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Dear Families,

**Weekly Flood Update**

This week has seen the final strip out of any remaining fixtures and fittings and the first stages of the reinstatement has finally begun. The plastering work has been completed and the joiners have been busy fitting the new skirting boards and starting the installation of classroom sink units. We have been in very regular contact with all of the different contractors this week to ensure that works move as rapidly as possible. The contract Manager is currently putting a proposed timeline together, but is awaiting confirmation of dates from some subcontractors and details for the lead in times for materials. We are optimistically aiming for works being completed by the Easter holiday, as long as there are no hiccups along the way! We will continue to keep you all updated, but I am sure that you will all join me in celebrating that there is definitely light at the end of the tunnel!

**Booking After School Club Places**

Please could we politely remind parents to book places for our after school clubs by the end of the day on Friday for the following week. This is so that we can ensure that we have enough resources for the sessions and that we have the appropriate staffing in place. We have limited numbers of places for each of our clubs, so booking is essential. The advance booking is particularly important for our popular cooking club sessions, where we need to buy the ingredients in advance. We appreciate that there may be emergencies where you will need to book a place at short notice, but this should only be for occasional sessions. We appreciate your support in making sure that we have a more consistent approach to the booking of places.

**Lifeboat Books**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Darren Marshall from the Robin Hood's Bay Lifeboat Guild. He has been in to school to meet all of our Reception children this week and did a really engaging talk about the local lifeboat service. As part of the session, he presented each child with their own book named about the Robin Hood's Bay Lifeboat. I hope that all of our families will enjoy reading this local story together and talking about the importance of the brave RNLI teams.

**Rotary Club - Young Writer Success**

We are delighted to share that two of our Fylingdales children have been extremely successful in the Rotary Club Young Writers competition. Millie has been awarded 1st place in the Whitby heat of the Rotary Young Writer Competition 2021/22 for the 7-10 years category. Charlie was also the youngest entrant to receive a highly commended for his entry to the competition and they will both receive a prize for their achievement.

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The Rotary Club of Whitby & District is part of the Rotary District 1040, which includes over 100 Rotary Clubs across Yorkshire, Humberside and North Lincolnshire. The competition is open to children from all of the schools in the area and, this year, the children were asked to write a short story linked to the theme of 'The Environment'. Millie's winning entry will now go forward to take part in the District 1040 Final. If successful, her story will then compete in the National Final of the Rotary Young Writer Competition 2021/22. I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating both children for this fantastic achievement and we wish Millie lots of luck in the next rounds. The children's winning entries can be found at the end of this week's newsletter.

### **School Meals**

The menu for next week will be as follows

	Main Meal	Please note that a choice of jacket potato is offered as an alternative on a daily basis (while stocks last).  Desserts will vary daily as these are prepared at Eskdale School and transported daily.
Monday	Pizza	
Tuesday	Chicken Pasta	
Wednesday	Minced Beef with Yorkshire Puddings	
Thursday	Sausages	
Friday	Fish Fingers	

### **Covid Update**

From Monday 17 January, there has been a further change to the self-isolation guidance. The guidance now states that people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. If any children get a positive lateral flow test, please follow this revised guidance and keep school informed about return dates. We have also seen the National Announcement about the removal of Plan B measures, which means that the wearing of masks in communal areas will be ceasing from 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support in keeping our community safe.

If you require any help or further clarification, please contact the school office.

### **Family First**

Please see below a link to an e-newsletter which we have been asked to circulate to all families. This link directs to a free family magazine, we hope you find it to be interesting and informative.

[Family First - Winter 2021/22 by Seven Star Media - Issuu](#)

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### **Staff Vacancies**

We are advertising for a new midday supervisor to start as soon as possible, so if you know anyone who may be interested in the role, you will be able to find the details on the following link – <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>, and application packs can be sourced by contacting the school office. Please note the closing date for this position is midnight on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.

We are also advertising for an Administration Assistant to work in the Federation. This is an exciting opportunity to join our Federation family, so if you know anyone who could join Mrs Jefferson as the welcoming face of the schools, then please signpost them to the job specification which can be found on the North Yorkshire County Council website or via the link below. The closing date for this post is 9am on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

[Click here to access the job advert on the NYCC site.](#)

### **Dates for the Diary**

*Unfortunately, due to the current situation across the district with Covid, our inter school sporting events are being cancelled for this half term. We are also limiting any events this half term in order to keep our community as safe as possible. We hope to resume a fuller schedule of events later in the year.*

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Solve It Group	2.15pm. This is our Parent forum group meeting. In order to manage our covid safety, we will hold this meeting via zoom. We appreciate this is more challenging than a face to face meeting but we hope that we can return to face to face meetings in Spring 2.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day	Classes will all be doing a range of activities linked to Online safety linked to the theme 'All fun and Games'
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 Visit to York	KS2 across the federation will be visiting York, going to York Chocolate Story and also York Minster. School uniform must be worn for this visit and also a packed lunch is needed.
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Close for February half term	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Fylingdales Parent Consultation Evening	More details to follow
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Hawsker Parent Consultation Evening	More details to follow

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

*Helen Thompson*

Mrs Helen Thompson  
Executive Headteacher

Environment: A little bird told me... by Millie

There was once a little swallow, her name was Sky. She was both brave and beautiful.

One sunny afternoon she was flying over Whitby when she noticed a group of people gathered around a sign on a footpath. She flew down and overheard someone saying, *"they are going to tear down all the beautiful trees and plants on the old railway line to widen it and put a hard surface down!"*

*"What?!"* Sky whispered, *"I must tell the others immediately!"*

Sky rushed to tell the wise owl who knew all the woodland creatures. They agreed that they would pass the message around as quickly as possible, so that all the birds and animals could remind the passers-by of the old railway line's beauty and that it was their home.

Sky was weary so visited her favourite garden in Robin Hoods Bay to rest. Her friend nanna was outside, and she asked Sky why she looked so worried. Sky shared her tale and nanna was horrified *"We will help you; we must stop this together!"* she declared.

Nanna and Sky put together a plan – every creature would have a part to play. Butterflies would dance around children's heads, deer would race in the fields alongside the bikers on the track, bats would put on sunset displays, trees would whisper in the breeze invitingly, flowers would bloom just as people walked by, and birds would sing their most beautiful songs as a calming melody. Other creatures would appear when passers-by least expected it, to remind people of the magic that the old railway line held.

Very soon on the track, children's laughter filled the air, adults walked hand in hand, families went on nature walks, and people who usually rushed took the time to appreciate what was around them. People really started caring for the track, picking up litter, planting seeds, repairing fences and so much more.

In the background nanna and her two granddaughters Millie and Eva, organised petitions, put up posters, gave news interviews, encouraged wildlife groups and the local schools to support their plan, and researched endangered species that lived along the old railway line.

Hundreds of local people joined the fight to save the old railway line, with people from all over the UK sending ideas and supporting messages.

At last, they received the amazing news that their plan had worked, and the old railway line would be protected for generations to come to enjoy.

To celebrate, everyone who loved the track gathered for one big party, music filled the air while animals leapt with joy and humans danced through the night. To end the party everyone sat peacefully together to watch the beautiful sunrise full of many colours that flooded the old railway line with dazzling light.

Environment by Charlie

Hi, I'm Keith the Koala and I live in the Australian outback, up a eucalyptus tree. One day I saw a bit of reddish orange far away. I could hear a distant crackle and smell and taste smoke. The reddish orange thing seemed like a rising fire coming towards me in rage with heat. I was terrified of the hotness in the air that kept coming towards me. The fire was getting closer by the second and soon enough it was like a forcefield of fire caging around on me. Thankfully there was a noise of what sounded like water and the forcefield of fire transformed into a thick layer of smoke, I couldn't breathe. I felt like I was going to die.

Around about what felt like an eternity of suffering the smoke finally disappeared and this strange figure picked me up from the burning ground beneath my paws and brought me back to safety. I felt so confused, it felt like my brain was having a disco in my head!

My great great aunt Anne always used to say Bush fires were really rare but nowadays they happen almost every year. I looked back at the forest in complete sadness of my home being burnt down.

I don't know what is causing this, but if I had the power to do something, I would... but I can't, I'm just a Koala.