



Dear Parents, families, and community,
 Happy New Year to all our families and community members. I can honestly tell you that I am delighted to be back, despite the current circumstances, and have been truly heartened by the way in which our pupils, families, and staff members have coped with this week's lockdown announcement.



Our teachers and support staff set up remote learning immediately and our children were also on-board straight away. I can

confirm from talking to colleagues and families in other areas that this hasn't been the case everywhere.



My thanks also to parents who have accepted and embraced radical changes at the very last minute as we worked almost round the clock to respond to the lockdown

announcement.

Lastly, thank you to all who have made the right decisions to protect the safety and wellbeing of everyone, whether that is choosing to keep your child at home, choosing to send them to school so that you can continue with critical work, self-isolating, working from home, or any other decision you have made in the interests of beating Covid.

THANK YOU ALL!



Please can I thank all our KS2 online learners - and their parents - for their enthusiasm and hard work this week. In one way or another, every child has been involved with our home-schooling provision over the course of the week, which is incredible. Please remember that I am available for any help you may need during school hours - don't hesitate to send me a message and I will do my best to support you. Thanks again, Miss Collins.

Government Update regarding critical workers and vulnerable pupils:

I sent an email to notify you of this but here is a reminder: **the guidance about key worker eligibility and vulnerable pupil status was updated on Tuesday.** You can find it [here](#). If you haven't already, I encourage you to read through it again because



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some of the criteria have changed and this might affect you and your family.

Should you have any questions about this, please feel free to get in touch with me.

EYFS (nursery pupils)

I am writing to all parents of nursery pupils today explaining that pre-school early years provision will remain fully open during lockdown (in line with Government guidance). As always, it remains the decision of parents as to whether you choose to send your child into school.

Parentmail

Some parents may have received duplicate text messages via ParentMail and some parents may not have received a message at all! We are currently working to ensure we have the correct information on Parentmail – this is linked to our new MIS system, Scholarpack. Please bear with us whilst we get this sorted out.

If you do not already have ParentMail, it is easy to register. If you have not used it before and have been sent an email or text, simply follow the instructions in the message. Once registered if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would recommend that you download the ParentMail App from the App store. If you have had no communication at all from Parentmail or have not received any texts from school this week (re school closure etc), please could you let Mrs Raven know: admin@askrigg.n-yorks.sch.uk

Transport

We have made the decision to keep our arrangements the same for next week (i.e. no transport).



Whilst this might be disappointing for some of you, please can I ask for your continued patience as we are experiencing some changes to demand for on-site places, and we also need to protect our bubbles by not arranging for staff and pupils to be mixing on buses. Many thanks.

Pictures

Awards Updates

Due to our current lockdown and remote-learning arrangements, our rewards are going to look a little different for this half term and will all begin from next week:

- Headteacher's awards will be sent electronically.



- Ditto 'Pupil of the Week'
- There will be no attendance award
- There will be no 'tidy classroom' award!
- Housepoints will still be awarded as normal and delivered to your child in a way which is most appropriate to where they are learning.

If there is enough demand, I may consider a 'tidy bedroom' award to motivate our children learning from home!

Our lovely photos sections will also appear again in next week's newsletter!

Headteacher working pattern next week:

At all times, there is a headteacher on duty. Because of lockdown and changes to on-site provision, our location may be more fluid than



normal. Either I or Mrs Harrison will always answer your emails (headteacher@b-a-wb.co.uk) and you can always call school to speak to either of us. Should we be off-site, the team will ask us to ring you back.

Monday	Mrs Harrison	Remote
Tuesday	Miss Harper	Askrigg
Wednesday	Miss Harper	Bainbridge
Thursday	Miss Harper	West Burton
Friday	Miss Harper	Remote

Admin Team - Office Hours

Below are the times when our offices will be staffed.

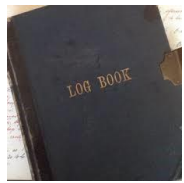
Emails will be monitored outside of these hours.

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
ASKRIGG	Mrs Raven All Day	Mrs Raven All Day	Mrs Raven All Day	Mrs Raven AM	Mrs Raven All Day
B'BRIDGE	Mrs Gurden 07:00 - 10:00	Mrs Gurden 07:00 - 10:00	Mrs Gurden 07:00 - 10:00	Mrs Gurden PM	Mrs Gurden 07:00 - 10:00
WEST BURTON	Mrs Wilman 09:15 - 12:30	Mrs Wilman 09:15 - 12:30	Mrs Wilman 09:15 - 12:30	Mrs Wilman 09:15 - 12:30	Mrs Wilman 09:15 - 12:30

Have a great weekend!

Charlotte Harper

Eleanor Harrison



From the Log Books

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

This week's is from **Bainbridge's** log books:

Jan 14th 1970 – Nurse Iveson inspected Y5 children at 2.30pm. No complaints.

Jan 5th 1982 – The school re-opened this morning, but we had to close due to blizzard conditions.

EYFS News

I was going to start with, "You've got this! You can do it!" All in a fancy in your face font.

But then I thought NO! It needs to be "We've got this! We can do it!" Because that is what we did last time. We worked together and we will work together again.

(I'm struggling with the fancy font - no surprises there!)

Remember everyone's mental and physical health is the most important thing. Do not judge yourself harshly. Most members of staff have school aged, dependent children. They know exactly what you are going through as they juggle everything.

Let us know how you and your children are. We were so proud of all the wonderful learning you did last time and we look forward to seeing your activities again xx

We've got this! We can do it!









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, Burtsett Rd, Hawes or can be collected from your home.

Forest Schools and PE

Class	Forest Schools	PE
Robins 	N/A	Wednesday
Owls 	N/A	Wednesday
Golden Eagles 	N/A	Friday
Merlins 	N/A	Friday
Swallows 	N/A	Thursday & Friday
Skylarks 	N/A	Thursday & Friday

Children should attend school each day in a clean uniform and bring as little as possible with them. On PE days they should 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.