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Dear Parents and Friends,

Well, we've had another busy week in school and have packed loads in! Class 2 have been out and about again. Mrs. Monaghan writes, "On Monday, Miss Turner organised an inspiring writing visit to the castle, where the children were sent on a quest for hidden treasure, followed by a chance to develop and share their own stories. During the week, they have followed up on this work by considering their characters and settings, and next week they will begin to write their adventure stories - we look forward to sharing them with you on the blog."



On Tuesday, Mrs. Monaghan went to Askrigg with our older children for a Cluster Rounders competition. She writes "Y5 and 6 took part in the cluster rounders tournament at Askrigg on Tuesday morning. They played matches against Spennithorne, BAWB and Leyburn, and were narrowly pipped for the 3rd place play off, despite sloggng rounders all over the field! Fabulous fielding and brilliant batting - the organisers commented on their super skills."

On Thursday, we had another inspirational puppet assembly with Mr. Phillips. He was talking about Trust and asking the children who do they trust and who wouldn't they trust. He even concluded by showing a short video of some children being naughty in their class - I certainly hope it doesn't give our children any ideas!



In the afternoon and evening of Thursday, our school hosted a Diocesan Academy Roadshow, where Richard Noake (The Director of Education) updated us on the academisation agenda from a church school perspective.

Year 1 and some of Year 2 took their phonics check this week and we could not have been more proud of them. They have all worked extremely hard to improve their sound skills and reading. Miss Seymour has been walking on air all week because of their fantastic improvement since September. Well done everyone!



Next week, Class 1 are going to Hawes school to take part in a Cluster Multiskills event. If you haven't sent your consent form in, please could you do so (or contact the office) so that all of the children can have a fabulous time joining in with lots of different sports and meeting new friends.

Mrs. Monaghan writes "Next Wednesday and Friday we'll be hoping for good weather, as we have two trips planned - first of all, to the river to study habitats for our Science work, and on Friday to the South Lakes Safari Zoo. Please make sure your child is suitably dressed and has a little rucksack to carry their things in for both these trips."



We also have the annual Pen Hill walk. Mrs. Monaghan is organising another family walk up Pen Hill on Thursday 23rd June at 6pm. In the past, this has been a lovely evening and the children and their families have all enjoyed the walk and have had enough energy to chat along the way. If you would like more details, please speak to Mrs. Monaghan. (Please can all children be accompanied by an adult).

We are looking for a new Parent Governor. The post has been vacant for some while now. If you are interested (or know of anyone who might be interested) in supporting the work of our school and deciding on its future direction, and would like more information, please contact the school office.



Many of you will know that the West Witton Play Group is closing at the end of the summer term. In celebration of all of those who have ever been involved or helped or supported them, they are holding an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9th July from 2-4pm on West Witton Playing Fields. If you would like to come along, please email westwittonpreschool@gmail.com or phone Linda Dent on (01969) 640608. I'm sure it will be a fabulous atmosphere and a good chance to have a trip down memory lane.

As some of the more organized of you will be starting to shop for uniform for next term, please can I remind you that our school uniform is grey trousers or shorts **not black**. It would be great to have all the children looking really smart for the beginning of term in the correct uniform. Thank you.



Our Value for Collective Worship this half term is Trust and our thought for this week is, "The most expensive thing in the world is TRUST. It can take years to earn and just a matter of seconds to lose." When has this been true for you? How has this made you feel? Perhaps you could chat over the weekend about what this means to you and your family.

I hope that you all have a good weekend!

Jo Dobbs, Headteacher

Diary dates



Tuesday 21 st June	Class 1 Multiskills @ Hawes	Letter has gone home and on website
Wednesday 22 nd June	KS2 River Trip	Letter has gone home and on website
Thursday 23 rd June	Pen Hill walk	6-7.30pm
Friday 24 th June	South Lakes Safari Zoo trip Y2-6	Letter has gone home and on website No Celebration Assembly
27 th - 28 th June	Year 6 Transition Days at Wensleydale School	
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service @ Ripon Cathedral	More details to follow
Tuesday 12 th July	KS2 Cross Country @ Askrigg	Letter has gone home and on website
Wednesday 13 th July	KS2 Play 1pm	More details to follow
Thursday 14 th July	KS2 Play 6pm	More details to follow
Monday 18 th July	Sports Day	
Wednesday 20 th July	Spare Sports Day	
Wednesday 20 th July	Class 1 'Sleepover'	More details to follow
Thursday 21 st July	Leavers Service 2pm	At St. Alkeldas Church
Friday 22 nd July	End of Term	
Monday 5 th September	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 6 th September	School opens	

CLUBS

The following clubs will be running this term:

After school multiskills with Mr Bullock - Monday 3.15-4.30pm -

Dance Club - Miss Seymour 3.15-4.15pm - FREE

Hawes & District Gala

Open Fancy Dress - All Welcome!

SATURDAY 25th JUNE, 2016

Hawes Community Field

To be opened by The Gala Queen - Eilish Grant and Attendant - Gabi Raw at 12.30pm outside The Board Inn

Shuttle Bus - From 12.00pm (Hawes/Gayle)

Hawes Silver Band,
Bishop Auckland Pipe and Drum Band,
Circus Skills Workshop, Magic Show, Inflatables,
Balloon Modelling, Photo Booth, Face Painting,
Kids Races, Kids Teas, Trade Stalls, Tea,
Coffee & Cakes, Beer Tent

Admission by Programme

£3 in advance - £4.00 on the gate

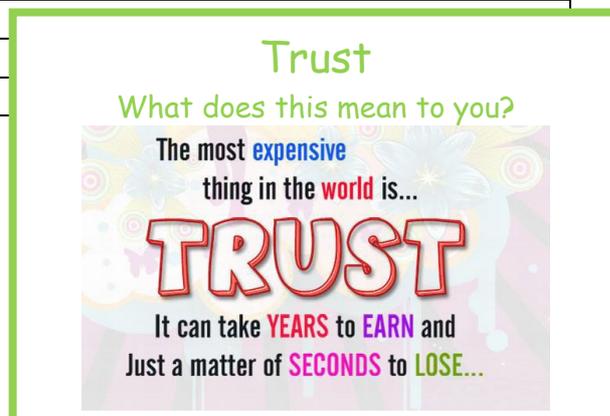
Children under 16 go free

Children's Disco - £2.50 entry fee

Hawes Market Hall at 6.30 - 8.30pm

Special Guest Appearance

Under 5's must be accompanied by an adult



School Meals for next week:-

Monday	Bacon & Pea Pasta / Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Carrots & Peas, Tomato Bread Arctic Roll & Pineapple Yoghurt & Fresh fruit
Tuesday	Cottage Pie / Vegetable Curry & Rice Green Beans & Cauliflower, Oaty Brown Bread Peach Melba Square Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Roast Pork Loin, Apple Sauce & Gravy / Tuna Baguette with Wedges & Salad, Carrots & Summer Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Pitta Bread Fruity Paris Sandwich & Custard Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Honey-glazed Chicken Wrap / Jacket Potato with Vegetable Chilli, Mixed Salad, Coleslaw, Saute Potatoes Chocolate Cornflake Pudding Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Friday	Breaded Salmon Fillet / Tomato & Vegetable Pasta, Grated Carrot & Peas, Chipped Potatoes Wholemeal Bread Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit