

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

Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another action packed week with more dance, computing and French too! The children across both schools have been so engaged in our revised computing curriculum and have been eager to get started with the sessions.

Our Federation Council had their second virtual meet this week to start planning out which charities our schools would like to support and what sort of fundraising activities could be organised. They plan on sharing news of their work so far in their own newsletter later this term.

Thank you to all of our Class 1 parents who attended the Little Wandle Reading workshops over the past couple of weeks. It has been great to see so many of you, even if it has been virtually! We are really looking forward to seeing the impact of this new reading programme as we move forwards through the school year.

On the 17th January, we marked Martin Luther King Jr Day. Tying in with our focus value this half term, perseverance, we recalled what we already knew about his life from last year's virtual assembly and built on this further, considering the perseverance and courage that he demonstrated in his life to positively impact on future generations.

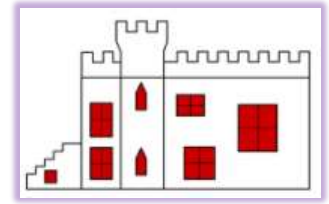
We look forward to seeing how the children use this and the story of many other significant and influential people to help shape their own beliefs and actions.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Robinson



Love one another, encourage curiosity and foster resilience.



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

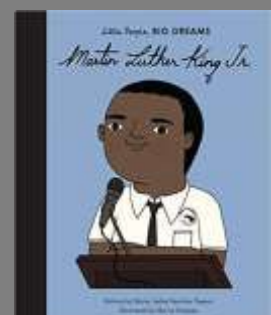
Federation Notices and Dates

Covid Update

Household contacts or close contacts of a positive Covid case aged 5+ should do daily LFDs – these should be done before attending school each day for 7 days following close contact with a positive case. They do not need to get a PCR test unless they develop symptoms.

The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 remain a fever (temperature 37.8OC or higher), a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. However, other commonly reported symptoms of recent variants include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and coldlike symptoms, so individuals need to be aware of these as well and stay at home and seek further testing if they are in any doubt.

We would like to recommend a second book from the series 'Little People, Big Dreams.'





News from Melsonby

In Class 2 this week, as part of their R.E learning, the children have been thinking about people who inspire them. They used this as a stimulus for further discussion about Jesus and the work he did to inspire others.



Achievement

Class 1- **Daisy**

For trying extremely hard with all of her learning this week. Daisy has been applying this positive attitude to all subjects and has produced some great outcomes as a result. Well done Daisy!

Class 2 – **Ella**

For consistently demonstrating such a strong work ethic in her learning and also in her wider school responsibilities as a member of the Federation Council. Well done Ella!

Values

Class 2 – **Tillie**

For taking real responsibility for her role within community jobs. Tillie actively fulfils her own role but also volunteers to take on extra duties and responsibilities. Well done Tillie!

Deadlines and Reminders

Parent Teacher Meetings

A reminder to please complete and return the Microsoft Form emailed last week to make an appointment. The deadline for replies is

Friday 4th February.

Thank you.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 14th & Wednesday 16th February – Class 1

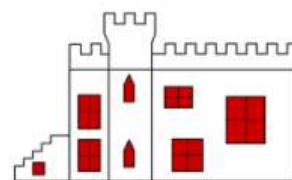
Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-5.00pm

Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th February – Class 2

Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-5.00pm

Friday 18th February – School closes for half term

Monday 28th February – School re-opens



News from North and South Cowton

Following our most recent survey, we were really excited to introduce Lego club this term, which seems to have been a real hit so far! Last week, the children looked at Isambard Kingdom Brunel's Clifton Suspension Bridge and were tasked with creating a replica of this or a design of their own.



Achievement

Class 1- **Jamie**

For making great progress in his phonics this term. Jamie has been trying really hard to learn and remember the new phonemes taught. Well done Jamie!

Values

Class 2 – **Harper**

For having a great attitude towards community jobs in school and showing responsibility towards his role. Well done Harper!

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Monday 14th & Wednesday 16th February – Parents

afternoon/evening from 3.30pm – 5.00pm. Please make appointments (either telephone call or TEAMS) via the office.

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