



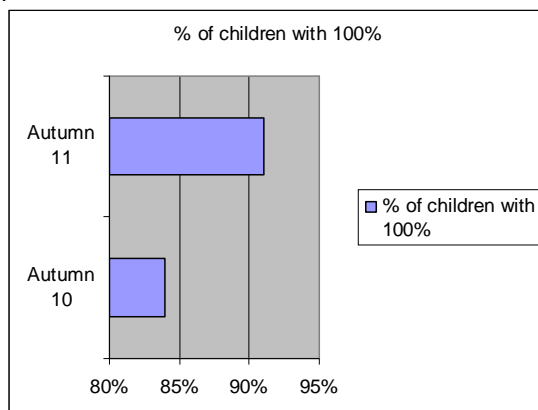
HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE. BEST WISHES FROM SCHOOL FOR 2012
UPCOMING EVENTS

This term we have a number of exciting trips and visitors to add to the calendar of events. Years 5 and 6 will be working with Bradford University on an international telescope project. Years 3-5 will visit a Mandir in Bradford on the 21st of March as part of their work on Hinduism. Year 6, who have already visited the Mandir, will be visiting a Buddhist Temple. Alan Gibbons, an author, will be visiting our school on the 25th January to work with Years 3-5 on writing skills. All of the children will be taking part in the national project 'FaceBritain' to mark the Queen's Jubilee (www.facebritain.org).

Further information about trips will be sent out separately.

PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Last term we made some adjustments in our approach to behaviour management at school. Children in Years 2-6 now earn their Golden Time rather than it being taken away if a rule is broken. After comparing the incidents of missed Golden Time from September to November, for 2010 and 2011, these adjustments seem to be having a positive impact. A recent Local Authority visit graded behaviour in school as 'Good'; but we are aiming to achieve 'Outstanding' and are therefore continuing to work on the behaviour policy to improve our practice.



OUR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SDP)

A reminder about our current school foci for this year.

- Using writing, maths and key skills across the curriculum to enable our children to become better at applying these skills.
- Improving the opportunities for science
- Improving handwriting and taking pride in everything we do.
- Making learning outstanding everywhere.

For further information a summary of the SDP will be available on our website.

BUILD UP TO THE OLYMPICS

2012 is an exciting year for everyone. We have started to discuss the Olympics in assemblies and have joined the GET SET network. A whole school themed week, dedicated to the Olympics, will take place week commencing 25th June. More events are also being organised across the cluster.



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

Mrs Wilson has led work across school on Investors in Pupils. This is a national award which we are hoping to achieve by the end of this year.



At Christmas we raised £751.20 from the Christmas Fayre, selling refreshments at the Christmas productions and the Christmas discos.

Thank you to everyone who donated their time to help at these events, and to everyone who supported them. All money raised is used for the benefit of the children.

The book exchange at The Post Office is doing very well, and has so far raised £151.82. Another £27 has been raised over the Christmas period! Thank you to Shona and the Post Office staff.

The date of the next Friends of Riccall meeting to be confirmed.

Willow's Wish



Every Christmas we raise money at the productions for a charity. This year we raised money for Willow's Wish. The collections have raised £259.94. Thank you to everyone who contributed and this money will be forwarded to Willow.

CLUBS

Will start the week commencing January 23rd. The clubs letter will be sent out on Monday 16th.

Start of School

From 8:50am the school accepts responsibility for your child and the bell rings at 8:55am to enter school. Lessons start promptly at 9am so it is very important to be on time. Please contact Spacebase, the out-of-school club on 01757 249527 if you require before and/or after school cover.

PLEASE Park at the Hare and Hounds

The Hare and Hounds have still kindly agreed to let us use their car park before and after school. Please make use of this facility to help ease the congestion in Coppergate and make the walk to school safer for all.

Diarrhoea and Sickness

As a school we follow the Health Protection Agency guidelines that children and staff should not be in school for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea and sickness.

BBC Stargazing Live

Yorkshire Museum & Gardens, York
Tuesday 17th January – 6 to 9:30pm - free of charge
Climb aboard the Space Bus and learn about life in space, try space food, build and launch your own space rocket and dress up as an astronaut. Gaze at the stars (weather permitting) through Yorkshire's oldest working telescope and compare it with using a modern telescope supplied by York Astronomy Society. Take a journey into space in the 330 seater mini-cinema and learn about the stars and planets with astronomy expert Martin Lunn. Make a starry picture.

www.yorkshireremuseum.org.uk 01904 687687
enquiries@yorkshireremuseum.org.uk

Parents' Forum Meetings NEW DATE

Parents Forum will meet on Thursday 23rd February at 7:00pm.

Trips

Every term we try and organise a trip for each year group, sometimes just a walk around the village relevant to the topic being covered in class or a larger trip further afield. All children benefit from visiting different venues, making their topics come alive, or experiencing a zip wire descent whilst at Robinwood.

We endeavour to try and keep the cost of the visits to a minimum but with the cost of fuel constantly rising this does add to cost. We do include a breakdown of the cost of the coach, entry fees, workshops, activities etc in the information supplied to you. We are currently making a loss on trips e.g. the Magna trip in September lost over £300. Unfortunately, if costs are not covered, trips will have to be cancelled in the future.

FRONTER UPDATE...

Fronter is our school learning platform. Each child has access to an online classroom with activities to follow up what has been done in class. The address to access it is <http://fronter.com/northyorks> You will need to get your username and password from your class teacher.

The Foundation Stage will be starting after Christmas and we will run a Parents Evening to re-introduce it to you. In the Parents area, Mr Rowntree is running a forum to answer questions on how to add resources and use the materials. Mrs Wilson will also add details on Investors in Pupils so parents/carers can get involved too.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Just a reminder re the correct school uniform
Navy blue (**not black**) cardigan or sweatshirt with or without logo;
Navy, black or grey trousers/skirt
White or navy blue polo shirt
Navy blue and white gingham dress
Sensible school shoes not trainers.

PE Uniform:-

Navy or white T-shirt
Navy or black shorts
Navy or black plain track suit or joggers and fleece

No jewellery except for stud earrings and a wrist watch is allowed at school. Wrist bands are also **not** allowed.

Lost Property – Coats – there is a variety of adult and children's coats in the office. Please come and check before next Friday 20th January, if not claimed they will be donated to a local charity.