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'Be kind and honest; others will respect you and treat you fairly' *Proverbs 21:21*

6.3.25

Dear Parents/ Carers

World Book Day Thursday 6.3.25
The children have all had a great day of World Book Day activities, and dressing up. Well done for all your efforts on their behalf!
Your child will be bringing home their £1 book token for a free book today – valid until 23.3.25.

31.3.25 9:00 am Air Ambulance Clothing Collection
We are supporting the Air Ambulance again, by collecting your donations of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and household textiles (no duvets please). Please bring your bags into school on Monday 31.3.25. Thank you.

Artificial Intelligence tips for parents
Please follow this link for some really useful tips for parents about AI:
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/?utm_campaign=20250210_KIS_CASPAR_February10&utm_content=Artificial%20intelligence%20safety%20tips%20for%20parents&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Adestra

Ready for a fun-filled, action-packed Easter?
With the Easter holidays just a few weeks away, North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service have a range of experiences planned to get young people and their families active and in touch with nature this spring. Family Activity Days are the perfect solution for spending quality time together taking on a challenge in the great outdoors making memories that will last a lifetime. Join the team on a canoe journey at either Bewerley Park in Pateley Bridge or East Barnby near Whitby and get 10% off your Family Activity Day booking using the code 'Hello10'.
Adventure Club will keep your young people busy with activities that could include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. They'll make new friends, challenge themselves and learn a whole range of different skills. All while having lots of fun!
There are also three exciting courses available for young people to try this Easter – rock skills, paddle sports and sailing. Find out more about what's on and when at www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays and get ready for an unforgettable outdoor experience like no other!

Wednesday Sports After School Club
Now the weather is improving, and our field is drying out, Mr Coultas is going to do Football on Wednesday's After School Club from 12.3.25 up until the Easter holidays. PTO

Diary dates:
7.3.25 – 2:45 pm Sharing Assembly
10.3.25 & 11.3.25 – Parent consultations from 3:30 pm
14.3.25 – Sharing Assembly 2:45 pm
19.3.25 – Whole school trip to Darlington Buddhist Centre
21.3.25 – Red Nose Day
21.3.25 – 2:45 pm Reading Café with visitor from Parent Carer Voice
27.3.25 – The Bishop of Whitby, Barry Hill, is visiting school, and will join us for a special Collective Worship 2:30pm, which you are warmly invited to attend.
28.3.25 – NO SHARING ASSEMBLY
31.3.25 – 9:00 am Air Ambulance Clothing Collection
1.4.25 – Easter Service in St. Andrew's Church at 9:30 am
4.4.25 – Break up for Easter holidays
22.4.25 Tuesday – Return to school

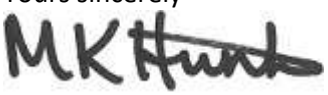
Reflection of the week from Mari Palmer, Diocesan Director of Education

Robert Herrick, in the 17th century, debated what Lent should be like. Must he have 'a downcast look and sour?' he wondered. He knew that we make Lent such an effort, worrying away about giving up this and that. In Greece, as Lent begins, villages observe 'Clean Monday' and folk rush into the countryside for a picnic. It is a day to celebrate forgiveness and a 'clean' conscience. Better still, they fly kites, to get nearer to heaven.

A picnic in the countryside has a different feel from the way we trudge through the wilderness. What they know in Greece is that, in Lent, we begin to shake off winter. So, orthodox Christians play with the imagery of a shifting season. They talk about the 'flower of repentance' that begins to open. You can also find a hint of all this in Mark's gospel where Jesus spends his 'Lent' with wild beasts and angels. Mark wants us to notice that Jesus has returned to Eden where once humans were safe with the animals. Lent is less peculiar than we make it; forgiveness and reconciliation is the way the world is put right. Lent is a glimpse of Eden, or even a kite flying near to heaven. (Taken from Westminster Abbey's reflections for Lent)

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely



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