



Weekly Newsletter 11th October 2024

Diary dates

22nd October 1.30pm
25th October

Harvest Service – all welcome
No school uniform day – donations to FOSS

Pupil Progress Meetings

It was great to see so many of you this week at the pupil progress meetings. Many of you also took the time to speak with a member of the governing board. They are always interested to learn more about your views and thank you for taking the time to speak with them.

Safeguarding Monitoring

The school's Senior Education Advisor from North Yorkshire Council undertook the annual safeguarding monitoring visit this week. The children talked confidently about how the school keeps them safe and were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Visitor from Shelter

Ellie Tomlin from Shelter visited school today to thank us for our fundraising last year. She shared information about what the charity does, what homelessness might look like and ways in which fundraising helps.



We would like to invite you to our EYFS....

Open Day

On Saturday 12th October 9am - 11am
Come and Join us for a Play!



Open Morning

If you know anyone who might like to visit our Early Years, please encourage them to come along tomorrow. No need to book – just come along.

Ripon Bible Exhibition

We are very proud to have work from our pupils displayed as part of the Ripon Bible Exhibition which takes place this month. Well done to NAMES FROM BECKIE
[Ripon Bible Exhibition and Wilfrid Lectures 2024 - Ripon Cathedral](#)

A polite reminder that students are asked to wear plain stud earrings only to school, and to remove them on PE days.

Phonics information session

Thank you to the parents who took time to join us for the phonics information session. If you were not able to make it, you will find lots of useful information on the Little Wandle website in the parents section. [For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Smartphone Use Survey

We are collecting information about smart phone use by our pupils. Please take 3 mins to complete this short survey below. Results are anonymous.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z8WJLMP>

Rugby Club – Fridays till 4.15

A few more children joined us for rugby today and had a fantastic time, although I'm not sure what the snake was for! If your child wants to join in, please follow the link below.

The sessions will be taken by Ex Rugby International - Jon Steel. To book on, please use this link: [.Sharow C of E Primary School - After School Club - KS2 ** pupils of school only** 16:15 Finish Time | Class Details | Rugbytots](#)

Out of School Achievements

Henry was named "man of the match" in his first football match of the season with the Ripon Panthers U9 team. He also recently completed his first Park Run Jr at Fountains Abbey. Well done, Henry!

Bea W recently took part in an Allotment Society competition and was awarded 1st place for her vegetable monster, and also Best In Show. Congratulations Bea.

If your child has any out of school achievements, we would love to hear about them. Send pictures and information to admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk



Help your child with KS2 maths

Adult Learning North Yorkshire is offering a free online course, '**Supporting Your Child with Key Stage 2 Maths**'.

Starting on Monday, 11th November, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, this 6-week course is designed for parents and caregivers who wish to enhance their child's mathematical skills while also improving their own understanding of the subject.

Participants will:

- Explore the current Key Stage 2 maths curriculum.

- Learn effective strategies to support their child's learning.
- Engage with other parents in a collaborative environment.

To enrol, please visit the link: <https://tinyurl.com/KeyStage2Maths11>

Huggy Wuggy and Poppy Playtime

A horror game character from 'Poppy Playtime' named Huggy Wuggy has been raising concerns amongst parents, police and safeguarding professionals. Use the link below to find out more.

[Huggy Wuggy and Poppy Playtime Online Safety Review - Update - Safer Schools \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](https://oursaferschools.co.uk)

Community Notices

Please see the end of the newsletter for a flier about Bonfire Night in Ripon on Friday, 8th November.

Ready for a fun-filled, action-packed half term?

With October half term just a few weeks away, North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service have an exciting and inspiring range of experiences planned to get young people and their families active and in touch with nature this autumn.

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! Dates are 28-30 October at Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre in Pateley Bridge and 29-31 October at East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre near Whitby.

On Family Activity Days, everyone gets a go!

Make lasting memories by getting stuck into some exciting outdoor activities together on a Family Activity Day. For October half term there's a caving/underground day at Bewerley Park on 31 October and a canoeing day at East Barnby on 1 November.

Get ready for an unforgettable outdoor experience like no other!

Find out more and book now at www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays

Product safety alert – water beads

OPSS has issued a safety alert for a product commonly known as 'water beads' (<https://www.gov.uk/product-safety-alerts-reports-recalls/product-safety-alert-water-beads-psa7>), alongside a news story (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/opss-issues-safety-alert-to-warn-of-the-risks-of-water-beads>).

Water beads are marketed to fulfil a variety of different purposes, which can include being used as a toy, or in crafting, home decor and floristry.

The alert highlights the harms caused by the dehydrated bead/s when swallowed that can expand post-ingestion, causing a blockage along the gastrointestinal (GI) digestive tract requiring surgical removal. Additionally, a hydrated or dehydrated bead can cause asphyxiation from aspiration if swallowed. Ingested water beads can be very difficult to detect and do not show up on x-ray, making clinical diagnosis challenging.

They are also looking into the issue of 'baby personal protective equipment (PPE)' type products. For example, there are products for sale that are being marketed for use by babies and toddlers and claim to offer head protection in the event of a fall, such as:

[Baby Head Protection Pillow – Thebossbaby](#)

[BabySafe - Head Protector – TinyWonders](#)

[JINYJIA Baby Head Protector, Baby Head Protector Backpack, Adjustable Toddler Head Protection Safety Pads, for 4-24 Months Baby Learning Walking, Honeybee : Amazon.co.uk: Home & Kitchen](#)

Concerns have been raised that potentially the design and construction of this type of product presents an intolerable risk of harm to babies and young toddlers and they are gathering evidence around the risks. If you or colleagues are aware of any incidents/incident data relating to this product type, anything you share will be hugely appreciated and can only increase the robustness of the evidence base. OPSSIncidentManagement@businessandtrade.gov.uk

RESIDENTS URGED TO CHECK THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE

Residents across North Yorkshire are being reminded to check that they are registered to vote at their address so that everyone who has the right to take part in upcoming elections can have their say on decisions that affect them.

Like all UK local authorities, every year North Yorkshire Council's elections team is required by law to confirm whether the details held on the electoral register are correct. This is known as the annual canvass.

Households with teenagers should be aware that the electoral register can be important for getting a credit rating, which is required when applying for a mobile phone contract or credit card. From age 16 British citizens and qualifying Commonwealth or EU citizens living in the UK can be added.

The letter or email people receive from the council will set out what they need to do, and recipients are asked to respond as soon as possible to prevent costly reminders being posted out.

Households that have not responded before mid-October should expect a visit from someone to get the information needed in person.

Anyone concerned about the risk of scams should be reassured that the council will never ask for bank details as part of the annual canvass. There are also examples of the forms online, so people know what questions to expect.

A revised register will be published on December 1. Find out more about the annual canvass in North Yorkshire and registering to vote at

www.northyorks.gov.uk/annualcanvass