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Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone. We hope that you have all enjoyed the half term break and are ready for another busy half term. We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks and I am sure that you will all be starting the countdown to Christmas soon! Our Christian value for this half term is compassion and we hope that your children will be able to talk to you about what this means for us within our fabulous federation.

Flood Update

We have continued to liaise with the Loss Adjustor in the holiday, but unfortunately the long awaited asbestos report was not received until Friday. The survey has confirmed that we have relatively small amounts of the lowest risk asbestos in three areas and this will need to be removed before works can commence. We sent the report straight through to the Loss adjustor on Friday and they appointed the removal team the same day. The appointed company came to site on Wednesday to review the works needed, but have informed the Loss Adjustor that the location of the asbestos means that plumbing and electric isolation work will be needed before they can start work. As you can imagine, we are extremely frustrated with these added complications and we have been constantly liaising with the full bank of the appointed contractors to look at how works can be accelerated. I am meeting with the Local Authority today to see what else they can do to support in moving this forward. The strip out team are poised ready to launch as soon as the asbestos is safely removed!

Cross Country Success

Thank you to all of the families who took children to the cross country event before the holiday, we really appreciate your support. The organisers were really impressed with the support from all of the schools and have commented that it is amazing to see all of the children really thriving in these sporting events. We are very proud of all of our runners and a huge well done to everyone involved. Congratulations to Evelyn and Bella who came in first and second place respectively in the year 3 / 4 girls races. Fylingdales girls team remain in first place in their league. In the boys leagues, Fylingdales Year 3 / 4 group currently lie in 3rd position and Hawsker are in 8th place while in the Year 5 / 6 league Hawsker lie in second place and Fylingdales are in third place. Well done to all of the children.

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Remembrance

Next week, we will be thinking about remembrance and all of the classes will be having a two-minute silence on Thursday. Each class will be having their own remembrance service and will be doing some special remembrance art. Oak and Birch class will also be spending the day together at Hawsker Village Hall to do a range of activities together. Unfortunately, we have not been able to get any poppies to sell at the moment, as the person who has supplied these in the past is not well. We would love to see children wearing poppies next week, so if you have a poppy for your child please could you ensure that it has their name on the back.

Staff News

I am sure that you would like to join me in sending congratulations to Mrs Grason, who has been successfully appointed to a new post at Eskdale School. Mrs Grason has been a key member of the Hawsker family for over 7 years and has worked closely with every child in our school. We will all be incredibly sad to see her leaving at the beginning of December, as she has been a fantastic support to both staff and children. We would all like to wish her every happiness in her new venture and I am sure that she will be very happy to see some familiar faces when they move up to Eskdale in Year 7.

Covid Update

During the half term break, all schools in the area received updated guidance from the LA. There is concern that Covid case numbers are high in the area and we all want to ensure that we are doing everything that we possibly can to keep our community safe. In line with this updated guidance, we have reviewed our Covid procedures as we have had a small number of cases in school this week. Whilst we are not currently returning to bubbles, we will limit indoor mixing and we will not be having any gatherings / events over the coming weeks. We are sad to say that we will need to have electronic Christmas events again this year, but we are planning some fabulous outdoor events for the Summer term.

The current guidance is still that children can be in school if a member of the household has a confirmed case as long as the child is symptom free and have a negative test. The NHS track and trace are responsible for contacting any close contacts and we follow the advice of the PHE team where we have any confirmed cases in school. We will keep parents informed of any changes to guidance or if we need to amend any systems in school.

In order to keep our community as safe as possible, we would like to remind parents to use social distancing at the school gates and we would appreciate any visitors to the site wearing face masks.

Christmas Raffle

Our new PTA groups are working incredibly hard to build a bumper Christmas raffle for this year. Look out for tickets coming out in the next couple of week.

If you know any local businesses who would willing to donate a prize for this, please pass on our details and ask them to send any prizes through to the Hawsker office. We would also love to put together some luxurious hampers as part of the raffle, so if you would like to donate any wine, chocolates or toiletries etc to go towards a Christmas hamper please send these through to office as well.

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Fish Box Coffee Morning

The Fish box in Robin Hood's bay have invited all of our children to enter an art competition to create pictures to reflect Victorian Weekend in Robin Hood's Bay. There will be prizes for each class and all of the work will be displayed in the shop for their coffee morning on Saturday 4th December. They will also hold a prize winning ceremony at the Fishbox (Robin Hood's Bay) between 10.30am - 11.30am as part of the coffee morning event. They have very kindly told us that they will donate all of the proceeds from the coffee morning to Fylingdales School, which is incredibly generous of them. The children will all have the opportunity to do some work on this in school, but if they would like to create a masterpiece at home it just needs to be on A4 paper and have their name and class on the back. This needs to be back to us by Wednesday 17th November. I am sure that you will join us in thanking the Fish Box and that you will call in to the event to see all of the work on display.

Solve-It Group

Many thanks to all of the parents who attended our second meeting which took place on Wednesday. We had another really productive session which covered a wide range of areas. Some of the items discussed at this meeting included:-

- Parking (look out for a separate letter about this next week)
- Reading Records (More details to follow soon)
- Behaviour Policy
- Snacks
- Christian Values
- Grant Funding opportunities and fundraising

These meetings are a really good opportunity for you to share ideas with school and to find out more about our Federation family. There will be a number of actions from these meetings which will really support our continue improvement journey. The next meeting will take place at the beginning of the Spring Term.

Reading Records

We have reviewed the use of the GoRead App and feel that this is not currently providing an effective model for our home school communication. As a result, we will not be continuing with the use of this App and we are currently in the process of designing some bespoke Learning Journals which will really support our parental partnerships. Some sample materials were shared with the Solve iT Group and the parents gave some really positive feedback and made some fantastic suggestions for things to include in these new journals. It is anticipated that we may be able to launch these after the Christmas holiday, so during the interim period, children from Rec to Year 4 will have a temporary paper reading record to use. Year 5 and 6 will continue to use the journals that they have started. We are really excited about the development of these new journals and look forward to sharing them with you as soon as they are ready.

School Photographs

The individual photos will be taken on Monday 15th November and these always make a wonderful Christmas present for the family. Please contact the office if you would like a photo taking with any younger siblings, or siblings from Oak class. These will take place before the start of school at Hawsker and we will be able to allocate a time for you once we know how many families would like to take up this offer.

A British Champion from Hawsker



During the half term holiday Olivia competed in the Team Gym British Championships in Stoke after successfully competing in a qualifying competition in July. Olivia was representing both the Scarborough Gymnastics Academy as part of the Primary Challenge Team and the Disability Team Gym Micro section for Leeds Esprit. Although the Girls' Primary Challenge team (Scarborough Gymnastics Academy) didn't come in the top 3 they all did incredibly well, especially as some of them hadn't competed at this level before. As part of a second team, Olivia and her Leeds Esprit team went on to put in an outstanding performance and were crowned as the British Champions. I am sure that you will all want to join us in congratulating Olivia for this amazing achievement and we look forward to hearing more about her training and she prepares for the next British Championships.

Former Hawsker pupil, Hollie Belchamber was recognised for a spirit of gymnastics award. Hollie was awarded a lovely gift from Michelle at Hertford Gymnastics Club for her brilliant attitude as a reserve and enthusiasm in supporting her team throughout.

Children in Need – Pennies for Pudsey



Get your Pudsey shirts at the ready, as we will be joining the Nation to raise funds for Children in Need! This year we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 19th November with a suggested donation of £1. We will also be doing 'Pennies for Pudsey' art in all of the classes. Please bring any coppers (or silver coins if you would like to) and the class coin collection will be used to make some amazing images of Pudsey before being counted and sent in to the Pudsey Page.

There will be lots of fun activities in the classes throughout the day to raise awareness of the amazing work that Children in Need do. We have set up a charity donation page on ParentPay for the non uniform day and anything added to this page will go directly to Children in Need. The School Council will also have a limited supply of Pudsey pin badges available for families to buy. They will be on sale at the beginning and end of the day next week for you.

Fylingdales Link - <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4556>

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Diary date reminders:-

Event	Date	Details
Friends of Fylingdales School	Wednesday 10 th November at 6.00pm	This will be the first AGM meeting to establish the key roles and will be at the Grosvenor in Robin Hoods Bay.
Remembrance	Thursday 11 th November	Oak and Birch classes meeting at Hawsker Village Hall. Please see information from class teachers for drop off / collection arrangements.
Key Stage 1 Beach Trip	Thursday 18 th November	Year 1 and Year 2 Beach day – All of the children will enjoy a fabulous day exploring our amazing coast.
Children in Need	Friday 19 th November	Non-Uniform Day in aid of Children in Need. Come in any non uniform to support Pudsey in his fundraising. Suggested donation of £1 for wearing non uniform. Pudsey merchandise will also be available during the week.
Victorian Weekend Lantern parade	Friday 3 rd December 3.45pm	Separate letter to follow. 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

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

Helen Thompson

Mrs Helen Thompson

Executive Headteacher