

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

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the Easter Break and were able to spend some time with friends and family outdoors as the restrictions began to lift.

Despite a slightly delayed start to the term for the pupils at Melsonby, we were able to welcome all children back this week and have enjoyed seeing their happy, smiling faces coming into school each day. Across the Federation, children have returned to school with such a positive attitude towards their learning and we are extremely proud of this.

This week, in our assemblies, we remembered and celebrated the life of Prince Phillip. We talked about his dedication to his country and the sacrifices he made to support the Queen and country through his role as Consort. We were interested to find out about the support he gave to so many charities and his role as the first UK President of the World Wildlife Fund.

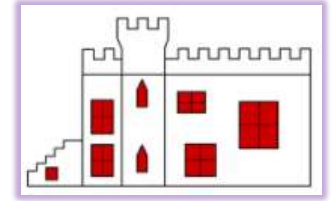
In the coming weeks, we plan to launch a new Federation Twitter Page which will be used as a platform to regularly update you with photos of the fantastic learning that is taking place across the schools. A reminder that if your child does not have website permission, they will not be included in any school Tweets. Please look out for the link in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Robinson



*Love one another, encourage curiosity and foster resilience.*



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

### Federation Notices and Dates

We would like to take the opportunity to share information with you about the fantastic staff working across our Federation. This week, we would like to draw your attention to our SENCO and Class 1 teacher, Miss Cheesbrough, who is based at North and South Cowton. In Miss Cheesbrough's role as SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator), she works with the staff, children and families to ensure that provision across the Federation is of high quality, accessible to all children and personalised to their needs. For more information, please see below the link to our website:

<http://northsouthcowton.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-us/special-educational-needs/>

### Book Recommendation

Mrs Simpson was very excited this week to recommend the book 'The Whitby Witches' for Year 5 and 6.

'A magical, creepy book which includes local legends such as 'The Hand of Glory' found in Whitby Museum.'





## News from Melsonby

We have been really excited this week to welcome a new member of Class 2. Welcome to Patsy in Year 5! We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Kerr, a trainee teacher, who will be working with us for the next 10 weeks. We feel extremely lucky to be able to share our beautiful school and community with them.

Class 1 were introduced to some new friends on Thursday, the Caterpillars, who will be staying with them throughout the term. The children will be closely following their growth and transformation over the coming weeks and using this as a stimulus for their writing. We can't wait to see some of the outcomes!

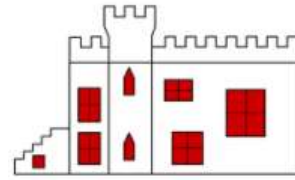


## Deadlines and Reminders

- After school activities – please ensure payments are made in advance of clubs
- Thank you to our Friends of Melsonby for our new water bottles which arrived this week. These will come in very handy when keeping hydrated as the warmer weather approaches.

## Dates for your Diaries

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Class 2 visit to Richmond, (further details to follow)  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – School closed for May Day Bank Holiday  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for Half Term  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School re-opens after Half Term



## News from North and South Cowton

What a fantastic start to the term we have had with our new After School activity programme. The week started on Tuesday with a Cookery session led by Connell's Mum (Amanda) and Connie. Over 1/3 of the school attended and had great fun making, baking and eating pizzas! We can't wait to see next week's creations.

Sports club on Wednesday was also a huge hit and gave children the opportunity to practise and apply their tennis skills.



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- Thank you to our Friends of North and South Cowton who kindly raised funds for some new books which the children had asked for.
- In P.E this term, the children will be learning tag rugby. Please can they wear old, dark clothes for P.E that you won't mind them getting a bit muddy!

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