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"Learn from the way the wildflowers grow" Matthew 6:28

17.10.25

Dear Parents/ Carers

Newsletter

Wellies!
We seem to have accumulated a large collection of children's wellies in school, most of which do not fit the children! As a result, some children are going to Forest School in their school shoes. If you could have a chat with your child about their wellies that would be really helpful and then perhaps come into school and double check that their pair still fits them. Waterproofs, long sleeves and gloves are also going to be essential as we get into the colder months. Children in Roots and Shoots class have also been spending increasing amounts of time outside - please can you make sure that your child has their waterproof trousers and outdoor clothes in school every day so they remain warm and dry.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop 10.12.25, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall
Following the success of last year's event, FIGS are organising another wreath making workshop, only this time bigger and better in the Village Hall. Tickets cost £30 in advance (booking essential) including all materials, tools, tuition and refreshments. There are also some fantastic raffle prizes on offer. Please contact Amy Berryman on 07908416516 or email: cookamy@live.co.uk. Please see poster attached and on our website.

Applications for Reception Sept 2026 – deadline 15.1.26
Please let any of your friends with pre-school children know – thank you. Letter with details of how to apply attached and on our website.

Is my child too ill for school? NHS guidance
Please follow this link for NHS guidance for parents about childhood illnesses, and when to send them in to school:
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?es_c=BD86CDA8793A11E469102DCE76D86808&es_cl=369E365B9785EACE3B4E4723ED22B84C&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1

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Diary dates:
20.10.25 R – Y6 Flu immunisation give your permission via:
https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/northyorkshire
Shoebox Appeal donations deadline 20.10.25
24.10.25 - Break up for half term
3.11.25 - Return to school
10.11.25- Air Ambulance clothing collection
11.11.25 – Y 5 & 6 Crucial Crew trip – details to follow
14.11.25 – Children in Need donations via: https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/
21.11.25 – Individual photos
10.12.25 , 1:30 pm Christmas Fair – please spread the word. If you know anyone who might be interested in having a stall, please ask them to get in touch with Mrs Mitchell.
10.12.25 6:30 – 8:30 pm FIGS Wreath Making Workshop, Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall – please see poster for details.
11.12.25 – Whole school trip to Middlesbrough Theatre – Goldilocks and the 3 bears – more details to follow. Tickets and travel will be charged at £22.31 per child via your ParentPay account.
12.12.25, 2:45 pm onwards Christmas Show – everyone very welcome.
19.12.25 – FIGS Coffee Morning, Stokesley Town Hall, 9 am – 12.00. Lots of volunteers needed please, to raise much needed funds for school. Please let Mrs Mitchell know if you are available.
19.12.25 – break up for Christmas
6.1.26 – children return to school

***Items for your information*:**

Free eye tests available for all children – please see attached and on our website letter with more details
Little Brushes art workshops – please see attached and on our website flyer for more details.
Globe Library, Stokesley – Free Halloween Crafts 30.10.25, 2:00 – 3:30 pm - please see attached and on our website flyer for more details, and also other local library sessions.
Fostering North Yorkshire are appealing for more foster parents to come forward:
watch the short film and learn how you can make a
difference: www.northyorks.gov.uk/fostering/the-run
Free inclusion courses for parents and carers
The NYES SEND and Inclusion team have launched a new round of in-person courses designed to support parents and carers of children and young people in North Yorkshire with Autism, SEMH, and ADHD.
These courses are an opportunity to find out more and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.
Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.
For multi-day courses parents must attend all days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.
Share this link
Spaces fill-up fast so please share with your parents and carer networks and encourage early booking to avoid missing out!

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Reflection of the week

Extract from Mary Seacole Trust Reflection on Black History Month: Reflection Without a Mirror

There is much debate each year over whether there should be a focus on UK Black history during the course of just one month each year. Many people understandably consider that there should be a perennial acknowledgement without any specific period being identified. It is perhaps true that in time there may be less of a need to emphasise any aspect of British history relating to race during a set period in order to promote equality, but this is perhaps still aspirational.

Whatever the arguments in relation to the merits of a 'Black History Month', never has it been more important to have a period of focused reflection and celebration, acknowledging signature moments in the history of the UK. In a recent talk I gave, I described Mary Seacole as being a person who saw life not as a mirror but as a window. Mary was caring and compassionate, seeing life as a 'window' refers to her seeing others whom she would care for and want to support.

When I reflect on the actual view which Mary Seacole had during the Crimean War, it was one of a battlefield, one where people suffered and some drew their last breath. Mary endured this environment against the backdrop that she was a woman in her late 40s; a person of colour, a person who had been rejected yet stood by her values and gave support to others. Her compassion and values are as relevant today as they ever were.

The Mary Seacole Trust's vision for the future is one where the next generation understand that life should be a 'window' and through that window we hope that they will see a caring and compassionate society. One where there is a celebration of cultural diversity and a peaceful co-existence, where people enjoy not only equality of opportunity but equality of outcome based on their endeavour. A view where a person's gender matters not and where disability and age are an irrelevance.

We all have a role to play to ensure that the view through the 'window' for the younger generation is optimistic, fair, caring and compassionate.

Yours sincerely

Kirsti-Anna Hume
Headteacher

Gold LOtC Mark

Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England

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