



Dear Parents, families, and community,

Your resilience continues to amaze me... this week we were faced with another snow day; another day at home! Whilst we always endeavour to remain open, Covid restrictions mean that we can't put our normal contingency plans into place (i.e. children can't join other bubbles and staff cannot cover for each other as they might normally). Thank you for your understanding.



New Website!



We are thrilled to be able to announce the launch of our contemporary new website. Thank you so much to John Crabtree (our IT consultant) for building it for us and to Jason Cartwright for taking some absolutely fabulous photos for it. Note that we currently have no indoor pictures on there due to us not being able to have a photographer in school, but this will develop over time. Check it out here: b-a-wb.com

Your feedback warmly welcomed.

Big Bike Revival



As part of a scheme supported by 'Cycling UK', StageOne Cycles are offering you all a FREE bike service/check. Please [click here](#) to read more about it and to sign up for your place.

Remote Learning Offer

Earlier this week I sent a document summarising our provision for remote learning. Some of the elements of this are statutory (e.g. the number of hours' learning we need to provide for each key stage); the document itself is a DfE requirement. Whilst we continue to have high standards and expectations in terms of what we set and deliver, please do not think that we have stopped understanding how challenging some of you are finding this. You are all doing your best, we know this, we are listening, and we care.



Friends of Friarage

The Friends of the Friarage charity is looking for the help of local primary and secondary school children with an exciting new project!

At the Friends of the Friarage, we donate time and fundraise for medical support and modern equipment at the Friarage Hospital and its community services in Hambleton and Richmondshire.

Before we ask a designer to create our new logo, we would like some inspiration from the next generation and are encouraging all primary and secondary school children to get involved by creating their own design. The drawings will help us to brief our designer and we have some £10 book tokens to send out to the ten most loved drawings, selected by our trustees.



Please find more information accompanying this newsletter.

Big Garden Birdwatch

Don't forget you have until February 19th to get your birdwatch results in to:



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/submit-results/>

No Screen Day

Friday 5th is No Screen Day at BAWB and I'm very much looking forward to hearing and seeing what you got up to. Feel free to send in pictures for me to include in next week's newsletter. Send to BAWBadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk. I have included ideas sent in from staff at the end of the newsletter.



Covid Testing

Last Sunday saw the first of our rapid Covid testing programme for staff. You will be delighted to hear that we have no positive cases so far!

2021 Wensleydale Tournament of Song

Written in The upper Wensleydale newsletter ... *'The council of WTOs were very disappointed that they had to cancel last year's tournament at the last minute, due to Covid-19. They have now made the difficult decision not to proceed with the tournament in 2021, again because of Covid-19.'*



Since its inception in 1898 there have been only two previous occasions when the tournament has not been held annually for two or more consecutive years, both of these as a result of world wars. We have now tentatively started making arrangements and are looking forward to an outstanding festival in 2022.'

Swallows Virtual Tour of the Discovery Museum

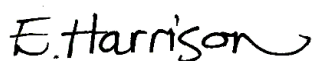
On Monday, the Swallows are attending a virtual tour of the Discovery Museum to learn more about toys our grandparents played with. Please can Swallows remember to wear their school jumper and log on to the meeting at 1pm on Monday. The Discovery Museum has requested that the Swallows each have their favourite teddy with them.

This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, taught at Bainbridge	Emma, she's helpful in every way, particularly with the new nursery children.
Headteacher's Award, taught at Askrigg	Martha for reading newspapers for the journalism unit - brilliant!
Headteacher's Award, taught at West Burton	Hugo for his effort, enjoyment and attention to detail in his artwork (see photo in Swallows photo gallery)

Have a peaceful weekend!



Charlotte Harper



Eleanor Harrison

	Pupil of the week	Attendance
<p>Robins</p> 	<p>Sammy is POW Robins for his wonderful story writing. (see Robins gallery) – Mrs Johnston</p>	NA
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>Alex for independent problem solving in maths, reading the questions and using his calculation skills to find the answer. – Mrs Harrison</p>	NA
<p>Golden Eagles</p> 	<p>The POW for the Golden eagles this week is William who has been handing in some fantastic work online while also managing to help his parents on the farm. Great effort! – Miss Collins and Mrs Richards</p>	NA
<p>Merlins</p> 	<p>The POW for the Merlins is May for a great attitude to learning and always having a smile on her face. - Mr Greenway and Miss Collins.</p>	NA
<p>Swallows</p> 	<p>Rory is my pupil of the week for amazing engagement in his science. After working hard in science, Rory continued his research at home on axolotls. – Mr Scrafton</p>	NA
<p>Skylarks</p> 	<p>The pupil of the week for the Skylarks is Lizzie, for keeping going even though she is finding lockdown tricky. Great effort! – Miss Collins</p>	NA

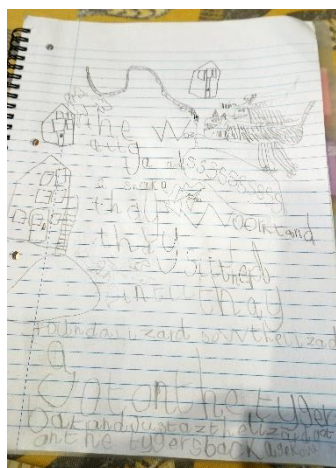
Robins



Owls and Robins have gone bird crazy!



We can walk up the steps and jump off!



This story involves a snake, a tiger, a lizard, a gecko and a vampire bat. They're walking and slithering and in the end they build houses. Well done Sammy!

Aimee wanted to show us all she's been learning how to write her numbers up to 10.



Rocco and Emma worked hard to make these patterns out of cubes.



Alex has made this impressive marble run all on his own.



The boys have made a speedboat.



'Ben has been a busy boy working for over half an hour on this sticker activity book!'



We can match pairs and make patterns.



Aidan has been spending some time on his art work.



Owls



Florence has drawn this super happy picture.

This week the children have enjoyed making posters for their 'Great Pet Sale', this one is Douglas'. In science the children have been exploring amphibians and making/drawing frogs.



Riley has been using his geography skills to create a map that he followed on his walk.



Lot's of fun in the snow too!



Golden Eagles



Amelie receives some expert help with the Lego competition



Martha enjoying some reading during our English lesson

Antoni enjoys an indulgent hot chocolate during PSHE



Sam and Amelie enjoying a winter walk



Dylan gets active during PE



William with his entry for the Lego competition

Fred enjoying a hug for PSHE - no need to worry about social distancing with a teddy!



Merlins



Caelan has written in to the Chaser team and had an amazing reply with signed photos!

Alice sharing a hot chocolate with her sister for PSHE



Alyssa proudly holding her certificate for her tap exam - she was awarded a merit!

Amelia enjoying reading a newspaper for English



Custard cream colosseums



Clari cooking for her family

Eva doing some tricky yoga poses



Magda enjoying a book and a hot chocolate for PSHE

William and his sister with their ride-on snowman!



Break times, building in the snow.

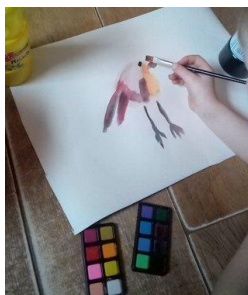


Swallows



Lily's fantastic tourist information leaflet for her village.

Hugo's super art work, which also combines our science work on birds!



Rafael and brothers have made this AMAZING snow dinosaur!



Rory researching axolotls

Abe's artwork combined the human features



learnt in history with his textile work in art, fantastic work Abe!

Snow day fun!



So many fantastic snow pictures!

Lily-Anne and brother getting in their daily exercise.



Lily's Amazing felting.



Hugo's outstanding art work.



Putting the children to work in their own shops has been a great way to work on their maths skills.



Skylarks



Beatrice enjoying some indoor archery!

Beatrice also made the colosseum in chocolate cake for history!



Benjamin in his snow tower



Maeve enjoying a bike ride



Thomasina enjoying a hot chocolate for PSHE



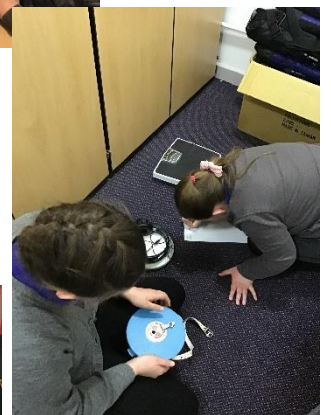
Thia enjoying the snow



Skylarks modelling coliseums out of clay.



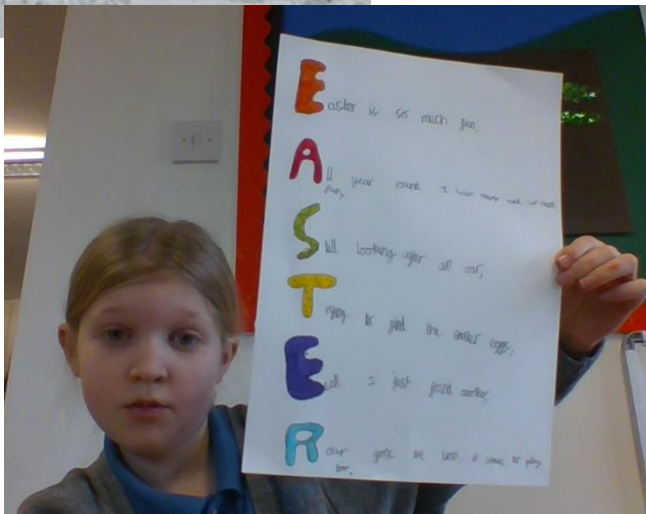
Finding different items to measure in different ways.



West Burton Bird Watch.

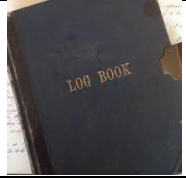


Lizzie with her RE acrostic poem



Skylark's measuring volume in maths.





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:

02.02.1920 – A very stormy morning. Only 23 children present.

04.02.1897 – severe weather all this week, snow falling every night thus greatly interfering with the attendance.

Robins and Owls News

Snow, frost and sunshine is a beautiful combination and we have made the most of all the weather this week. Ben took us on a wonderful walk to some of his favourite spots. We stopped to chat to the ponies and throw stones into the river. We clambered up steep banks and smashed lots of ice. We gathered sticks and branches and stopped off at the park on our way back to school.

Maths has been focusing on subtraction. Some of us have used number lines to count back.

Owls have had regular Team meetings this term to say hello and **on Tuesday at 13:30 Reception children are being invited to a Teams meeting** so we can all say hello. You will need to go into teams click Robins then click Calendar and a link will be there asking you to join.

If we are successful (and Mrs Gamble assures me we will be) we will look at setting up a Nursery meeting.

We are very excited to see our Reception children. It will be a temporary substitute for a group hug.

Much Love Owls and Robins x



On-site learners News

The Golden Eagles have shared a glimpse of what they have been up to this week:

Declan says, 'We ate marshmallows in outdoor learning and celebrated birthdays and did a Bird Watch and made bird feeders all outside.'

Katie says, 'I enjoy doing history and learning about Romans.'

Hollie says, "We celebrated some birthdays and had marshmallows and a fire and we built a den. On Wednesday we played in the snow at playtime."

Happy birthday to Holly M., Dylan, Declan, Hollie F. Gabriel and Tommy who have all had birthdays in January. I hope you all had a wonderful day.

Off-site learners News

It is the first week of the second month and we have snow again. So this week we have had another snow day and a no-screen day. What fun!

As always the children have risen to the challenges of their various assignments with great gusto. One of the most popular ones was history. Who knew building a colosseum would inspire such creativity? From our budding architects we have received ones made from: cardboard, stones, Lego, snow, cars and yes, even chocolate cake!

Alyssa said, "I loved making the Roman Colosseum out of dough."

William said, "I am building the colosseum out of Minecraft blocks!"

"Eva and I had great fun making the colosseum out of stones and mud," said Isaac.

RE was another hit: the recreating of Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Well, we had children acting out the story using a toy horse, Lego, paper, play dough, greenery from the garden and all manner of things. What an enterprising lot!

In PSHE it has been pancakes galore. By the time we get to Pancake Day (Tuesday 16th March) we are going to have some real experts. The pancakes looked amazing with a variety of toppings although chocolate did appear frequently. We definitely have some future contenders for Junior Bake Off.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. At the moment it is looking good for the blackbirds and robins!

In addition, children have been helping their parents out which is always lovely to hear, particularly at the moment. Harry said, "I went out to help on the farm and fed the lambs."

Let's hope those lambs get a bit of sunshine on their backs next week!

BAWB PTFA News









Meeting – 20 January: The minutes of this meeting are attached to the Newsletter.

Dates for the Diary

Easter Egg Decorating Competition: March – dates and deadlines to be confirmed
PTFA Meeting: Thursday 11 March at 8pm - all are welcome.

Forest Schools and PE

Class	Forest Schools	PE
Robins 	NA	Wednesday
Owls 	NA	Wednesday
Golden Eagles 	NA	Friday
Merlins 	NA	Friday
Swallows 	NA	Thursday and Friday
Skylarks 	NA	Thursday and 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.

Mrs Richards – Tower Challenge

Build a tower with whatever you can find: pebbles, lego, marshmallows, ice cubes ...

Mrs Raven

Create a quiz based on your favourite topic and test your family and friends.

Mr Greenway – Shoelace Challenge

Learn to tie your laces. If you can already do it, time yourself ... how fast can you do it?

Mrs Robinson

Look carefully at a tree and start to draw only the shapes you can see between the branches. Build up your picture then colour in the shapes either in shades of one or two colours or go completely abstract with a range of bright contrasting colours. Can you see your tree shape when you have finished?

Mrs Harrison

Create a marble run, this can be indoors or outdoors. Use as many different materials as you can. Time how long it takes for the marble to travel, who can make the longest run?

Mrs Gurden

Make a wordsearch to challenge your friends and family!
First make a grid, then write in the words you want – remember to write them in a list underneath so everyone knows what words to find. Have you written some backwards, vertical and diagonal? That will make it very tricky!
Finally fill in all the gaps with random letters.
Remember to send a copy to your teacher and administrator so they can have a go.

Mrs Alderson

Go on an alphabet hunt around your house/classroom. Can you find something beginning with every letter of the alphabet? Apple, bin, crayon...

Miss Labbate – Outdoor Sounds Challenge

Stand outside in silence for 1 minute. What sounds can you hear? Can you use your body to re-create the sounds?

No Screen Day

Mrs Johnston

Design a thank you poster for the scientists who have made our vaccines. You must get the message across without writing any words.

Mr Stokes – Winter Tree Identification

The trees have shed their leaves for winter, making them more difficult to identify. Be a nature detective and see how many species you can find.

Mrs Wilman – Family Tree Challenge

Can you make your family tree? You could draw it on paper or use twigs to create an actual tree!

Mrs Gamble – Make a bird feeder

Can you make a home-made bird feeder? You could use natural resources such as pine cones or you could even construct a bird table from pieces of wood!

Mrs Middleton – Scavenger Hunt

Have a go at a winter scavenger hunt. Can you find the following? Pinecone, Hawk, Leaf, Feather, Acorn and Squirrel. Can you think of some more and create your own scavenger hunt?

Mrs Donno-Fuller – Make your own board game

Can you design and make your own board game? You could play it with your family afterwards.

Miss Collins – Creepy-Crawly Hunt

Go out for a walk or spend some time in your garden. How many creepy crawlies can you find? (Top tip: try looking under rocks!). Can you identify your finds?