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Dear Families,



Our 'One Snowy Night' trip for EYFS and Key Stage One certainly had a very apt name this week and I am sure that the addition of the snow helped to make the visit even more magical for the children. It was wonderful to see all of the beaming faces at the end of the day and the children were all bursting to tell me about their experiences - their enthusiasm was infectious! Their learning was certainly brought to life in this really engaging trip and we look forward to having lots more visits over the course of the year.

I also had my first experience of the peculiarities of the weather systems this week; from our caretaker having no snow in Whitby to staff who were stuck in snow at Pond Hill. We really appreciate the challenges that the snow can bring and we will always endeavour to make decisions as early as possible to ensure that we keep everyone safe. Thank you to everyone for their support this week.

Flood Update

Well it feels as though the works are one step forward and two steps back at the moment! This week saw another minor hurdle, as a further area of suspected asbestos was located under some of the fixtures during the strip out works. This was in an area that was not accessible when the full survey was completed, but does mean that we are on pause again. A sample of the material has been taken already and once the results are received the appropriate actions will be taken again. The strip out team are taking a lead on this to try to accelerate the pace of the results coming back. One room has had the full strip out completed and we hope that the rest will follow in the very near future. I am in regular communication with all of the contractors involved in the works and we are hoping that works will continue by the end of next week.

Good Luck Mrs Grason and Miss Baker

This week we said a fond farewell to Mrs Grason, as she moves to her new role at Eskdale school. Mrs Grason has worked at Hawsker for over eight years and she has provided outstanding support to all of our children. She will be greatly missed by the whole Federation family, but we will still keep in touch with her and she is looking forward to seeing some of the children again in September when they move up to Eskdale school. I am sure that you would all like to join me in wishing Mrs Grason every happiness in her new adventure.

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As many of you are aware, Miss Baker has been working across a range of classes over this academic year and she has been supporting our Breakfast Club to cover a staff absence. As we are now back to full capacity, Miss Baker will also be leaving us this week. We would like to thank Miss Baker for her amazing flexibility and all of the support that she has given to the children. We still hope to see Miss Baker in school at times, but we would like to wish her every success for the future as well.

Bags2School day

The collection day is almost upon us, so please have a final look over this weekend to see whether you can fill any bags with clean clothing or shoes for our fundraising. Please drop any bags off at the end of the school day on Monday 6th December or at drop off time on Tuesday 7th December as the Bags2School team should be coming to collect all of the bags at 9.00am on Tuesday. Thank you to all of the parents who are also collecting bags from the households of members of the community, we've had a lot of calls for this and these additional bags will really help our fundraising effort.

Thank You to the Co-op

We are so fortunate to have such an incredible community, who provide us with so much support. This week we would like to thank the local Co-op, who have provided us with lots of boxes of bananas for the children to enjoy in recent weeks.

Whitby DAG

We have some very exciting news, as we have been liaising with Whitby DAG and they will be supporting us with the hire of one of their minibuses. The trustees have agreed an extremely low hire cost to support the schools at this challenging time and it will make a significant difference for us. Once we have all of the insurances and documentation in place, we will be able to start using this to transport children between the sites for events / lessons and we will keep you all updated on this really exciting news. We hope that we will be able to start using this in the very near future and we are incredibly grateful to the team at Whitby DAG for their support.

Victorian Weekend Working Group

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the Victorian Weekend Committee who have made a very generous donation of £300 to the schools. This is funding all of the materials for the lanterns that will be used in the lantern parade and it will also purchase some new books for a very exciting project that will be announced in the new year. We are so grateful for the incredible support that we have received from the community and we are looking forward to being part of more community events next year.

Christmas Jumper day- Friday 10th December



Once again we will be collecting for Save the Children by asking you all to wear your favourite Christmas jumper/ top on Friday 10th December for a suggested donation of £1. This is the tenth year of the event for this very deserving charity. We are looking forward to seeing all of the children's festive attire. Please could children bring their donation into class.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you so much for all of your support with the sale of our raffle tickets, they have been selling really quickly and we will be getting more tickets to distribute. Please return any money and sold ticket stubs to your child's class teacher. If you would be able to sell more tickets for us, please call into the Office at Hawsker and we will be able to provide plenty more for you all.

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Victorian Weekend

This is a really special annual event for the village and it will be wonderful to see all of the children parading with their lanterns tonight. The Friends of Fylingdales School (FOFS) have been very busy preparing a feast of food for the café and this will be running throughout the weekend period in Fylingdales Village Hall. Please call in over the weekend or signpost friends and family to come and join us. All of the proceeds from this event will benefit our fabulous children. I would like to thank all of the parents who have supported in the organisation of this event and who will be giving their time over the weekend.

St Stephen's Christmas Tree Spectacular

Both Schools now have their trees on display in St Stephen's church as part of the Christmas Tree spectacular. The church is filled with trees from a wide range of community groups as part of the Victorian weekend and we hope that families will be able to call into church over the Christmas period to enjoy this really special experience. Please take the time to see an extra special tree for Mrs Howard who has been such a special part of our Fylingdales family.

Fish Box

The winners have been selected and we are all looking forward to the official announcement at the Fish Box café on Saturday 4th December. Queen Victoria herself will be at the Fish Box at 10.30am to present the prizes and we hope that lot of families will be able to go and see the presentation and support their fundraising for our Federation. We would like to thank the Fish Box for this special event and we are all looking forward to seeing all of the children's art work on display.

Diary date reminders:-

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
Victorian Weekend Lantern parade	Friday 3 rd December 3.45pm	We will be meeting at 3.45pm at Fylingdales Village Hall for children across the Federation to take part in the annual lantern parade
Bags2School	Tuesday 7 th December	Please bring bags of clean old clothes, shoes, bags and accessories for recycling. The more we weigh in, the more money we will raise for school.
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 th December	All members of our school community to wear a Christmas Jumper in aid of Save the Children. Suggested donation of £1
Shining Light Awards Collective Worship	Thursday 16 th December	We will be having a special collective worship session to award our first Shining Light Awards. Two children from each class will be nominated by teachers for these awards with one award being linked to outstanding learning and the other linked to our school values. Children will receive a very special badge for this along with some surprise visitors to the worship session!
Christmas Dinner	Thursday 16 th December	Children will all enjoy Christmas dinner together in school. Unfortunately we are not able to invite parents in for this event this year.

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.
Best wishes

Helen Thompson

Mrs Helen Thompson
Executive Headteacher