

September Newsletter 2024



Welcome back to the new academic year! We are delighted with the way the children have settled into their classes and they are already impressing their new teachers. This is a busy and long term and we are hopeful that everyone stays well during the coming Autumn and Winter months. With that in mind please can we remind you that there are some lovely new uniforms and coats in school and we want them to stay with their owners so please make sure all your child's uniform including outdoor wear is labelled.

GOOD NEWS FOR YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

There has been a change to the dates for our residential which will now take place Wednesday 2nd July to Friday 4th July 2025. This is the date we originally requested as it works well with all the other end of term activities for our Year 6 children.

At the end of last week we received the following from Bewerley Park.

In July 2024 councillors met to decide our fees and charges for the next financial year, where we proposed to drop our prices for 2025/26. We want all young people to grow up with a love of the outdoors and a passion for adventure, but we know that the cost of living is still a concern for lots of families.

We're delighted to let you know that councillors agreed that making a visit to our amazing centres more affordable is a priority, and they agreed to the reductions in our prices for bookings from 1 April 2025.

This means that the cost of your residential will be lower than originally anticipated and I can confirm the following details relating to your booking:

The cost of the residential IF more than 60 children go will be £320. If even more children go, then we will be able to reduce the cost further as the price reduces further. If less than 60 children go to the residential, then the cost would be approx £370.

We're also liaising with the FORW as in previous years, they have offered to support Year 6 with some funding towards the residential, which could reduce the cost further still.

All savings made against the original price will be passed to parents either as a refund or adjustment to the final payment.

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!

A BETTER TO START TO THE MORNINGS

Following the success of our 'softer start' to the mornings for Year 1 classes last year we are intending to trial this with Year 3,4,5 and 6 commencing on Monday 23rd September. This means that the doors to the cloakrooms will be opened from 8.40-8.50 and the children can enter the building as they arrive. This will reduce the demand on locker access and ensure there is a calmer start to the day. The staff will be supervising the children in the cloakrooms and the classrooms with only 1 member of each teaching team available at the door. If you wish to leave a message for your child's teacher please pass this to the member of staff who will write it down and hand it to the member of staff when the doors are closed. It may be that you do not wish to share the details but would like to request a call back.

Our reception parents will continue to enter the classroom through the door on the far left of the unit near the Treehouse.

HAIR PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL

There have been some children bringing hair products, accessories and brushes into school and using these on other children. Please can request that this does not happen as there could be issues with allergies etc. Thank you

HALLOWEEN DISCO



This popular event is fast approaching. For our Reception children this will be their first opportunity to join us. We have learnt from experience that this can be a potentially overwhelming experience so we want to make some adjustments to ensure all those who want to attend do so happily. There is a fancy dress theme for this disco so we request that there are no masks or weapons brought to the disco. Please do not allow your child to wear fake blood. This year for this disco only we are requesting that a parent/ adult remains on site. The brown hall will be open with tea and coffee. This means that if your child is upset we can bring them to you. We will also request that the volume level is reduced. Hopefully everyone will then be able to enjoy the event!

ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT.

This is a reminder that to ensure everyone in our school is treated with respect; we have an Adult Code of Conduct in place which is available on our website or can be reviewed through the hyperlink ([click here](#)). Please can we request that if you have an issue with another parent this is not dealt with on the playground. School staff are happy to help support you if this is the case.

HARVEST DONATIONS

As in previous years we will be holding Harvest assemblies in school. We are asking for a small donation of packet or tinned goods or toiletries. We will then be sending the donations to the York Food Bank operated by the Trussell Trust on your behalf. Thank you in advance.



MESSAGES FROM OUR FORW

A BOOST FOR OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

It's £1 per week where the school gets 40p out of every ticket. 30p goes into our own school draw so depending on the number of tickets sold depends on the size of the prize, but also the odds to win!! Every week there is also a national draw with the chance to win £20k, with regular monthly bonus prize draws at no extra cost. [Click here for more information and to buy a ticket](#)

ASDA CASHPOT SAVINGS

I have also attached the new Asda cashpot saving for school. If you do your shopping at ASDA and use the rewards app then this applies. Please go onto your app and register to the new scheme Cashpot for schools, where they will donate a very small percentage of your shopping total to the school. It does NOT cost you anything and does NOT affect what you earn. [Click here for more information](#)

ASDA have already donated £50 just for the school registering to the scheme and they will donate £1 per app that signs up at a minimum. Everyone who signs up gets to see how much money the school will receive from this event and at time of writing it's over £140

Please spread the word to all friends and family...there are only 73 days left to join and help us raise some funds.

CALL FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

If anyone can spare some time to help with events going forward please contact forw@ebor.academy. All events are planned and run by volunteers, without you they cannot go ahead.

Many thanks
Friends of Robert Wilkinson

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 24th September	Oak & Willow Parent Reading meeting
Tuesday 24th September	6-7pm Year 6 parents meeting
Wednesday 2nd October	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 3rd October	Harvest Festival - Food Bank Donations
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 4.30-5.30pm and 5.45-6.45pm
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 Immunisation 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 13th 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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