



Weekly Newsletter No. 25

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you to all those who have already voted for the ongoing **parent governor elections**. Voting will close at 10am on Wednesday 18th April (after Easter) Please return ballot papers to the box in the office.

A special thankyou to the PTA who helped organise the **Easter disco** last Friday. The PTA worked very hard to ensure that the children had a fantastic time.

On Monday the children in years 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit from **author Stephen Pass**. He talked them through the story writing process and the importance of planning and editing. Children in years 5 and 6 have this week taken part in a **drama workshop about mindfulness**. They then presented a play to the rest of the school. This was excellent and a very important part of our work concerning keeping children mentally healthy. Yesterday morning the children in years 1 and 2 had a trip to Ilkley Rugby Club for their final **tag rugby** session. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and there are now some budding rugby players emerging!

This year's **Design and Technology Challenge** was an **EGGstravagent** success! The standard of the entries was very high and showed great imagination. Well done to the winners in each year group.

Reports are being sent home today which include your child's **attendance** as a percentage. We consider a percentage of less than 96% to be of concern. If your child's attendance to date falls below this, their attendance will be closely monitored during the coming term. Please be aware that attendance of less than 90% defines a pupil as being a persistent absentee by the Department for Education (DfE) and may trigger involvement from outside agencies. If you require further information about this please make an appointment to see Mrs Nayler. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the letter that was sent out with the December reports explaining the colour coding being used to indicate levels of attainment and progress in your child's report.

Please ensure that any sums due on **Parent Pay** are paid over the Easter holidays. School lunches for children in years 3 4 5 & 6 for April will be £23 per child.

A reminder that Monday 16th April is a staff training day, **school re-opens on Tuesday 17th April** with breakfast club from 8am. I hope you and your families have a lovely break over Easter.

Yours faithfully, Mrs E Nayler

TERM DATES— Close for the Easter holidays ~ Thursday 29th March at 2pm Staff training day ~ Monday 16th April

Re-open for the summer term ~ Tuesday 17th April

Closed for bank holiday ~ Monday 7th May

Term dates for the school years 2017—2018 and 2018—2019 are on the Askwith Primary School website

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