



## AISKEW LEEMING BAR CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

October 21st 2016

#### Welcome/Goodbye

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Rafael Bengalinha who has joined our school and the Bears class from Masham Primary.

Today we said a sad farewell to Mrs Howe and thanked her for the care and dedication she has shown our children over the last two years. We wish her the very best in her new job.

#### New Staffing Appointments

I am delighted to inform you that we have made two new teaching assistant appointments. Mrs Helen Perkins has been appointed to work full-time in Dragons. Mrs Perkins has had a significant amount of experience working in nursery settings in Lincolnshire and Lancashire. She will be moving up to RAF Leeming with her husband and will join us on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Jo Morrell will join us after half-term. Mrs Morrell has been a primary school teacher for 20 years in the Nidderdale area so we are really pleased she would like to be part of our school. Mrs Morrell will support the Bears class every Monday and Tuesday morning. Both new teaching assistants will also act as midday supervisors.



#### Harvest Festival Service

Well done to all of the children who led our lovely Harvest Festival service on Monday. They did a truly wonderful job and we were very proud of them. Thank you to Mrs Millgate who prepared them.

We had a good number of parents and family members in attendance. We were also very pleased to be joined by Linda Collingwood from St Gregory's Church.

#### Football Competition

Despite the loss of every match, the team showed fantastic endurance. We had amazing saves from Mackenzie and some great shots on goal. Midfielders showed key skills, racing up and down with the ball. Next time, the team plan is to train harder and agree tactics.

By Caden and Katie

#### Energy Talk

Power Down Pete came in and did a special assembly as well as a workshop for Eagles. He talked about carbon dioxide, littering and what to do after using electricity. He also gave Eagles a dolls house as a quiz. We will be sending our entry hoping to win a prize.

By Edie



#### Red, White and Blue Day

Once again, this special day to say thank you to the Armed Forces was a great success. Everyone participated in the red, white and blue dress code.

Thank you for all the lovely cakes made by children and parents. Mrs Reid (Lili and Maggie's mum) gave a wonderful and fascinating slideshow of her recent walk along the Great Wall of China to raise money for Help the Heroes. Thank you Abbie! And Mrs Eldridge organised a red, white and blue art activity afternoon which was a thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you Mrs Eldridge! Altogether we raised £93.20.

A fantastic effort!



#### Family Walk

**Our first family walk was a success and it was lovely to be joined by three of our families. The walk was an easy stroll and even Mr Simper could keep up! Hopefully there will be more and we encourage you to join us next time. Thank you to Mrs Monaghan and Mrs Bentley for organising it.**

#### School Attendance

We are disappointed that our school attendance figures last year was below the national average. This is something we need to improve. We will be tracking very closely the attendance of pupils who fall below 92%, and parents of these children may be contacted to discuss ways of improving their child's attendance.

It is vitally important that all children achieve and maintain high standards of attendance. This half-term we will be rewarding all pupils who have achieved 100% attendance with a certificate. We will also award these certificates at the end of every term.



#### Crucial Crew

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October we went to Crucial Crew. We learnt a lot about safety and how to do CPR. Edie made a phone call to the police when she saw a casualty near the river. We also found out about vehicle, rail and internet safety.

By Dylan and Mackenzie

#### Booksale

The School Council held a sale of old class and library books and raised £26.64 for Children in Need.

#### Dates for your Diary

- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct - Children return to school
- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct - Bedale High School meeting for Y5/6 parents at school 3.30pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - RSPCA Talk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Learn, Play, Grow club starts for Dragons
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bonfire Lunch
- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - Non-Uniform day and Halloween Disco
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> - Open Morning in Dragons for pre-school pupils/parents
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - FOALS meeting 6.30pm
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> - Eagles Waxworks Museum - parents invited 9.15am
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - Service pupils service, Ripon Cathedral, 1pm
- Nov 14 - 16<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - Primary swimming gala at Bedale Leisure Centre 2pm
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - Dragons' Class assembly
- Nov 25<sup>th</sup> - Achievement assembly for parents
- Nov 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Fair 6 - 7.30pm