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Head's Note

Dear all,

Due to a close family bereavement today, Mrs Travis is unable to complete her usual section of the newsletter. Our thought and prayers are with her at this sad time.

Mrs Taylor, on behalf of Mrs Travis

Fidget Toys

Over the last few weeks we have noticed an increase in pupils bringing items to school including items that the children tell us are 'fidget toys'. Please do not send items such as these into school. If your child needs any additional equipment, it will be included in their support plan and, as such, provided by school.

Although there are a very small number of pupils who benefit from this type of supportive measure, the vast majority of children do not need these items, and in fact they are detrimental to their learning. This is because this type of item can distract a pupil from their own learning, distract other pupils from their learning, and, if they go missing it causes lots of upset. So, please keep this type of item at home, where it is safe, and does not cause unnecessary distraction to your own child's and other's learning.

School Book Fair next week— February 26th/27th

Attention all bookworms - Linthwaite Ardron is having a Book Fair in school next Monday and Tuesday, February 26th and 27th, to be held after school and where you can buy a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books for your children. Scholastic Books have sent us book cases stuffed with exciting reads and this event is always popular, especially as it comes before World Book Day, encourages our super readers and also means the more books people buy at the fair, the more free books school can claim back for our class libraries.

Come along to the school hall between 3:20pm and 4:30pm, where there will be a selection of fiction and non-fiction books for all ages available to buy, all from publisher Scholastic. Please make your way into the hall at the end of the day to view. The children have all had a look at the books and today the children have all been given a book token that they can use to get money off their favourite title. No cash is needed to buy the book, as all purchases can be done via your phone, with staff available to support. Thank you and see you at the fair!

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Safety on the drive - please can you ensure that you, or those adults who collect your child from school at the end of the day, supervise your children closely and keep to the path. Please do not allow them on the school drive, where cars and vans may cause a fatal accident. Thank you.

Well-being - see the page below for details of our most recent well-being event, author Jenny York's story-packed hilarious story workshops, which went down a storm. Our next one is on March 15th, and we know it will bring the children and staff lots of 'Comic Relief' as it's on the day!

Uniform Exchange - Uniform exchange is a local charity that recycles school uniform and provides it free to families across Kirklees. Recycle points to donate include: Kirklees Libraries, and KAL sites, Schools (including Linthwaite Ardron) and many more. They accept donations and also can provide many items including: winter coats, polo shirts, trousers, jumpers, shorts, swimwear, sports kit and pumps, school bags and shoes / trainers etc.

For help, all you have to do is complete a simple form on their website:

www.uniform-exchange.org

New / Amended Calendar Dates

10.03.24 - Mothering Sunday service at Christ Church, Linthwaite, at 11am. All families welcome.

26.2.24 and 27.2.24 - Scholastic Book Fair—come along and buy some amazing books at our book fair, to be held after school, 3:20pm to 4:30pm

18.03.24 - PTFA 'Grow a Pound' initiative—to run over the holidays - more details to follow

22.03.24 PTFA Easter Bake sale after school. Donations of baked good gratefully received on the day (no nuts please)

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Mothering Sunday Church Service

On Sunday March 10th, Christ Church, Linthwaite, will hold its annual Mothering Sunday service at 11am, to which all our families are warmly invited. Some of our pupils will be participating in the church service, sharing some of their written work and prayers. Please do come along if you would like to join us in worshipping at our friendly community church.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2024

Our school council have been busy planning and organising events for World Book Day, to be held in school on Thursday March 7th. Classes will be having fun book-related lessons, games and activities on the day and the school council are also planning a 'Best Book Cover Competition' too.

There is no cost involved in World Book Day, but to make things a little bit easier for our families we are also having a little change to the usual 'Come Dressed as Your Favourite Book Character' theme. Children may of course do this, and there will be a challenge and competition for the 'Most Unique Home-Made Costume', but we are also inviting children to come in 'Comfy Clothes to Read a Book In' should they prefer.

We look forward to a fun-packed book-filled day!

PTFA Bake Sales - 22.03.24 and 23.05.24

Always popular, our PTFA would like to hold a couple of bake sales after-school, to help raise funds towards class trips next term. They have requested that any of you talented bakers out there could perhaps bear us in mind and send some delicious donations into school on the days themselves (no nuts though please - thank you!) First sale is on the last day of term before Easter.

Girls' Football Tournament

Yesterday CVHS held a girls' football tournament and we entered a Year 5/6 team who played against the other junior schools in the Colne Valley. They played with determination, showing good ball control and skills that impressed coach Pollitt and won them second place. Well done, you represented school wonderfully.

Email Address for the School Office

Please remember our new address for parents to contact the school office is parents@linthwaite-ardron.co.uk

Well-being Author Visit

Author Jenny York entertained the whole school with her fun and lively stories, acting and puppets before half term and the children then alternated her workshop with active story treasure hunts around the school grounds.

Jenny inspired Monty and Bella in Y2 to write some stories of their own based on her characters, which is super to see. See the page below pictures of our event.

Easy Fundraising—If you aren't using this app already, please help us by joining school's supporters and raising money for all our chidlren!

Total Raised so far: £1678.90 by 104 supporters

Since the last update we have raised: £91.18!

Please help us to raise fund by downloading the Easyfundraising app and then using it to access your usual online purchases. This can mount up quickly if you use the app to buy all your on line shopping.

This week's heads up: if you are planning to order food with **Just Eat** you will earn a 13% donation for school this week.

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PTFA - 'Huge Thank You!'

Our wonderful Parents, Teachers and Friends Association held their Annual General meeting this week and we are sure that you will be amazed and impressed at what they have achieved. Here is a summary of the AGM Report from our hard-working Chair, Laura Dearnley:

'The objectives of the PTFA are to organize fundraising events and activities where possible and make these as much fun as possible, to involve as many people as we can, with the aim to use this money to provide our children with as many extra-curricular activities that are not able to be funded by school.'

Last year our PTFA organized:

- Funding for the Rocket / Science event at school
- Funding Popkidz leavers prom party and leavers' keyrings
- Funding Ian's Farm Visit to school
- Funding whole school Pantomine trip
- Funding coaches for school trips, making visits more affordable for all
- refreshments at 'Ardron's Got Talent' show
- School's first pre-loved sale, alongside Bags2School
- Refreshments at The Greatest Showman and Sports Day
- Summer and Christmas Fairs
- Halloween stall
- Fashion Show
- Christmas artwork

All this means that the PTFA can now start planning for the year ahead with lots of exciting ideas for fund-raising. See the newsletter for dates and details and if you have any ideas you think the PTFA might like, or indeed if you would like to join or find out more please email: linthwaiteardronptfa@gmail.com

Year Five Monarchs Since 1066 Assembly

Have a look below at a few snapshots of Year Five's historical assembly, which was performed for an audience including parents and friends this morning.

Each class at Linthwaite Ardron performs an assembly for family, friends and the school community throughout the school year. This is an opportunity for people to see a range of the children's learning, both across the curriculum and across school. Assemblies are usually based on the class' topic and today's assembly involved songs, dances, jokes, facts, biographies and more about British monarchs since 1066. There was even a very jolly executioner!

Whilst it can be a bit nerve-wracking, performing in front of an audience, these assemblies help build confidence and resilience in our pupils and we couldn't be prouder of how they perform. Well done all!

Stone Age Trousers Anyone?

As the winds continue to blow, rain continues to fall and we are all still shivering in the dark, Year Three have cheered us all up in school with some of their English work proudly displayed in school.

They have been reading 'Ug, Stone Age Boy' as part of their current history topic and have produced some super persuasive texts, encouraging people to buy their stone age trousers.

Read all about these wonderful clothing items on our school website, on Year Three's page. Ideal for keeping you warm in winter during an ice age, they are woolly and mammoth—need we say more?

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<u>January 31st 2024—author Jenny York ran workshops based on her fun children's books</u>

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23rd February—Y5 Assembly—Monarchs Since 1066

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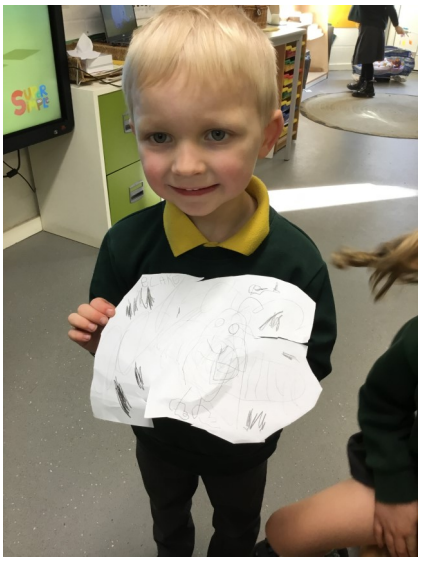
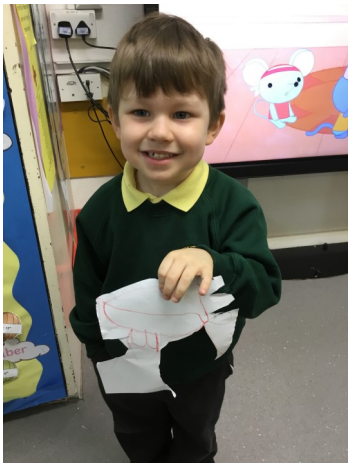
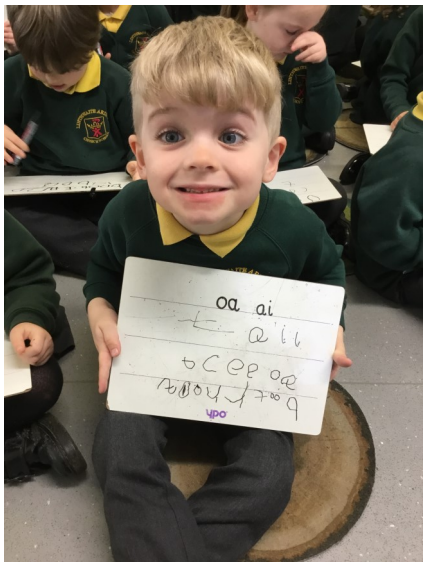
<u>23rd February—Here's what EYFS were up to in their learning today</u>







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January 2024— Year One 'Balanceability' Workshop run by Pennine Sports Partnership

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January 2024— Year One DT 'Gingerbread Men'

A very naughty gingerbread man has been on the loose around school recently. Year One made some delicious gingerbread men, one of which decided to go on the run and escape. Year One had to become amateur sleuths and hunt him down, creating some super WANTED posters to help in their quest.

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Spring 2 —Upcoming Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Who is it for?
26th and 27.2.24 - new date	Scholastic Book Fair—come along and buy some amazing books at our book fair, to be held after school	Everyone - new date
27 to 29.02.24	Strictly Pennine dance festival at Lawrence Batley Theatre	Selected pupils
29.02.24	EYFS—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	Reception pupils
1.3.24	Y5 school trip to Oakwell Hall—Tudor theme	Y5 pupils
1.3.24	Y3 school trip to Bagshaw Museum—Ancient Egyptian theme	Y3 pupils
06.03.24	KS2 (Y6) SATs Parents Meeting/drop in	Y6 parents/carers
07.03.24	World Book Day event to be organised by School Council—Pupils to come to school dressed in a favourite book character. No donations are necessary on this day. World Book day Quiz at Huddersfield Town Hall	All pupils Y5/6 Quiz Team
08.03.24	9AM—Y1 class assembly	Y1 pupils, parents
10.03.24 - new date	New date - Mothering Sunday service at Christ Church, Linthwaite, at 11am. Families all welcome.	All pupils and their families - new date
11.03.24	Whole school anti bullying week	All pupils
12.03.24	Y1—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y1
13.03.24	Tempest Class Photographs	All classes
13.03.24	2.30PM—EYFS 'How to Help Reception Children With Maths' workshop for parents and carers	EYFS parents and carers
13.03.24	Y6—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y6
14.03.24	2.30PM—Y1 'How to Help Y1 Children With Maths' workshop for parents/carers	Y1 parents and carers
14.03.24	9AM—Y2 'How to Help Y2 Children With Maths' workshop for parents/carers	Y1 parents and carers
14.03.24	Y4—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y4
14.03.24	Y5— Selected pupils to attend a Colne Valley Pyramid schools TT Rockstars competition	Selected pupils
14.03.24	Y5—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y5
15.03.24	9AM—Y4 class assembly	Y4 parents/carers
15.03.24	Proposed Comic Relief Day—pupils come in own clothes. A voluntary donation of £1 would be welcome. School Council to decide on further, fun activities!	All pupils
15.03.24(Comic Relief)	PM—Whole school wellbeing and mental health event—how outdoors supports good mental health—during the afternoon, children will be working in teams to complete an orienteering course based on Red Nose fun facts and jokes!	All pupils
18.03.24 - new date	PTFA 'Grow a Pound' initiative - to run over the holidays - more details to follow	All pupils
20.03.24	2.30PM—7.00PM Parent/carer's Evening.	All parents and carers
21.03.24	Ponderosa trip	Reception and Y1 pupils
21.03.24	4PM to 8PM—Strictly Colne Valley dance festival for selected pupils—details to follow	Selected pupils
21.03.24	Y2—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors	All pupils in Y2
21.03.24	Y3—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y3
22.03.24	9.10AM Easter Celebration Service in Christ Church—please bring pupils to school to register before the service. School staff will take pupils across to church.	Everyone. Parents and carers welcome.
22.03.24 - new date	PTFA Easter Bake sale—after school. Donations on the day requested please (no nuts)	Everyone
22.03.24	School closes for Easter break	Everyone

Summer 1 —Upcoming Diary Dates

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
08.04.24	School opens after Easter break	Everyone
08.04.24 - new date	PTFA meeting 7:15pm at Broad Oak Bowling Club - all interested parents, carers and friends invited	All parents and carers
10.04.24 and 11.04.24	EYFS screening by Locala—more details will follow	EYFS pupils
17.04.24 to 19.04.24	Y4/5 Cliffe House Residential trip—more details to follow	Selected pupils
24.04.24	Y5 Mini Olympics @ CVHS 10-11.30AM	Y5 Selected pupils
25.04.24	Y5/6 Football competition at CVHS, 4.15PM to 5.45PM for selected pupils	Y5/6 selected pupils
26.04.24	Y1 and Y2 class visit to Harewood House	Y2 and Y4 pupils
30.04.24	2PM and 6.30PM Y3/4 Production. Tickets will be allocated nearer the time.	Y3/4 pupils, parents, carers
01.05.24	6.30PM Y3/4 Production. Tickets will be allocated nearer the time.	Y3/4 pupils, parents, carers
02.05.24	School closed for INSET staff training—subject—leadership of foundation subjects	Everyone
03.05.24	Y5/6 Cricket Broad Oak Cricket Club—*reserve date 07/05/24*	Y5/6 selected pupils
08.05.24	Y3 Mini Olympics @ CVHS 10-11.30AM	Y3 Selected pupils,
10.05.24	9AM—EYFS Class assembly	EYFS Pupils, Parents / carers
13.05.24	KS2 SATS week (see information on our website about how you can support your child at home)	Y6 pupils
14.05.24	Y3/4 Football Competition 4.15PM—5.45PM @ CVHS—	Selected pupils
16.05.24	Y2 Try It Thursday—4.30 to 5.30 at CVHS	All Y2 pupils invited
17.05.24	Y2—9AM—Class assembly	Y2 Pupils, Parents/Carers
07.05.24	*Reserve date* Y5/6 Cricket Competition — times TBC	Selected pupils
10.05.24	Y3/4 Cricket Competition @ Broad Oak — times TBC	Selected pupils
	9AM—Reception class assembly	R pupils, parents and carers
21.05.24	Y3— Selected pupils to attend a Colne Valley Pyramid schools TT Rockstars competition	Selected pupils
22.05.24	Y6 Mini Olympics 10-11.30AM CVHS	Selected pupils
23.05.24	Y5—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning morning). Children need to arrive at school in outdoor PE kit.	All pupils in Y5
23.05.24	Whole school wellbeing and mental health event—Focus on how d being active can support good mental health—Whole school Just Dance event—please send Y4,5,6 pupils in outdoor PE kit.	All pupils
23.05.24	9.10AM Celebration Service in Christ Church—please bring pupils to school to register before the service. School staff will take pupils across to church.	Everyone. Parents / Carers welcome.
23.05.23 - new date	PTFA Easter Bake sale after school. Donations of baked good gratefully received on the day (no nuts please)	Everyone
23.05.24 (Thursday)	School closes for half term break	Everyone

Summer 2 —Upcoming Diary Dates		
Dates	Event	Who is it for?
03.06.24	School reopens after half term break	Everyone
03.06.24	Y4, two week window opens for Y4 pupils to undertake the statutory Y4 Multiplication Test. All Y4 pupils will undertake this test during this time.	Y4 pupils
05.06.24	Y2 Mini Olympics 10-11.30AM CVHS	Selected pupils
07.06.24	Y4/5/6 Girls cricket at Broad Oak Cricket Club	Selected pupils
12.06.24	Y1 Mini Olympics 10-11.30AM CVHS	Selected pupils
13.06.24	EYFS—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in EYFS
13.06.24	Y4—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y4
14.06.24	Y3—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y3
14.06.24	Y2—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y2
W/B 17th June— New date	Healthy and Safe week -	All pupils
18.06.24	Y1/2 Boccia competition—10-11AM	Selected pupils
18.06.24	Y3/4 Boccia competition—1.30-2.30PM	Selected pupils
19.06.24	Y5/6 Boccia competition—10-11AM	Selected pupils
20.06.24	Y4 Sports Activity Day—Part of National School Sports Week at Leeds Road Playing Fields	Y4 pupils
20.06.24	Y1—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y1
21.06.24	Y6—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y6
21.06.24	Y2 and Y3 school visit to Tropical World	Y2 and Y3 pupils
24th to 28th June	Spirited Art Week—Exciting activities will take place all week based on our theme which is yet to be chosen.	All pupils in school
Date TBC	Y6 transition workshop with Lou Thompson-Scott from Mental Health support Team	All pupils in Y6
Date TBC	Y5/6 workshop with Lou Thompson-Scott from Mental Health Support Team	Pupils in Y5 and Y6
01.07.24	Whole school wellbeing and mental health event—	All pupils
03.07.24	Y5/6 Rounders tournament at CVHS 1.30PM to 3PM	Selected Y5/6 pupils
04.07.24	Sports Day— details to follow	All pupils in school
05.07.24	Summer Fair in school 2.30PM to 5PM- details to follow	Everyone
08.07.24	Reserve Sports Day	All pupils in school
11.07.24	6.30PM—Y6 production and leaving celebration	All Y6 and parents/ carers of Y6 pupils invited.
10.07.24	End of year reports shared with parents and carers	All parents
12.07.24	9.10AM—End of year Celebration Assembly including stars of the half term in our Church, Christ Church	Everyone. Parents/ Carers welcome.
16.07.24	Transition Day	All Pupils
19.07.24	School closes for summer break	Everyone
11.09.24	Meet the Teacher event has been planned for the second week back in September when teachers/parents/carers have had chance to work together, and naturally, questions may have arisen.	Everyone