

The Federation of North and South Cowton and Melsonby Methodist Primary Schools

Friday 26th March 2021

Happy Easter!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final week of the Spring term has been as busy as ever with lots of action packed learning and an Easter egg hunt snuck in too. We thought this was very well deserved after a challenging term for so many.

We reached an important milestone this week - a whole year since the very first lockdown began in 2020! To mark this, we took some time in school to reflect on the challenges of the past year but also to recognise some of the positive experiences we have had. Connie from North and South Cowton proudly told everyone how much she had enjoyed spending more time with her sister and family at home. What a lovely response!

Whilst we are all looking forward to some time outdoors over the holidays with friends and family as the restrictions begin to lift, we ask you to please continue to stay safe during this time. We want to make sure we can welcome all children back on Tuesday 13th April.

Have a wonderful Easter break and a very well deserves rest!

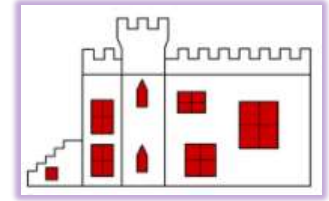
Kind Regards,

Helen Robinson

During half term, school continues to play an important role in CONTACT TRACING for those children who have been attending school. If a child or staff member who has been attending school tests positive for Coronarvirus (Covid-19) within 48 hours of being in school, you will need to inform us so that we can advise anyone who has been in close contact to self-isolate. Please contact the school via the admin email address. Details of this are on the next page.



Love one another, encourage curiosity and foster resilience.



Respect each other, learn from one another, move forward together.

Federation Notices and Dates

- **Residential Update**
Robinwood are awaiting updated guidance from the government as to whether residentials can go ahead. If they are advised not to offer these then we will be provided with a full refund. We will keep you updated as soon as we have any further information.

Book Recommendation

This week, I'd like to recommend the book 'You are Awesome' by Matthew Syed. The book aims to give children strategies to support them in developing a growth mindset.





News from Melsonby

During our final week of term, Class 1 have been busy planting seeds as part of their R.E learning linked to 'New Life'.



Class 2 have been intent on reducing our carbon footprint by keeping a close track on our use of electricity in school. Well done Class 2!

Earlier today, we managed to sneak an Easter Egg hunt in thanks to the Friends of Melsonby, who kindly purchased an Easter Egg for each of the children. Thank you!

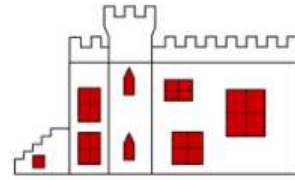
We ended the term with a wonderful Collective Worship led by Reverend Camilla. A big thank you to her for giving up her time to lead this.

Deadlines and Reminders

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- After school activities – please ensure payments are made in advance of clubs
- **Contact Tracing – Please contact admin@melsonby.n-yorks.sch.uk**

Dates for your Diaries

- Return to school – Tuesday 13th April
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News from North and South Cowton

Class 2 have been busy this week undertaking a number of scientific experiments. Designing and making their own boats caused real fascination, particularly when testing how much weight each boat could hold. One group reached a total of 1,000 cubes!

Class 1 have been engaging in some exciting Maths learning this week. Using Numicon, the children made a range of two-digit numbers and were using language such as more and less to compare and order the numbers.



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