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Nursery & Reception

This week in Nursery and Reception we have been continuing our learning about our topic, 'Marvellous Me'. We have been exploring pictures of when we were a baby and developing our understanding that we were a baby and are now a child. The children enjoyed discussing the similarities and differences between when they were a baby and now.



Year 1 & 2

This week in Class 2 the children have created collages, they were very creative using different materials and pictures.



Year 3 & 4

Class 3 children had a terrific time last week with our skateboarding lesson. Here are some pictures showing their brilliant effort at a unique sport!



Year 5 & 6

This week in 5/6 we have worked hard at our maths where we have been partitioning.

In English, we finished our Tanka poems and worked in expression when performing them to the class. We are loving our history topic on the Shang Dynasty and have been researching how the dynasty began.

Well done to Ava and Zach who were awarded library certificates for completing a reading challenge with Malton library.

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Personal items

We are having an increasing number of personal items coming into school, whilst we appreciate some children find comfort in these items, please can we ask that they stay at home or they will be asked to leave them in their bag/draw as they are precious to them. We cannot take responsibility for these items being lost or damaged.

Supporting your child with conflict

One of the most valuable skills a child can carry into adulthood is conflict resolution. From simple playground fall outs to much more serious fights, handling these disagreements in a mature, constructive way can sometimes be uncomfortable and can also prove rather tricky. This is especially important to remember when it comes to children, who could be experiencing this kind of situation for the very first time. Please find attached some top tips to help your child/children manage conflicts.

Policy updates

Child protection policy, attendance policy, anti bullying policy and behaviour policy in line with DFE guidance at our most recent full governing body meeting. They can be found on the policy page of our website.

Updated Requirements For Participation in Physical Education

Due to the updated requirements from North Yorkshire County Council, we have had to make amendments to our PE kit expectations to ensure the safety of our children. **Can we please ask that children either do not wear jewellery, watches and earrings for school or that they are able to take them off/out.** School will not be responsible for the loss of any of these items removed during PE.

The North Yorkshire requirements state that the wearing of personal effects, such as jewellery and watches, is prohibited as "persons who are wearing jewellery and watches can potentially expose themselves and others to the risk of injury while taking part in Physical Education".

There have been serious incidents and legal cases involving jewellery in PE and physical activity and this procedure protects against that happening. It is not just about making the wearer of the ear-ring safe, it is about keeping everyone safe thus making a parental disclaimer ineffective and legally unenforceable.

The following advice applies to ALL body jewellery and watches, except for bracelets worn for religious reasons that cannot be removed. These bracelets will be covered with a sweatband and secured by tape. All schools should follow the advice of the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) as follows:

- The basic rule is that all jewellery should be **removed** as this then removes that particular hazard.
- The National guidance has always been that **no jewellery should be worn in PE** and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is **not safe to cover ear-rings/studs/ sleepers with tape**. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the chance that the post of the ear-ring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain.
- Pupils should remove their **own** jewellery. If the child is unable to do this themselves, they should not wear any.

School has the higher-level duty of care and cannot be put in the situation of looking after their child without exercising that duty of care. It is dictated by national guidance, and we must comply. Parental disclaimers are ineffective and legally unenforceable."

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all students can participate safely in PE. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school office. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

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Diary Dates

Event	Date	Key Points
After school open evening for prospective parents	23rd September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 - 6pm
Harvest Festival	30th September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 - 6 2.30pm
Harvest Festival	2nd October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS 9.15am
Malton Sports	2nd October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 - 6 PE kit needed (children will change in school) No packed lunch needed
Sports Enhancement Day	8th October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery & Reception to stay at school Year 1 - 6 to travel to Stillington Primary School by bus PE kit needed (children will change in school) Packed lunch needed for year 1 - 6
Fantastic Friday	25th October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More information to follow
Autumn half-term	Last day at school - 25th October 2024 First day back - 4th November 2024	
Parents Evening	12th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All years 5 - 7pm
Parents Evening	14th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All years 3.30 - 5.30pm
Flu Vaccinations	25th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception - year 6
Malton Sports	4th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 - 6 PE kit needed (children will change in school) No packed lunch needed
Christmas dinner	6th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery - year 6 Children to travel to Stillington Primary School by bus
Christingle	10th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 - 6 2.30 - 3.30pm Foston Church
Nativity	10th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery, Reception, year 1 & 2 4 - 4.30pm Foston Church
Fantastic Friday	20th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More information to follow
Christmas	Last day at school - 20th December 2024 First day back - 7th January 2025	
Spring half-term	Last day at school - 14th February 2025 First day back - 24th February 2025	
Easter	Last day at school - 4th April 2025 First day back - 23rd April 2025	
May Day bank holiday	Last day at school - 2nd May 2025 First day back - 6th May 2025	
Summer half - term	Last day at school - 23rd May 2025 First day back - 2nd June 2025	
Summer	Last day at school - 18th July 2025	