



Dear Parents and Carers,



Earlier in the week the 'Christmas fairies' were busy in our schools putting up the Christmas decorations for when the children arrived the next day. Judging by the children's faces and the comments, it was a couple of hours very well spent.

Our schools look and sound like very Christmassy places now and the only disappointment is that you cannot see inside the schools and share the festive cheer with us.

Christmas in the Community

In the absence of a church Christmas service, we are taking the children out into the village where the school is based to sing carols. We have put up posters and sent a few cards to the community telling them about this and asking them to open their windows and enjoy the marvellous sound of Christmas through the voices of our children.



Tuesday will be West Burton's turn, Wednesday Bainbridge and Thursday Askrigg. Please make sure that your child is wearing a warm coat, hat and scarf on these days as we are forecast snow

The children will then return to school to eat their Christmas lunch in their bubbles on these days.

Please be aware we are being extremely cautious about social distancing and therefore we are unable to extend our audiences to family and friends, as much as we would love to.

We are incredibly grateful for everyone's vigilance that has enabled our schools to stay Covid free so far this term. We thank you for your cooperation and support which have enabled us to do this. We look forward to coming together in our schools and communities as soon as it is safe to do so.

NYCC Catering Team



North Yorkshire catering team are happy to share the final Christmas menu being served in our schools and have kindly included a little Christmas activity pack for the children to enjoy!

Please find them attached with the newsletter.

ParentPay accounts

Once again we are rapidly approaching the end of the term! Please can you log into your child/ren's ParentPay account and clear all outstanding debts for their meals and milk.



We are acutely aware that this is a very challenging time for a lot of people, please do let us know if there may be any delay in this process. We will work with you in any way we can. Please can I ask that accounts are cleared by **Monday 4th of January 2021**

If there are any challenges with the system, account activation codes required or discrepancies on your child's account, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gurden anytime at admin@bainbridge.n-yorks.sch.uk Thank you.

Christmas Shops

Our Festive Christmas shops, sponsored by the PTFA, will begin at Askrigg on the 10th December and then move to Bainbridge on the 14th and West Burton on the 16th. The children may come in with up to £3 per present they wish to buy and will be taken to the Christmas shop to pick a present. They will come home with a gift wrapped surprise for whoever they have chosen i.e. Mum, Dad or grandparents that can be left under the tree till Christmas day!



Christmas Jumper Day

11th December will be our yearly Christmas jumper day. Children are invited to come to school in a festive woolly for a donation of £1 that goes towards Save the Children charity.

Cluster Sports Yr. 3/4 Virtual Archery Event

King Henry III passed a law to ensure all children from the age of 7 were competent with a bow, and this week Mr Stokes has been carrying on this tradition with the



Golden Eagles during lunchtimes, honing their confidence and skill with our federation's new archery set. He shall be moving over to do the same with the Skylarks Yr

3/4 children on Monday. Scores will be counted up and our sharpest shots will be entered into the Cluster Sports Virtual Archery Event next week.

PTFA – BIG QUIZ – SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER



Join us on Sunday 6 December at 6:00pm-7:15pm for a family-friendly online quiz to raise money for BAWB PTFA and to have a bit of fun! All the family can join in - why not encourage friends and family elsewhere to enter too?

We are delighted that several local artisans and businesses are donating a range of great prizes - a huge thank you to them all! There will be prizes for the winning three teams and one for the best team name. To enter, you'll need a device you can all see and hear - a smartphone, tablet or laptop/PC. You'll also need a pen and paper to write down your team's answers.

This is a 'pay as you please' event with a suggested donation of £10 per team. Please make your donation via [JustGiving](#). If you won't be taking part but you'd still like to donate, please do!

The Zoom link you need to join at 6pm on Sunday is: <https://zoom.us/j/91550271705>. This link will not be shared via social media so please make sure any friends or family who wish to join have the link in advance!

Polite reminder about drop-off and collections

Bainbridge

Please can we reiterate that if you are dropping off and collecting your children at Bainbridge to, wherever possible, park away from the school and not drive down the narrow lane in front of the School. It becomes extremely congested which causes safety problems, as well as delays for delivery drivers, our buses and local residents.

Can we also ask that when collecting your child, please can you step across the lane to the blue gate when your child's name has been called to keep them safe.

Askrigg

Please can we ask that people do not arrive before 8.35am on a morning and 3.30pm when collecting on an afternoon.

Many thanks for your support.

This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Myles
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Alyssa
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Toby
Tidiest Classroom Award	Golden Eagles
Best Class Attendance	Owls and Skylarks

Have a lovely weekend

E. Harrison

M Price

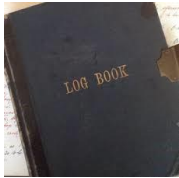
Eleanor Harrison

Maxine Price



Pupil of the week

Pupil of the week, Robins	<p><i>'Sophie for her growing confidence in choosing to do activities independently. Well done Sophie!'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Middleton</p>	Pupil of the week, Merlins	<p><i>'The pupil of the week this week for Merlins goes to Cealan for showing great determination in maths. Always working hard to get to the next challenge.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Greenway</p>
Attendance (WC 23.11)	98.18%	Attendance (WC 23.11)	98.95%
Pupil of the week, Owls	<p><i>'Owl pupil of the week is Joseph for his excellent calculations and problem solving in maths.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Harrison</p>	Pupil of the week, Skylarks	<p><i>'My pupil of the week is Abigail for her maturity, good manners and great work ethic.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Miss Collins</p>
Attendance (WC 23.11)	100%	Attendance (WC 23.11)	100%
Pupil of the week, Swallows	<p><i>'Lily-Anne is pupil of the week. For always putting lots of effort into her work, eagerly getting on with every task set.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Scrafton</p>		
Attendance (WC 23.11)	98.89%		
Pupil of the week, Golden Eagles	<p><i>'POW is Antoni for always being ready to learn and trying very hard in everything that he does.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Richards</p>		
Attendance (WC 23.11)	97.39%		



From the Log Books

School log books are held in our schools and they are a marvellous record of social, and educational, history. We will reproduce extracts in this section.

This week's is from **West Burton's** log books:

29.11.1999 – This week has been windy & wet. So much so that on Friday, 5 children were unable to get to school because of floods, and because a tree has been blown down across the road.

27.11.1874 – Cold snowy weather. Thorlby feast has caused a disruption of the attendance this week.

EYFS News column

The school is sparkling beautifully thanks to having a very valued cleaner plus a plethora of Christmas decorations. In fact an unprecedented (aren't you just sick of that word?!) number of decorations. This week the adults are spending more time than usual in the toilet. Not because it is tummy bug season but because Mrs Gurden has put Christmas joke toilet roll in there. It turns out that Mrs Gurden is quite the opposite of a Grinch and has draped tinsel everywhere. If you walk past the office you will get a Christmas sticker just because it is December. I think she is searching for an extra Santa hat to go on the automatic hand sanitiser.

Anyway, the school looks fab. In Robins we have focussed on winter this week and will start our Christmas activities proper on Monday. We do love Christmas but the children can get quite giddy. There must be something in the advent calendar chocolates. This year, Mrs. Johnston hasn't grumbled about chocolate advent calendars because Mrs. Baldwin won't tolerate it. But we did think that when you do open your calendar at home, you stop to think about the true meaning of Advent for Christians – getting ready for Jesus' coming. We have been decorating and opening our class advent calendar and thinking about compassion for others in the world leading up to Christmas. There are many not as fortunate as we are.

But we are fortunate. We are blessed. We have so many exciting things to do over the next fortnight.

We have the biggest tree we have ever had in Robins all ready to decorate. We have Christmas tree playdough and robin art to make. There will be carol singing, Christingle making, virtual pantomime, Christmas lunch and parties. When will we fit in the traditional Christmas film?

All of the above comes with lashings of reading, writing and maths. Sounds exhausting doesn't it! But really there is no better job at this time of year.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Love Robins xx

Askrigg News column

This week the Merlins have been doing lots of work including counting in fractions and finding fractions of amounts in maths. In English we have been writing instructions for how to make the perfect sandwich. In History we enjoyed doing our own research and sharing this with the class. In Geography, we looked adding our data from last week's fieldwork to our map of Askrigg. In PE we did circuits which was very made us very tired. We have also enjoyed watching some of the secrets of the Saqqara Tomb as part of our Egypt topic.

The year 6s also decorated our school tree which looks fantastic. (see pictures further down!)

West Burton Newsflash

This week we have been doing lots of carol singing and we were very excited when we came in on Tuesday and there were decorations all over the school. The Christmas tree looks great. It feels like Christmas is nearly here. On Monday, we have Forest Schools and made reindeer and Christmas decorations. In English, we have been learning a poem about a cat and in maths we have been doing fractions. We have also been making some packaging in DT for some shortbread we are making. Here are some quotes.

Ben said: "I enjoyed making stuff in forest schools."

Maeve said: "I enjoyed doing fractions in maths."

Lizzie said: "I enjoyed doing maths."

Toby said: "I liked whittling sticks in forest schools"

By Thia and Kirsty



BAWB PTFA News



PTFA Meeting Dates

Wednesday 20 January

Times and links for the meeting to be shared at a later date.

Quiz Night – 6 December at 6pm.

Christmas Shops in School

Askrigg – 10 December

Bainbridge – 14 December

West Burton – 16 December

Children will be able to purchase gifts for their parents/grandparents as a surprise on Christmas Day!

Any questions, please talk to Steve Bowen, Karen Raven, Deb Wood or Beth Daley.

Community News

The Open Pantry

The 'Open Pantry' is still operating but not from our Church Buildings. If you or anyone you know, requires help in anyway please contact us and we will respond in complete confidence

Rev Dave Clark 01969 667553 office@upperwenben.org. Donations can be left in the box on the Vicarage drive, Burtersett Rd, Hawes or can be collected from your home.

Forest schools/PE Days

Forest Schools	
Class	Day
Robins (YR)	This will be Tuesday for the next two weeks
Owls (Y1)	Tuesday
Swallows (Y2)	Monday
Skylarks (Y3,4,5,6 WB)	Monday
Golden Eagles (Y3/4 A)	Friday
Merlins (Y5/6 A)	Friday
PE Days	
Class	Day
Robins (YR)	Wednesday
Owls (Y1)	Wednesday
Swallows (Y2)	Thursday and Friday
Skylarks (Y3,4,5,6 WB)	Thursday and Friday
Golden Eagles (Y3/4 A)	Monday and Friday
Merlins (Y5/6 A)	Monday and Friday
<p>Children will attend school each day in a clean uniform and bring as little as possible with them. On PE days they will attend in PE kit (with long trousers if required) and wearing suitable footwear. On Forest schools days If the weather is looking unfavourable, pupils are welcome to take waterproofs and wellies for their Forest Schools session. Please can this be in one bag with their name on it.</p>	

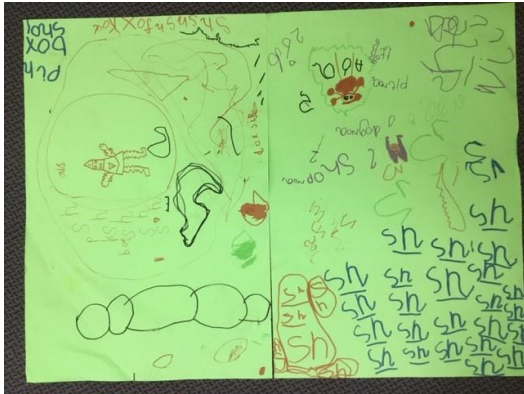
Dates For Your Diary

Regular Clubs – All clubs are open to all children and are shown under the school where they take place

	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
Monday			
Tuesday			Tuesday Team (see newsletter 2 for more info)
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
06.12.20	PTFA Quiz – 6pm – See BAWB PTFA news for more info		
08.12.20	Christmas Dinner – Skylarks & Swallows		
09.12.20	Christmas Dinner – Robins & Owls		
10.12.20	Christmas Dinner – Merlins & Golden Eagles – Christmas shop - Askrigg		
11.12.20	Christmas Jumper Day – Last day for Christmas cards		
14.12.20	Christmas shop - Bainbridge		
15.12.20	Panto Film – The National Elf Service		
16.12.20	Christmas shop – West Burton		
18.12.20	Christmas Party Day and Break up for Christmas		
04.01.21	Training day		

Robins

Children using their phonic skills to write sounds and words independently first thing in the morning! We have clearly been learning the 'sh' sound a lot.



Super team work. Look at our big ship!



Practising our throwing and catching skills in the big playground.

Filling up the water tray to save the teachers a job. It's much harder than it looks. Sometimes we turn the tap the wrong way or not turn it off in time.



Building a kennel and playing dogs.



We love watching Numberblocks. Check it out on CBeebies.

We have made an advent calendar we like looking at the numbers.



Sorting 3D shapes cone, cylinder, cube, cuboid, sphere and others



Owls

Perfect timing for Christmas decoration making in Forest Schools as the children were already delighted by the decorations in school that morning (they were equally delighted by the beautiful frost that we had on the first day of Winter).



Our map work in Geography is clearly having an impact as the daily weather chart discussion turned to the talk of snow at the end of the week, recognising that if the North of the UK was going to get the most snow it would be Scotland! Well done Owls.



In maths this week we have been counting in 2s 5s and 10s, we started by counting groups, we are now getting the hang of multiplication (repeated addition) and how it can help us to solve problems.

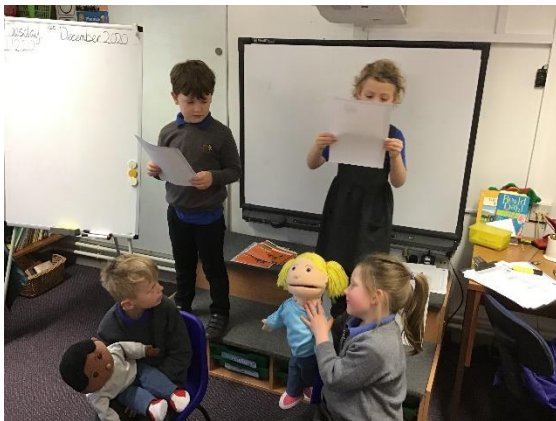


Swallows

To start their work on instruction texts, the Swallows followed instructions to make their own paper aeroplanes.



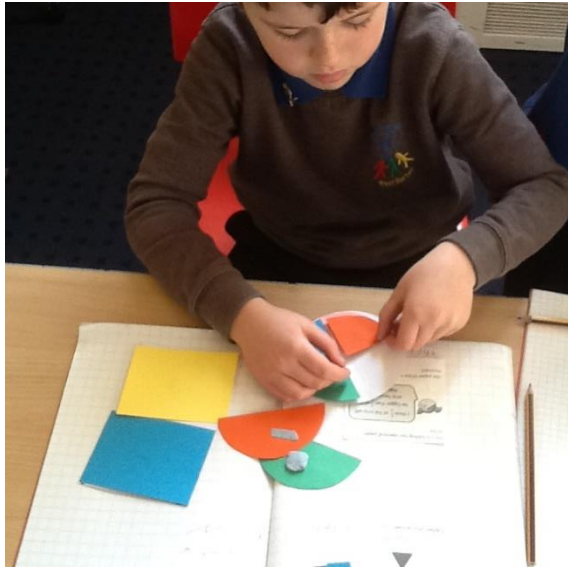
Puppet ministry in the Swallow's assembly.



Making Christmas decorations and bird feeders in forest school.



Skylarks



Working on fractions in maths

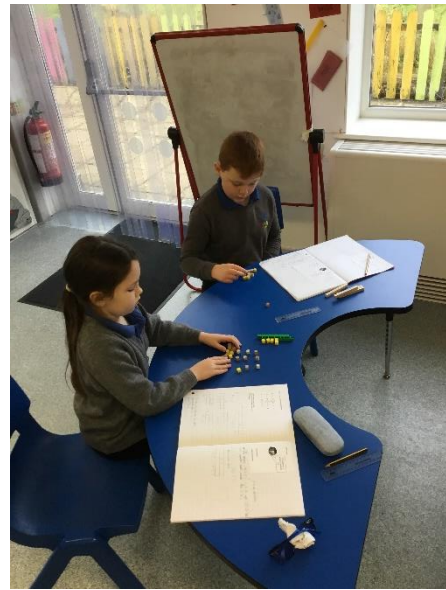
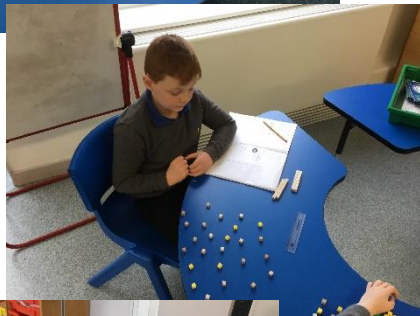
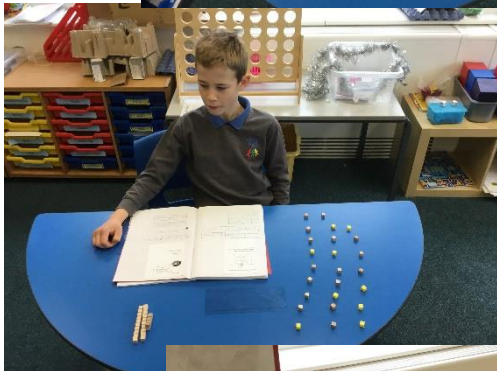


Making Christmas decorations in Forest Schools



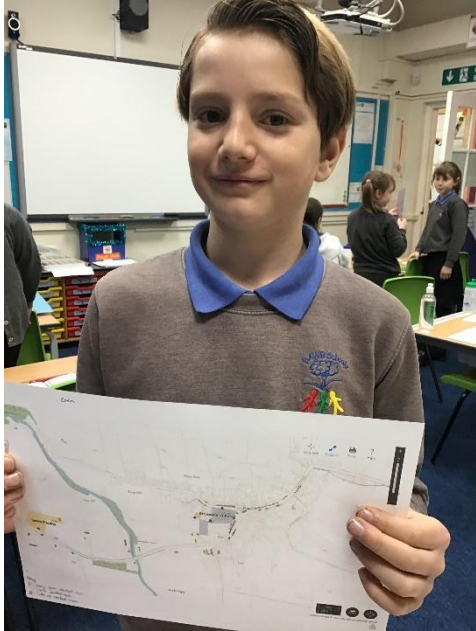
Golden Eagles

The year 4 children have been working hard on their division this week!



Merlins

Adding our 'parking' layer to our base maps in Geography.



Sharing our research with the class.



Decorating the school tree.



A time to shine all about 'Dog Agility'

