



Dear Parents, families, and community,
What a wonderful first week! It has truly delightful to see and hear all our children engaged with their learning and enjoying time with their friends and teachers again. Thank you to everyone, especially to the staff who have worked so hard to create a safe and nurturing environment for our children to return to.

Reminder about Covid measures

Thank you in the main for your incredible support of our measures in place to reduce the risk of Covid. Reminders:



- Please wear a mask when you drop-off / collect, unless you are medically exempt.
- Please do not gather in groups in and around the school grounds.
- Children are *not* required to wear masks at all, including on transport, but they may do so if they wish.

Assessment Week



The last week of term (beginning Monday 22nd March) will be assessment week for all of our children from Y1 upwards. The tests will take the usual format so our children are really familiar with them, though this time they will be done electronically instead of on paper. If your child usually has a 'reader' or 'scribe' for their tests (or anything other access arrangement) these will still be in place and we will, as ever, support all of our children. Following these assessments, we will have a clearer picture of how we intend to run our catch-up provision.

Easter Egg Competition

We are delighted that the PTFA has decided to run the annual Easter Egg competition this year – a much enjoyed and long-standing event in our schools. This year, it is going to look a little bit different...



Children are encouraged to design and make their eggs as normal but, instead of sending them into school, please send a photo of the creation. You may do this either as a hard copy, or via email to the admin@ address of the school **where your child is taught**. There will be a rosette for the winner and a runner-up for every class. The deadline for sending your photo is the end of the day on Wednesday 24th March. The PTFA will also be generously gifting an Easter egg to every child in school! Thank you from all of us and we can't wait to see this year's amazing eggs!

Parent Survey

Thank you to those of you who have completed our parent survey about our remote learning package. Your views are really important to us. A summary of the results accompanies this newsletter and we will contact you directly where this is appropriate from your responses. We were

delighted to read your comments which were overwhelmingly positive – a really positive endorsement of the remote package we put in place. Your constructive suggestions based on your personal experiences were also really helpful. Thank you!



Parent-Teacher Consultations

These will take place during the week commencing 19th April and you will be offered either a phone call or a Teams video conference, whichever is your preference. **We would like to encourage you to choose the Teams option as your child's teacher might find it helpful to share things on the screen with you**, though we can offer a phone call if this isn't possible or convenient. A form will be sent in due course so that we can prepare our schedule for that week. Some of you (in the parent survey) have requested a discussion with your child's class teacher **before** then – we will contact you imminently to arrange this, if we have not done so already.

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 the past 12 months have been extremely challenging for us all, please do let us know if there may be any delay in this process - we will work with you in any way we can.

Wherever possible please can accounts be cleared by **Friday 26th of March**.

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.

Mother's Day Sunday Service

Rev Dave and Sarah Clark have kindly sent the link for this Sunday's Mother's day service (a full service with Moses story), It will be for children and families:

https://youtu.be/a_91weiQVvI.

The service will also feature the children's Mother's day artwork and writing from the project between Rev Dave, Sarah, and school. These can also be seen here:

<https://youtu.be/qkVji1Sxr2k>



It's Red Nose Day!



Next Friday it is comic relief, and as we won't be wearing our red noses in school this year, we are going to dress to make our friends laugh!

Children (and adults) can wear the funniest clothes they can find/put together!

In our classes we will be designing our very own red nose and all week we will be collecting jokes - building up to the giant joke-off on Friday.







This week's awards from the Headteacher:

Headteacher's Award, taught @ Bainbridge	Emma, for her effort and enjoyment in maths: some serious subtracting!
Headteacher's Award, taught @ Askrigg	Amelia, for her excellent attitude and positive approach to all aspects of school life
Headteacher's Award, taught @ West Burton	Toby, for great effort and maturity, especially in phonics.
Tidiest Classroom Award	Merlins
Best Class Attendance	Resumes next week

Have a great weekend!

Charlotte Harper

Eleanor Harrison

	Pupil of the week	Attendance
<p>Robins</p> 	<p>Aimee for fabulous listening and excellent attitude on her return to school. – Mrs Johnson</p>	<p>Resumes next week</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>Charlie for his effort with his phonics and writing. - Mrs Harrison</p>	<p>Resumes next week</p>
<p>Golden Eagles</p> 	<p>Golden Eagle POW is Holly for making such a strong start in her new school. - Mrs Richards</p>	<p>Resumes next week</p>
<p>Merlins</p> 	<p>Finley for settling back into school with maturity and showing a love of learning. - Mr Greenway</p>	<p>Resumes next week</p>
<p>Swallows</p> 	<p>Lily is my pupil of the week. For fantastic effort in school, always being one of the first to put her hand up and share her great ideas. – Mr Scrafton</p>	<p>Resumes next week</p>
<p>Skylarks</p> 	<p>My pupil of the week is Abigail, for enthusiasm and effort across the curriculum. - Miss Collins</p>	<p>Resumes next week</p>

Robins

Three girls very happy to be back together!



William has done a lovely job watering the crocuses.



Otto has enjoyed playing in the sand.



Exploring Psalm Sunday.



Owls



Charlie and Douglas took great initiative on no screen day and went litter picking in their local area – What an amazing act of kindness and community spirit!

We have had a lovely week of being back together. As part of our Growth Mindset work in maths we really enjoyed a task called 'The Foot Parade', we had many feet to count, belonging to a variety of animals. I was very impressed with their different approaches to problem solving. Mrs Johnston also shared a lovely book with us called 'How Many Legs' allowing us to develop our problem-solving skills further.



Some lovely team work demonstrated when den building, it kept them warm and dry too, success!

We've really enjoyed our PE this week, team building games with Mr Bullock and online Yoga with Mrs Curzon.



We have enjoyed science week, on Thursday the children used the scientific skill of observing over time, exploring chromatography! Riley said 'the black works the best, more colours come out of it' he then went on to show Mum at home!



The Owls have been practising their threading skills too, making something special for their Mums.



Golden Eagles

GE doing their Yoga Looks very peaceful!

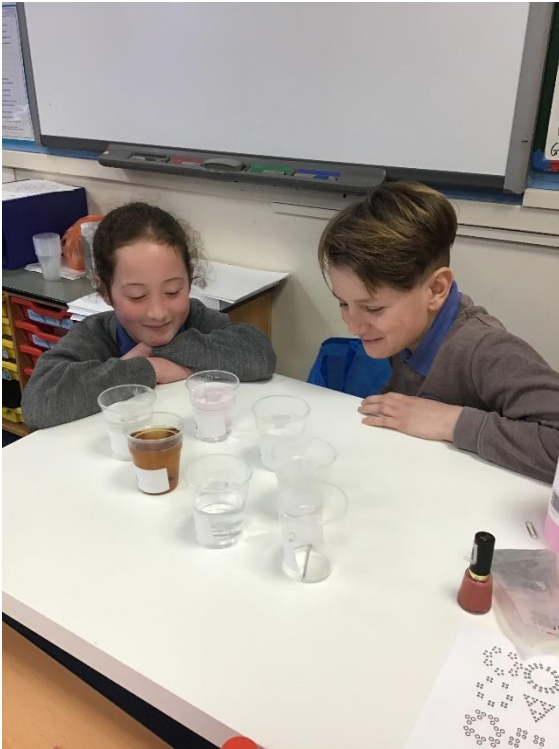


Circle time.

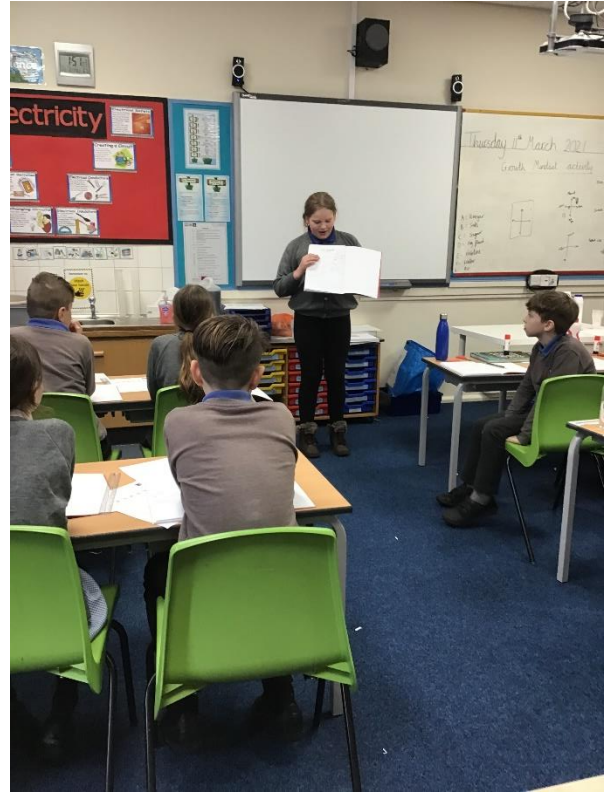


Merlins

Science - investigating if rust has begun to take place in different substances.



Growth mindset - discussing and sharing our strategies for maths problem



Creating maps and setting up our orienteering course.



Swallows

World book day Heroes



James and his mum proudly dressed up as doctors in honor of his Uncle working in the NHS.



Mrs Chapman's scrambled snake and owl ice cream ... but can you tell me which book it's from?



a mouse went for a walk through the deep dark woods



As part of our World Book Day Isaac made a superhero potato called Moss Man, his special power is camouflaging himself!



Lily-Anne's sparkly, superhero potato.



Caleb's Gruffalo potato.

Skylarks



Benjamin creating a mega marble run



Beatrice doing a pet portrait of her cat, Lara.

Beatrice testing magnets in science.

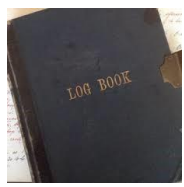


Back together and back out in West Burton!



Outdoor 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:

10th March 1933 – The attendance has been very poor this week owing to an epidemic of coughs.

14th March 1989 – The Governors met at 7:30 and toured the new extension. Work is not yet complete.

EYFS News

Welcome back everyone, especially our new Nursery starters who have settled in well (no tears) and are enjoying all that Robins class has to offer.

It has been so exciting to all be back. In fact we feel quite giddy. It is so lovely to see the children sharing books, chatting and playing with toys together. They are so happy to be back with friends in the sand, water and playdough. We have enjoyed lots of fun activities including Forest schools, library visits, balloon blowing, acting out the story of Palm Sunday and PE to name but a few.

We have been introducing, step by step, all our reading, writing and maths activities. First signs are that handwriting is on track. Letter sounds are promising and our subitising looks good but stamina needs building up again. We are all a bit tired and some ears are clogged up. So next week we may have double snack and lots of listening activities and I am sure that before too long we will no longer feel like we are herding cats (with hearing problems).

On Sunday Rev Dave and Sarah are doing a special service online for Mothering Sunday. It would be lovely for you to join in as some of the children have drawn pictures. Find the link below...

https://youtu.be/a_91weIQVvI.

Askrigg News

This week has been invigorating for all the staff in school. Askrigg feels busy with hardworking and happy children. The Merlins have enjoyed a first week back that has contained lots of PSHE, English, Maths, Science and PE. This has been really enjoyable. In PSHE we have been thinking about anxiety and worries and creating strategies to help with this. Lots of us have been using these on a morning before school and it really helps. In maths we have been trying to improve our growth mindset, by really believing we can get better. In science we have carried out a science experiment all about preventing rust on cars. We needed to lots of deep thinking and discuss our ideas before we started. In PE we have done rounder's, yoga, forest schools and orienteering.

"I have really enjoyed PE this week," said Willow.

"I liked science this week because I enjoyed my job of adding stuff to the water." Alice said.

"It has been great to see all my friends!" Will.

West Burton News

This week has been an exciting week because it has been the return to school!
For maths, we have been learning about Growth Mindsets and doing mathematical drawings using shapes. We have been using phrases to help us understand maths and how it is not all about speed.
In English, we have done a Cold Write explanation text called How to stay safe in a Pandemic: there was a lots of things to write about!

Quotes:

Beatrice said, "I enjoyed doing my mathematical drawings, I drew a flamingo."

Kirsty said, "I am happy to be back at school to see my friends again."

Maeve said, "I enjoyed making my mathematical poster for going on display I did types of animals that looked like shapes in maths."

Thomasina said, "I enjoyed doing the mathematical drawing, I drew a donut. A donut shape is called a horus in maths.

On Monday in PE, we did some rugby training exercises!

In science, we watched Dr. Bottley's videos he sent us and discovered that anyone can be Scientists. We also did a survey and learned that computers are stopping us reading books more often.

On Tuesday, we went out for a walk up the village, through a farm yard up a few fields and back again.

BAWB PTFA News









Date of Next meeting: Monday 26 April at 8pm – online.

Community News

Bainbridge Christmas Lights – Easter fun for Children and Adults

We are holding an Easter trail for primary school children and a quiz for teenagers and adults. Everyone welcome.
On the 27th March we will be on the green in the village from 10.30am – 11.30am selling the Easter trail sheets and Quiz sheets. Each sheet will be £1.00. We will also be holding a raffle with the chance to win a baking box from The Millrace Teashop and some small hampers of goodies. How to complete the trail and when to hand in your trail and quiz sheets will be explained to you when you buy your sheets on the 27th March.

Forest Schools and PE

Class	Forest Schools	PE
Robins 	Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri	Wednesday
Owls 	Wednesday	Wednesday
Golden Eagles 	Tuesday	Monday
Merlins 	Tuesday	Monday
Swallows 	Resumes after Easter	Wednesday & Thursday
Skylarks 	Resumes after Easter	Wednesday & Thursday

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.

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	After school clubs will resume after Easter holidays.		
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
19.03.21	Comic Relief/Red nose day (see newsletter 9)		
21.03.21	Census day		
w/c 22 nd March	Assessment week for Y1 children upwards		
25.03.21	Deadline for PTFA Easter egg competition (see newsletter 9)		
26.03.21	Break up for Easter Holidays		
12.04.21	Teacher Training day		
19.04.21	Great North Air Ambulance Collections (AM)		
w/c 19 th April	Parent-Teacher Consultations via telephone or Teams (parent preference) – details to follow		
03.05.21	Bank Holiday		