



Weekly Newsletter No. 18

25th January 2024



We are a nut free school, please do not send nuts for snacks or lunches.

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, we have welcomed another two **student teachers** into school, Miss McIntosh and Miss Palmer. They will primarily be working with class 1 and class 2, do say hello if you meet them.

We are proud to share with you a letter we have received from the Minister for Schools, Damian Hinds, congratulating us on our 2023 Phonics Screening check results. With 100% of our children reaching the expected standard, Askwith is in the **top 1% of all primary schools in the country!** See attached.

As you will have heard through the national press, there have been localised outbreaks of **measles**. See attached guidance from North Yorkshire Education Service and below a link to NHS guidance which includes details of the symptoms:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools. Please be vigilant for symptoms in your own children. We currently do not know of any cases of measles within our school community.

Yesterday, the first of the **Family Cooking Workshops** took place with 'Lynn's Easiest Pizza Ever' on the menu. The recipe is attached for everyone to try at home. We are currently creating a Healthy Food page for the website with links to the 'Phunky Foods' recipes and photographs from the workshops.

The extended hours of our **breakfast club and after school club** are proving to be useful for parents. Now these arrangements have been running for a couple of weeks, please can we highlight the following-

-Bookings for early breakfast club (7.30-8.00am) need to be made (or cancelled) by midday Thursday the week before. If the booking isn't required and hasn't been cancelled by then, the breakfast club will then have to be paid for as staffing costs will still be incurred.

-After school club is open until 6pm every day, however, if you will be collecting after 5pm, please book through the office & let school know at approximately what time you will be collecting so staffing can be arranged.

-Friday after school club currently has a low uptake. If you will be using this club at all, please book through the office so staffing can be arranged.

Thank you for your support.

A further reminder about the **online workshops for parents** on the subject of 'How to support your child at home with reading difficulties,' being presented by YCAT Special Educational Needs coordinator Claire Ashton on Wednesday 31st January. See attached flyer for links to register your interest for either 1-2pm, or 4-5pm.

In our continuing series of flyers about **internet safety**, please see attached a flyer entitled 'Social Media and Mental Health.'

Yours faithfully, Mrs E Nayler, Headteacher

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS—Next race—**Saturday 3rd February at Ben Rhydding**—See attached for details. Please email askwith@ycatschools.co.uk with your child's name and parent contact name & mobile if your child is interested in taking part.

Also see attached details about the race taking place on **Saturday 24th February at Ghyll Royd**.