



# AISKEW, LEEMING BAR CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017

### Headteacher Update

So much has happened in the life of the school over the last month. March began with the visit from Ofsted, and although it was challenging for us all it was pleasing that the inspection recognised our strengths whilst giving us guidance for moving forward. Over the last month the children have also been involved in many exciting events and activities. Everyone (including staff) dressed up for World Book Day and similarly the school was a 'sea of red' for Comic Relief. The Y5s spent three wonderful days at East Barnby which included a memorable kayaking trip to Whitby Harbour. We have also enjoyed some great success stories. In the Cross-Country Competition Edie Cooper came 15<sup>th</sup> out of 120 runners; Dylan Doherty and Caden Greedy reached the finals of the inter-school Spelling Bee competition and Katie Kettlewell, Mackenzie Greedy and Edie Cooper all finished in the top 3 in their age groups with their poetry recitals in the Wensleydale Tournament of Song. The pride that every child felt taking part in these activities was immense and very satisfying to see.

### Red Nose Day

Last Friday everyone dressed in red and wore a red nose. We sold cakes for 30p each and red noses for £1. It was lots of fun.

By Harry and Tyler

### Wensleydale Tournament of Song

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we went to the annual Wensleydale Tournament of Song. This was the first time the school had participated. When you're on the stage it is very nerve-racking but we all conquered our fears. Edie came 3<sup>rd</sup> in her class (6) Mackenzie also came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Katie came 2<sup>nd</sup> in our class (7).

By Mackenzie and Katie



### Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to two new members of staff. Mr Hutton will be working as an advanced and higher-level teaching assistant and Mrs Barratt will work as a general teaching assistant with Bears. We have also been joined by a new pupil, George Pugh (Y1) who has recently moved to the area. We are delighted to have them all at Aiskew, Leeming Bar and hope they enjoy their time at our school.

### Spelling Bee Competition

**On 15<sup>th</sup> March Caden and I took part in a Spelling Bee competition at West Burton School. The school was big but not as big as we thought it would be. The most nervous part was when I had to spell 'conscious' and Caden had to spell 'marvellous'. I spelt mine correct and no-one else did. Then it went to Caden and all the nerves went off me and on to him. Mrs Monaghan almost screamed and jumped out of her chair when we won. Now Caden and I are going to the finals in Richmond.**

By Dylan Doherty



### East Barnby

East Barnby was fun, exciting and challenging. The best bit was canoeing because we played a game where you had to throw and catch a ball. Beck scrambling was hard at the end because we had to climb a gigantic rock and push ourselves into the water. I was very nervous. I give East Barnby 10/10.

By Kieran

### Cross Country Competition

A couple of weeks ago most of Eagles and a few Bears went to the cross-country competition at Catterick Racecourse. We all had a fantastic time and did brilliantly with our end placings. Of the Y5s who took part, Tom came 84<sup>th</sup>, Aaron came 87<sup>th</sup>, Edie came 15<sup>th</sup> and Nathan came 101<sup>st</sup>. We were all happy with our final positions.

By Edie Cooper

### Digital Leader Day

At the beginning of the month we went to Catterick with 12 other schools to learn about programmable robots and other technical challenges, so we can become digital leaders in our own school.

By Nathan Bowes and Aaron Brooks

### New Parent Governors

I am delighted to inform you that we have two new parent governors; Mrs Abbie Reid and Mr Matthew McGuckin. Who will be part of our governing board. Abbie has two children at the school; Lili in Y6 and Maggie in Y1 and Matthew has Harry in Y4 and George in Y1. We haven't had two parent governors on our governing board for many years so it is fantastic to have our parents fully represented again. I know Abbie and Matthew will bring their own expertise and experiences to our governing meetings and their roles within the school. It is so pleasing they have chosen to join our governing board and I hope they enjoy their time working with us.

### Dates for your Diary

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Key Steps gymnastics competition at Mowbray School  
 April 4<sup>th</sup> - Edinburgh Y6 visit meeting 5.30pm at Burneston  
 April 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter Service at St John's Church Leeming 9.30am  
 April 7<sup>th</sup> - School closes for the Easter holiday  
 April 24<sup>th</sup> - Training Day for staff  
 April 25<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school  
 May 5<sup>th</sup> - Next newsletter