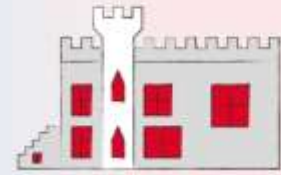




The Federation of North and South Cowton Community and Melsonby Methodist Primary Schools



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Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new school term!

We really hope you had an enjoyable break and spent time doing things you wanted to do with the people you wanted to be with. The break was a great time to refresh and for the pupils to recharge their batteries. Likewise, the staff also needed to do this. They were very grateful to you for the many messages, cards and support you shared before we broke up. Thanks for this!

Despite the damp start to the new term, we are back underway and looking forward to a busy few weeks leading up to February half-term. No doubt the weather systems in North Yorkshire will become more challenging over the coming weeks so preparation is key. Please make sure your child arrives in appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. It is also a good time to send a reminder about school uniform, the wearing of school shoes (not trainers) and that jewellery is not to be worn. For those with pierced ears, the expectation is that they wear a single stud earring that must be removed for PE sessions.

Another reminder as we start the new term is a reminder about the start time of the school day. Teaching starts at 8:45am so please make sure your child is in school before this time. We are fully aware that issues crop up from time to time and individual needs play a contributing factor however, we do have a small number of people who are persistently late at both sites. This has a big impact on the learning of each child with being 5 minutes late really adding up across a week/term/year.

Staffing

We have welcomed Mrs Brama to The Federation. She is based at North & South Cowton and will operate as Base Leader. She has settled in well and is enjoying her new challenge.

I shared the news of the appointment of a new Administrator and MSA at North & South Cowton before we broke up however, following some issues, the appointed person has now decided to take another role elsewhere so we have readvertised for this post - see attached advert and please share amongst your networks.

For those at Melsonby, we are set to say 'goodbye' to Mrs Goodman who secured a new post at a school much nearer to her home just before Christmas. We are set to say goodbye to her at the end of next week (13th Jan) and will really miss her input and support for many of our children.

Federation Notices and Dates

Inter school Football – 17th Jan
Small School Pentathlon – 31st Jan

Safer Internet Day – 7th Feb 23
February half term – Monday 13th Feb to Friday 17th Feb

Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting
We are making arrangements for a Parent Information session for parents with a pupil in Year 6. The date will be shared next week and will be a session to talk about SATs, SATs week and how you can help to support your child over the coming months.

Home Learning Policy

We are currently updating our approach to Home Learning and will be sharing the updated guidance with you shortly.

Home Learning is an activity that a child is asked to complete outside of the school day, either on their own or with an adult. Home learning can range from reading a book aloud to completing a research project about a specific subject.

We recognise that a child's home is a powerful learning environment therefore we encourage the children to collaborate with their families in order to complete these activities.

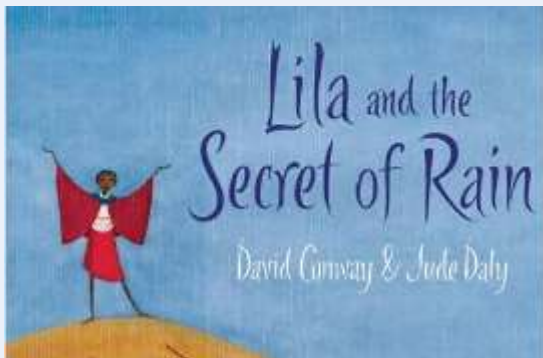


News from Class 1 at Melsonby

This week we have been thinking about all of the wonderful memories of 2022 and considering new things we might like to try in 2023.

What will we be learning next week?

Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring an Africa Folk tale called Lila and the Secret of Rain. This ties in really well with our Geography learning which is all about weather and seasons.



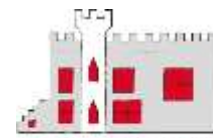
Pupil Recognition

Achievement award – **Seth** for an independent piece of writing. He used his sound and word mat for support and remembered to include finger spaces, full stops and capital letters! Well done!

Values award – **Harry** for showing great perseverance in his writing today. Well Done Harry!

Reminders

Upcoming events



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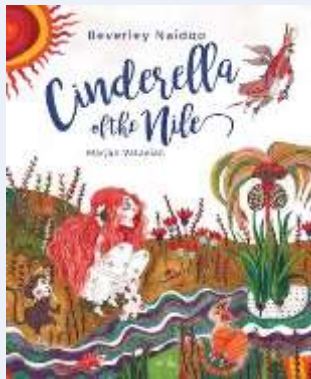
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News from Class 2 at Melsonby

This week we have been learning about our new English book, Cinderella of the Nile, where the children discovered a message in a bottle, sent from a poor girl who has been kidnapped by pirates.



What will we be learning next week?

We will be diving head first into our new topic of Ancient Egypt and looking at what life was like in Egypt compared to Britain at that time.

Pupil Recognition

Achievement award - **Maecie** for a marvellous effort in Maths

Reminders

Upcoming events



News from Class 2 at North and South Cowton

Our Maths this week has seen us continue the work on Fractions that was started before the holidays in Year 5 and 6. Year 5 have been adding fractions within 1 whilst Year 6 have been solving problems involving fractions. Year 4 have looked at dividing by 10 and 100.

The children were introduced to a times table grid which was timed - they all enjoyed this and set their baseline. We will continue to do these each week, which will enable us to recall our multiplication facts at speed.

English – we looked at the cover of our book hook, Cinderella of the Nile and made predictions on what we thought would happen using our inference skills. We then shared the story and clarified the vocabulary that we were unsure of.

In the foundation subjects we have shared what we already know on Ancient Egypt and told Mrs Bamma what we would like to learn. In French we revised key phrases and learnt how to say animal names.

What will we be learning next week?

Next week we will continue our work on Fractions in Year 5 and 6, and in Year 4 our Maths work will continue with multiplication and division.

Our English work will continue around Cinderella of the Nile and we will identify the features of the story before completing spag based tasks ahead of our planning work.

The children will have Music on Wednesday and as part of the afternoon Class 2 will visit the library prior to this. They will be able to borrow books and we will return and choose every fortnight when we go for our music lessons.

Pupil Recognition

Values award - the whole of **Class 2** were awarded the Values award for demonstrating kindness responsibility and respect to Mrs Bamma and making her first week so enjoyable. All the children have helped with the daily routines and made me feel so welcome.

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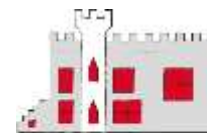
Please can we ask that the children read on a regular basis at home and record in reading record book.

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Year 6 SATs meeting proposed date 19th January



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We are hiring...

Established Post

Commencing February 2023

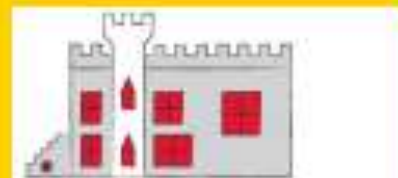
A) School Administrator (Band B)

B) Midday Supervisor, Meal Transporter & Meal Server (Band B Term Time Only)

Role A - Established, Variable hours 8 to 12.5 hours per week, Initially 12.5 hours (8:45am-11:15am)

Role B - Established, 10 hours per week, collection of and serve daily lunches, provide Midday Supervision (11:15am - 1:15pm)

Requirements :



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- ✓ Knowledge and experience of providing admin support to Headteacher and school
- ✓ Suitable knowledge of working alongside staff securing a caring & safe environment during lunchtimes

We require a suitable candidate with the relevant skill set to carry out these dual roles within the Federation based at North & South Cowton CP School. Both roles are established.

Previous applicants welcomed.

Access to own vehicle and driving licence are essential.

Closing Date: 9am on Monday 16th January 2023

Interviews: Wednesday 18th January 2023



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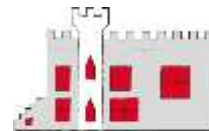


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TO APPLY OR FOR INFORMATION
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3rd January 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Back to school advice amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever

I am writing to outline some guidance on returning to school this term following the increase in infectious diseases circulating in our communities.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) issued a press release on Monday 2nd January with [‘back to school’ advice for education settings, including nurseries, in response to the continued high circulation of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever](#). This guidance has been issued in addition to the letters sent on behalf of UKHSA in the last week of term regarding scarlet fever.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High case numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus bacteria, also [continue to be reported](#).

I would like to emphasise the key messages in the UKHSA guidance to prevent transmission of such infections in school and the wider community:

- *If your child is unwell, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better. This is particularly important if your child has a high temperature.*
- *Practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and then put the tissue in the bin to help stop illness from spreading.*
- *Adults should try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering.*
- *Take up opportunities for vaccinations when offered.*

Ventilation in the home is also important when someone in your household has a respiratory infection, or when you have visitors to your household. Bringing fresh air into a room by opening a door or a window, even for a few minutes at a time, helps remove older stale air that could contain virus particles and reduces the chance of spreading infections.

The flu vaccination programme is being rolled out across schools nationally. Your school will notify you of the date that vaccinations are taking place and give you details for the online consent form to complete (further information, including frequently asked questions, can be found on the [School Age Immunisation Service website](#)). If you can't complete the consent form online, your school should provide you with a paper copy.

Flu vaccine roll out for Years 7-9 in North Yorkshire are commencing this week. If you have a primary aged child that has missed their vaccine please contact your GP practice.

Uptake of nasal spray flu vaccine among children aged 2-3yrs is lower than in previous years - hospital admissions for flu in under-5s remain high so parents are encouraged to get infants vaccinated through their GP practice if they have not yet been vaccinated this winter.

For more information on flu vaccines for children visit [Child flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#).

Kind regards,

Louise Wallace
Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire