

July Newsletter 2024



Another year has flown by and the holidays are upon us. We would like to say a huge thank you to you for all your support this year. Your children have worked hard and enjoyed rich learning experiences and we are delighted with the progress they have made which was celebrated in their end of year reports.

We wish a fond farewell to our Year 6 children as they begin their secondary education and know that they will use the skills and knowledge they have learned with us to continue on their important learning journey. We also say goodbye to other children across the school who will relocate and enjoy meeting new teachers in their new schools.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all our school volunteers without whom we would not be able to run our swimming session or support our children with their reading or on school visits. We also extend this to our small and perfectly formed Friends of Robert Wilkinson.

During the last few weeks there have been many kind words and gifts that have been very much appreciated by the staff. We hope you enjoy some sunshine and happy family times and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

STAFF UPDATES

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Tiffany and Mrs Sharratt after their maternity leaves. Mr Acaster joins the Year 5 for the year to work alongside Miss Brown as part time teacher of 5HA.

We say a massive thank you and good luck to Mrs Oldfield, our music specialist, who is leaving us in September. Mrs Simpson, Miss Boynton, Mrs Booth and Mrs Hogg our Teaching Assistants are also leaving us and we will miss them enormously. And finally Mr Brown who has covered Buttercup will be moving to his new school in September.

LIBRARIAN

We are looking for a parent volunteer who would like to support our school librarians on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12.30-1.15pm. If you would like to support us and can do one or more of these sessions on a regular basis please let our admin team know, we would love to have you!

UNIFORM SALE

We are keen to ensure that our preloved uniform goes to good homes. We will be holding another sale on the last Friday or term outside the school office or inside the brown hall if the weather is wetT here will be a donation box for you to pop in a donation for the items you wish to rehome! There are deliberately no prices on any items.

If you would like to make donations at the start of the new term please leave them at the school office. We will regularly hold sales throughout the school year.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Children will still be able to wear their PE kit for PE days however we are insisting on a unified approach. Children will no longer be able to wear uniform from other organisations or sports clubs. PE sweatshirt or zip ups should be plain black no logos or branding. Our uniform supplier has a suitable one that parents can order. Leggings will only be considered as PE uniform and should not be worn for the rest of the week.

Full details of our uniform can be found on the school website.

COMMUNICATION

The partnership between home and school is very important to us and we know that there are times when you need to contact school staff. If you need to speak with a member of the teaching team you can of course speak with them at the start or end of the school day but we are aware that these are busy times and confidential conversations are not possible. There are however several alternatives, you can call into the school office to request

- a member of staff to telephone you at the end of the day
- an appointment to see a member of staff

You can also send an email to **admin.rws@ebor.academy** using the subject line to indicate who the email should be passed to.

If you would like to contact the leadership team you can use the **slt.rws@ebor.academy** email address.

Please can we politely request that you do not use individual members of staff email addresses.

CAN YOU HELP?

Our children have really enjoyed our Bike to Berlin challenge and using the borrowed exercise bike. If anyone has one they would like to donate one we would love to have this as a permanent fixture in our Wraparound care.

IDEAS TO SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES



Follow this link to visit the 'Best for you' website, a website run by the NHS which exists to make it easier for you to find the support you need. It includes information about mental health and digital tools for anyone in the UK [Best for you](#)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You have told us that early notice of school events is appreciated so we are working hard to make this a reality. Here are some of the dates for this academic year. More will be added as they are confirmed.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Tuesday 16th July	Reports to parents Year 6 performance 1.30pm
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 performance (Evening) Graduation 6.15-8pm
Friday 19th July	School closes for Summer holidays at noon
Summer holidays	
Monday 2nd September	Staff training at the Barbican in York
Tuesday 3rd September	Staff training - school based
Wednesday 4th September	Children back to school
Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September	Year 6 to Leeds Museum
Wednesday 2nd October	Flu jabs
Thursday 10th October	KS1 open classrooms and KS2 book looks 3.30-4.30
Tuesday 15th October	Oak, Willow, Saplings and Seedlings Open classrooms 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 18th October	Halloween Discos 4.30 and 5.45pm
Week commencing 21st October	Parents evening appointments

Friday 25th October	School closes at 3.20 for half term
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 4th November	Children return to school Individual photos
Wednesday 6th November	Remembrance service at Ripon for Service children in KS2 - details to follow
Friday 8th November	Flu jab catch up
Tuesday 12th November	Odd Sock day for Anti bullying week
Wednesday 13th November	Perspective new parents evening 5-6pm
Thursday 14th November	Non uniform day for Christmas fair donations
Friday 15th November	Children in Need - details to follow
Friday 29th November	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Thursday 5th December	Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day
Friday 3th December	Staff training day
Friday 20th December	School closes at noon for Christmas holidays
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
Monday 6th January	Staff training day
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	

Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Tuesday 25th February	Parents reading meeting 2.30pm
Tuesday 4th March	Key Stage 1 open classrooms KS2 Book looks 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 6th March	World book day- details to follow
Friday 4th April	School closes for Easter Holidays
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 21st April	Children to return to school
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday
Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May	Key Stage 2 SATs
Friday 23rd May	School breaks up for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
Friday 13th June	Sports day and Summer Fair
Friday 20th June	Back up Sports Day
Friday 27th June	Staff training day
Tuesday 22nd July	School breaks up at noon
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	

We have also added these dates to the school calendar on our website for your reference.

Best wishes
Donna Bedford
Headteacher



Family Food

Helping North Yorkshire families to access healthy food

www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/familyfood

Worried about the cost of food?

We can help you find the right support, if you're struggling with the cost of food and worried about feeding your family healthy meals.

You'll find information at www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/familyfood in the children and families section.

Our cost of living web page also has information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected.

Foodbanks

Enter your postcode to find your local Trussard Trust food bank, including their contact details, website and opening times.

<http://www.trussardtrust.org.uk/foodbanks>

If you need emergency food, you'll find contact details and information on the food bank's website.

If you're looking to donate food, you can find a list of items and how to donate on the food bank's website.

Please note: This only includes Trussard Trust food banks but other food banks and sources of emergency food may be available in your local area.

Free School Meals

You could **save up to £450** a year with free school meals for your child. As well as saving you money, free school meals can also save you time and provide peace of mind that your child is enjoying a healthy, fresh, and nutritious meal at lunchtime.

Free school meals are available to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils through the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

If you receive certain benefits, your child could also get free school meals during all school years.

To find out more and apply online, go to www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/education/infantsfree-school-meals

Healthy Start

With the NHS Healthy Start scheme, you could be entitled to weekly support towards:

- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Milk
- Infant formula milk
- Pulses
- Healthy Start vitamins

Could you be eligible? If you or your partner receive benefits and are currently expecting, or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to a weekly allowance of £4.25 to help buy healthy foods and milk.

Find out and apply online today: www.healthystart.nhs.uk



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FEAST holiday clubs

FEAST offers a wide range of activities during the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays. The activities are free to children and young people who get benefits-related free school meals and include a free hot meal or packed lunch each day. Find out more at <http://www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/feast>

Food reuse schemes

There are national and local initiatives to stop good food from going to waste and help people save money. Lots of businesses offer food that would otherwise go to waste at much lower prices through free apps like Too Good To Go and Olio.

Check out... www.toogoodtogo.com
www.olioapp.com

Ideas for cooking on a budget

For ideas of how to eat healthily on a budget: <http://www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/healthy-eating/healthy-eating-on-a-budget>

For some recipe ideas - why not visit: <http://www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/healthy-eating/healthy-eating-on-a-budget>

Would you like to eat more healthily?

Fruit and vegetables are a great source of vitamins, minerals and fibre, and an important part of a balanced diet for kids and adults. Try and get 5 portions of different ones each day. Don't forget portions of frozen and tinned vegetable and fruit (in juice not syrup) still count as one of your 5 a day and are often cheaper and simpler to prepare.

For more ideas visit: <http://www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/healthy-eating/healthy-eating-on-a-budget>



Swimming with Linzi

Swimming with Linzi is all about having fun in a safe environment whilst gaining water confidence and developing great stroke technique.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

INTENSIVE SWIMMING COURSE

Swimming with Linzi is hosting 5 day intensive swimming courses, suitable from 3 years old beginners to Improving Strokes

Class Duration: 45 minutes
Class Size: 7 children per class and only 1 class running
Location: Carr Junior School
Dates: 5-9 August and 12-16 August
Time: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

AFTER SCHOOL & WEEKEND LESSONS at Robert Wilkinson School and Carr Junior School

07583 936246
linzi@swimmingwithlinzi.com
swimmingwithlinzi.com
CLICK TO BOOK
swimming-with-linzi.class4kids.co.uk

THE LITTLE GYM CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS

Summer Camps!
22nd July – 1st September

Scan below to learn more or contact: 01904 307404
york@thelittlegym.co.uk



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Summer Crash Course

07714 917531
enquiries@adamsaquatics.co.uk



Healthy families

BRIMHAM'S active

Healthy Families service is a remote **free, confidential 12 session programme** to fit around your family to support children and young people aged **4 - 19 years** in North Yorkshire, to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Providing personalised support, your Health and Wellbeing Coach will guide you through your journey to keep you on track to achieve your healthy lifestyle goals.

Together we will explore a fully holistic approach to becoming more active and eating well by making small positive changes without breaking the bank.

For more information please contact our Brimham's Active Healthy Families team on: **01423 556106** or via our email active.health@brimhamsactive.co.uk

www.brimhamsactive.co.uk/families

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