

Good morning everyone,

I would just like to say a huge thankyou to everyone who volunteered their time to read at Story telling week last week in school. The pupils absolutely loved listening to stories and being transported to other worlds through the power of words.



In preparation for world book day on the 6th March, we wondered if anyone would be interested in taking part in a costume swap. If you have a costume that your child/ren have grown out of or no longer wear, please feel free to donate it to school by 24th February ready to 'swap' free of charge on Friday 28th February.

Free group music lessons

If you are in receipt of free school meals, pupils are eligible for free group music lessons. If you are interested and would like your child/ren to take part, please complete an online application for on the North Yorkshire music hub website: northyorkshireremusic.org.uk

Celebration Assembly

We would like to welcome everyone to our upcoming celebration assembly on Tuesday 11th at 3:10pm. If your child is receiving a certificate, a note will be added to your child's planner at the end of today. We look forward to seeing you all there.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

Thanks,
Miss India Tordoff
Head of School



EYFS trip.

Dreamery Gardens

On **Wednesday 26th February** the children in **Nursery and Reception** will be travelling to Dreamery Gardens – England's lost fairy gardens. The children will be picked up at 9am so please make sure they arrive at school ready and on time. The children will have the opportunity to explore the woodland areas building on our learning this half term about different habitats and animals. We will also explore the different seasonal changes around us. All children will require to bring a **packed lunch** and an **all-in-one suit and a pair of wellies** for the trip. If you would like a school packed lunch, please email the office requesting this by Wednesday 12th February. We ask for a voluntary donation of **£16 per child** which will be added to parent pay towards the cost of the trip. If your child does not attend school on this day they are more than welcome to join us, please discuss with your child's class teacher and if you would like a more information.



WOW WORK



Miss Skilling EYFS AND NURSERY

This week in Early Years we have been enjoying lots of exploring outside and have planting some seeds! We have also started to learn about polar habitats and have been making our own polar bears using cotton wool.



Mrs Rutherford KS1

This week we have been working really hard. The children have begun to get stuck in to their times tables using concrete resources. We have also really loved creating our comic strips and are looking forward to completing the finished pieces! We have also loved learning our colours in French and colouring animals in French colours.



KS1 +EYFS art workshop.

Fortunately, we have managed to rearrange our printing workshop with Millie McCallum to the morning of Thursday 13th February. Please can you send your children to school with a bag of messy clothes to get changed into. We look forward to welcoming Millie.



Mr Marshall KS2

This week in Class 3 we have been exploring some forms of poetry: lipograms, which are descriptive poems that omit one letter of the alphabet; and diamante poems which lead the reader from one word to an opposing word (usually its antonym). We have heard a great variety of poems with subjects ranging from waterfalls and farm animals to Spiderman and Quidditch.

Well done everyone!

BAKE SALE

On the last Friday of half-term (14th February) we will be having a bake sale on the playground at 3:30pm - the end of the school day. We are raising funds for the school and each item will be £1.

The children can either bring their money that morning (and hand it in to their class teacher for safe keeping) or be given money on collection at the end of the day.

If you would like to donate any cakes, cookies or treats to the bake sale then please bring these to the office on Thursday 13th or the morning of Friday 14th. Both home-baked and shop-bought goods are very welcome!

If home-baked please could you advise of any allergens

(milk, gluten, egg etc.)

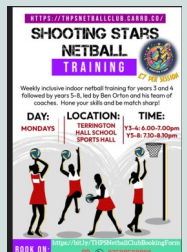
We will do our best to return any cake tins.

Shooting Stars Netball Training

Children are invited by Terrington hall, in Years 3-6, to join the Terrington Hall Netball Club, held on Monday evenings. They are particularly looking for Y3s and 4s for the 6:00–7:00 PM session, while Y5s tend to prefer the later 7:10–8:10 PM group.

Sessions are led by experienced coaches, helping children develop skills, build confidence, and have fun in a supportive environment.

Email: shootingstarsnetball.york@outlook.com



INFORMATION

This week is children's mental health week, and we have been busy exploring the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. The children have focused on knowing themselves and their emotions and have had chance to discuss this in our special collective worship. Some children have also had the opportunity in their PSHE lessons to look at this theme more closely. If you as a family would like to look at some ideas, we have included a tips for families, produced by 'Place2Be' for children's mental health week.



Snapchat 13+

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant limitations, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users taking it as the medical help and advice, which could be dangerous and therefore potentially dangerous.
- PREDATORS AND SCAMS**
Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, luring a user they have shared photos of them and then later contact them. They can also use disappearing messages to lure a user into a scam or other. This is why it's important to educate children on the risks of using Snapchat and to report any suspicious activity to the relevant authorities.
- MY EYES ONLY**
Snapchat has a 'My Eyes Only' feature that allows users to share photos and videos with a select group of friends. However, this feature is not foolproof and users can still share photos, videos and live My Eyes Only videos.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

- UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Snapchat's Family Center lets you view the activity of the child's account. You can also set parental controls to limit the child's access to certain features, such as the ability to share photos and videos with friends, and to use filters and lenses. You can also set parental controls to limit the child's access to certain features, such as the ability to share photos and videos with friends, and to use filters and lenses.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS**
Encourage your child to talk to you about their online activities. If you notice any signs of distress or changes in behavior, encourage them to talk to you about it. You can also encourage them to talk to a trusted adult, such as a teacher or counselor, if they are struggling with their online activities.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Claire Buchanan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented world-leading online safety policies for schools. She will be speaking at the Wake Up Wednesday event on the 22nd of March at the National College.

Wake Up Wednesday | The National College

Source: See full references list on page 10 of this guide at: <https://www.nationalcollege.ac.uk/pshe/snapchat-13/>

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TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

- 1 Encourage journaling**
Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journaling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.
- 2 Make space for reflection**
When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need. Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.
- 3 Be visual**
Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.
- 4 Practice mindfulness**
Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.
- 5 Communicate**
Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.

If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives – from FAQs to downloadable packs. [Here4You.co.uk](https://www.place2be.co.uk/here4you)

DIARY DATES

Stay and Play	Every Monday (1.30pm-2.30pm) Except 10th February
Sharing Assembly	Tuesday 11th February 2025 (3.10pm)
Dodgeball Event (Malton Sports Centre KS1)	Wednesday 12th February 2025
Young Voices (KS2)(See info sheet)	Wednesday 12th February 2025
Valentines (Special School Menu) Pizza Sub Chips Peas and Sweetcorn Love Heart Biscuit	Friday 14th February 2025
Spring half –term	Friday 14th February 2025 (Last Day) Monday 24th February (First Day Back)
World Book Day (Special School Menu)	Thursday 6th March 2025
Dreamery Gardens (Nursery and Reception) (Consent Required)	26th February 2025
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 18th March 5pm-7pm Thursday 20th March 3.30pm-5.30pm
Easter (Special School Menu)	Monday 31st March 2025
Easter Service (All Saints Church)	Wednesday 2nd April (2.00pm)
Easter Break	Friday 4th April 2025 (Last Day) Wednesday 23rd April 2025 (First Day)
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 2nd May 2025 (Last Day) Tuesday 6th May 2025 (First Day)
Street Food (Special School Menu)	Tuesday 15th May 2025
Summer Half–Term	Friday 23rd May 2025 (Last Day) Monday 2nd June 2025 (First Day Back)
Sports Day (Special School Menu)	Friday 13th June 2025
Leavers Service (All saints Church)	Monday 14th July (2.30pm)
Leavers (Special School Menu)	Friday 18th July 2025
Summer Break	Friday 18th July 2025 (Last Day)

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