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Welcome back to the last stretch of the summer term! What a busy couple of weeks we have had already. It was so lovely to welcome our families to sports day in the first week back. We have received some lovely feedback from families, and the staff and I think it was our best yet!

A massive thank you to our PTA for running the refreshments stall and raffle at sports day. A fabulous £ 314 has been raised on the tuckshop and scratch cards. The raffle is still ongoing and will be announced soon. This year, the PTA have been able to support school by providing autumn and spring topic boxes, PE and art equipment, transport to the pantomime (oh yes they did!), Leavers Hoodies and Forest school supplies. In total, they have contributed over £3500! What a fantastic achievement.

Over £700 has been raised on the Smartie Challenge. Thank you all so much for your support. The top fundraising Class will celebrate with a whole class reward—to be voted on! This time, the reward goes to...**Oak Class!!!**

The Top Fundraisers were:

Archie—Oak Class (£4.60)

Rachel—Maple Class (£33.80)

Olivia—Maple Class (£30)

The Leaderboard is as follows:

Spotlight on Learning

Rehearsals are well underway for the Big Sing. KS1 attended the Little Big Sing this week. This was a fabulous experience for all; the children enjoyed singing and dancing to a medley of songs. I was so impressed by all the children from both Cowick and Pollington-Balne—we stood out in a very good way! **As part of the national curriculum, children in KS1 should 'use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes' and 'listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music'.**

In KS2, children are expected to 'play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression' and 'appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians'. The Big Sings ensure that we fulfil these national curriculum outcomes whilst allowing the

children a safe forum to perform within a large group. Recent studies show that music also improves outcomes in other areas of the national curriculum - The Department for Education has stated that *'a high-quality music education can improve self-confidence, behaviour and social skills as well as improve academic achievement across the curriculum. And while music touches the lives of all young people, the disadvantaged can benefit most'.*

This week, KS1 and KS2 have also taken part in a 'Spotlight on Fairtrade' online assembly.

Well done to Oak and Ash Class who held their parent assemblies over the past 2 weeks. Your confidence to speak out, was admirable; it was lovely to see and hear all that you have been learning and what makes you proud. It is also a pleasure to be able to welcome families into school to share in the children's celebration of learning.

Staffing

Following a restructure across the Federation, I am pleased to inform you that there will be two Heads of School. Mrs Bagguley will be based at Cowick and Mrs Batty will be based at Pollington-Balne. Both Heads of School and the Executive Headteacher will continue to work closely to address school and Federation priorities.

Next year, our class structure will be as follows:

Oak Class: Mrs Batty (EYFS)

Ash Class: Mrs Blades and Mrs Pears (Y1/2)

Maple Class: Mrs De Bethel (Y2/3)

Willow Class: Miss Habbishaw (Y4/5)

Birch Class: Mrs Foster (Y5/6)

You will receive a letter next week confirming which class your child is in.

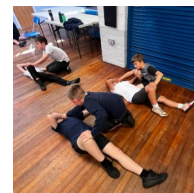
Diversity Week

Next week we will be holding Diversity Week in school. The children will be learning about hidden disabilities and diversity in sport. Jak will be teaching the children about Paralympic sports and events. Humber Roads Safety will also be paying us a visit, as will PCSO Chandler.

First Aid Training

As part of their PSHE work, Heidi Fairhurst, a First Aid Trainer and previous nurse, came into school to teach the Y5/6 children about First Aid. The children learned DRABC, Basic First, and how to put someone in the recovery position. Heidi was most impressed by our children and emailed in to say 'It was a

pleasure to deliver the First Aid workshop to your pupils. They were a credit to you...'



Non Uniform Days

Thank you for your bottle donations for the PTA today, there will be some wonderful hampers being raffled off.

Next Friday, Rainbow Friday, will be a non-uniform Day as part of our Diversity Week. Children are invited to come to school dressed in colours of the rainbow.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Rawes

Dates for your diary

New items are in red

24/6 Diversity Week

25/6 Maple Class Assembly 9:15

26/6 Y6 Puberty Talk

27/6 Willow Class Assembly 9:15

28/6 Rainbow Friday (non uniform)

3-5/7 The Snaith School Transition

8/7 Brayton Academy Transition week

10-12/7 Y5&6 Residential (Kingswood)

12/7 PTA summer Disco

19/7 Leavers' Assembly 10am in church

Attendance to date: 94.18 %
Unauthorised absences: 1.55 %
Authorised absences: 3.72 %



Reminders

✓ No nuts in school

✓ Rainbow Friday

✓ Residential parents meeting Tue 25/5/2024



Friendship Respect Forgiveness