

Collective Worship Theme this half term = Service

Attendance this week is **79.94%**

22 October 21

School News

Half term is here and I'm sure everyone will welcome the rest after a long and busy 7 weeks. We have all settled into new routines well and the children seem to be enjoying their new learning. Next half term is a long one too and we have lots planned so please ensure children get a good night's sleep.

Internet safety—Squid Game

Please refer to the letter that was sent to all parents/carers this week.

Swimming

We have lots of coughs and colds in school. If you feel your child would be better missing swimming then please do send them in for their English and maths in the morning as missing these has a huge impact on their learning. They can then sit out of swimming later in the day.

Y5/6 maths day

What an amazing day the children had at Ampleforth College's Math's Day. They learnt about how to count in binary, about 'old' money (£/S/d) and took part in a maths investigations. After a wonderful buffet lunch they built structures and learnt about architects.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms in Children (NHS)

As coughs and colds become more commonplace, can we please remind you of the need for testing if pupils have symptoms, however mild, in order to limit the spread of Covid-19. Please see the following guidance from the NHS around Coronavirus symptoms in children and when a PCR test (one sent to a lab) is required. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>. The following link gives locations for PCR testing centres: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/book-coronavirus-covid-19-pcr-test-if-youve-got-symptoms>.

Consultation Evenings 2 and 3 November

Appointments have been sent home to all parents/carers who have requested an appointment. Our catering supplier will also be in school with samples for you to try and feedback on. Governors will also be represented on both evenings.

Stay and Play sessions

We are holding stay and play sessions for any children due to start reception in September 2022.
12 November, 9.30 am-11.30 am
23 November, 9.30 am-11.30 am
2 December, 1.15 pm-3.00 pm

Applications for Reception places starting in September 2022 are also now open. You can apply using the following link. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>
The deadline is 15th January 2022.



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of E Primary



**Winning House
for last week was
Elm**

**This week's
winning House
is Ash**

**SPORT
Rugby**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 22 Oct—Break up

Mon 1 Nov—Return to School

Tues 2 & Wed 3 Nov - Parent Consultations

Wed 10 Nov—School photographs

Wed 10th Nov—PTA Coffee Morning in school. RSVP required.

Fri 12 Nov—Stay and Play

Fri 19 Nov—Children in Need

Fri 19th Nov - Film Night and PTA AGM

Tues 23 Nov—Stay and Play

Thur 2 Dec—Stay and Play

Fri 10th Dec—Christmas Disco

Tues 14 Dec—**panto, leaving school at 8.45am**

Good habits result from resisting temptation. Proverb

Secondary School application

The deadline for Year 6 pupils to apply for a secondary school place is the 31 October 2021.

School photographs

Richard from Impressions will be taking school photographs on the afternoon of the 10 November. These should be available to purchase for Christmas.

School Admission Numbers

Attached is an NYCC consultation letter, regarding pupil admission arrangements.

Parent Governor

We require an additional Parent Governor. More information can be found on the following website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governance-handbook>

PTA

We are looking forward to events returning and have lots planned. Please support us where you can. We need baking for the coffee morning. Please let Kat know what you can bring, homemade or shop bought.

Wed 10th Nov—Coffee Morning in school (10.30-12) Poster attached. RSVP required.

Fri 19th Nov - Film Night and brief AGM 6.30 pm-6.45 pm. Please let Kat know if anyone is interested in being Chair, Vice, Treasurer or Secretary.

Fri 10th Dec—Christmas Disco for children (and siblings)

Also, watch out for hamper numbers for sale after half term.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Love in a Box; Thank you for the donations we have received so far. **These boxes are the only Christmas present the children will receive.** Please help to bring a smile to the faces of these children. Any donations of completed boxes or small toys, puzzles, balls, crayons, yoyos, toiletries, sweets, hair slides etc will be used to make shoeboxes in school. Half term would be a great time to see what you have spare to put in the boxes.



Food Council

Following feedback, the menu has been adjusted. Sampling will be available on both Consultation Evenings. Your feedback is always welcomed. Children on packed lunches are always offered a taste from the lunch menu.

Morrisons—It's Good to Grow vouchers

Morrisons are giving out a grow token for every £10.00 spent. We have signed up to this scheme and would appreciate any donations of tokens which we will be able to exchange for gardening equipment.



Staff Training

All staff undertaking LFT testing.

Safeguarding

School Lunches

Week beginning 1 November is week two