temporary support in place as soon as possible.

We welcome some new support staff – Miss Jackson who is working full time in the year 3 class, Miss Ainsley working Monday to Wednesday in Year 5 and Miss Murray afternoons in year 4.

Mrs Kitching has had her operation during the holidays and she is now recovering at home. Mrs Waggett is covering her two days teaching in her absence.

### **PRESCHOOL GETS THE GO AHEAD FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

On Wednesday, we heard from the Department for Education that we can lower our school age to take children from the age of 2 into our own preschool from September.

This is very exciting news and we are busy getting the preschool classroom set up. If you are interested in a child starting with us, please contact the school office.

Do you have any wooden train track we could have or any cars/tractors other vehicles, (not really small ones) which can be used with 2 and 3 year old children. Please send any in to the school office. Thank you in advance.

### **VE DAY 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY ADVANCE WARNING**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May it is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day. We are planning on doing games sessions in the morning and then having an afternoon tea. Please can children wear items of red/white/blue no football kits please. We will send your child home with a decorated bag and ask that they bring no more than 3 items of food which they will eat at our picnic. If they have a picnic blanket they can bring in on the day, that would also be much appreciated.

### **SPRING REPORTS**

The spring reports have been emailed out tonight. Apologies they would normally go out before Easter, however due to the changes over Easter with our IT system we were unable to send them out in time.

### **YEAR 3/4 GIRLS FOOTBALL**

We were represented brilliantly by our fantastic year 3/4 girls football team on Wednesday this week. They travelled to Thirsk High School to take on other girls' teams from all over the Hambleton region. It was the biggest girls football event to ever be held in our area with 19 teams and was amazing to see so many young girls enjoying the game. Our team did outstandingly, improving with every game after some narrow loses to begin, we enjoyed a 4-0 victory, a 5-1 win and a nail-biting 2-1 triumph too. Many of the girls had never played before, but showed excellent resilience, great strength and brilliant enthusiasm. I think they've all now got the football bug and will make some Lionesses of the future!



### **CHANGES TO ATTENDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION SINCE 19TH AUGUST 2024**

The Department for Education have recently updated their statutory guidance as they try to raise attendance in primary schools. As part of this, they have made changes to the Penalty Notice Fines.

Penalty Notice Fines are considered when there have been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

From the autumn term 2024, only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate

1. The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
2. A second penalty notice (within 3 years), issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
3. A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Fiona Sharp

## FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – WE WILL ADD MORE AS THEY OCCUR

Date	Event
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5/6 Dynamo cricket competition
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for Bank holiday Monday
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE day 80 <sup>th</sup> anniversary Year 3/4 Dynamo cricket competition FOBS Family bingo night
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS assessment week
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	5.45pm Governor meeting 5
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School breaks up at 3.20pm for May half term holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 4 multiplication assessment fortnight
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Premises health and safety visit
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Sports hall athletics
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics assessment week
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3/4 Sports hall athletics
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	English Hub visit day 3
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 Mini-tennis competition Year 6 Residential visit to London to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Richmond School transition day 1

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Richmond School transition day 2
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 SFX School transition day 1
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 SFX School transition day 2
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Governor and Areté school visit
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	FOBS Summer fair
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July to lunch time Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Thirsk Secondary transition day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Bedale High School transition day 1
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Bedale High School transition day 2 Y 1/2 Multi-skills competition
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Northallerton School transition day 1 Whole school transition morning 1
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Northallerton School transition day 2 Whole school transition morning 2
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	5.45pm Governor meeting 6
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30pm Break up for the summer holidays