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## 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – weekly bulletin

### More news about changes to school meals

We are changing catering provider. **From 19<sup>th</sup> February**, school meals will be supplied by North Yorkshire County Caterers. NYC Caterers promise to provide healthy meals, cooked fresh each day. The meals will be cooked at Sicklinghall so the children will not notice any difference day to day.

**We are also changing the way parents order and pay for meals.** Until North Yorkshire Caterers are fully established on site at Sicklinghall, we cannot **yet** offer an online ordering system to parents. **In the short term we will be using a paper-based system, and menus and order sheets will be sent home soon.** Whilst this may seem old fashioned, we are keen to give parents the chance to continue choosing the meal their child would like most. If you do not want to receive paper order sheets (i.e. if your child ALWAYS brings a packed lunch) please tell Mrs Reeve and Mrs Foster in the office by email.

**Eventually you will be able to order meals and pay\* (not FSM children) via ParentPay - we will advise when this facility is available.**

### Willow Residential

We are currently completing Risk Assessments etc. for Carlton Lodge Residential which takes place on **18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**. We are in the process of arranging a Teams Meeting for families and more information will follow.

**Please check that your payments and make sure they are up to date as the payments fall into this financial year in the school budget.**



We are arranging a Movie Night for the children on **8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 after school from 3:30pm – 5:45pm**. More information will follow next week.

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## Sporting Competitions

Thank you to Mr Colley and the school staff who facilitated the Cross-Country event this week! Well done to those children who took part – they demonstrated such amazing determination and resilience; the weather was definitely typical cross-country weather!

Ashville were brilliant hosts and to their amazing young leaders were upbeat and enthusiastic despite the rain, wind and cold.

**Sicklinghall finished 2nd with 161 points**



Well done to the boys who played a football match for school this week too! Again, they showed real determination and commitment playing as a Federation Team for the first time this academic year.



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**Reminder** – The next event at Ashville is a Dance Festival for KS2 children on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. **Please return your permission slip as soon as possible.**

All children will be participating so please discuss this with your child and the importance of a positive attitude (KS1 will not miss out – they will compete in their own Dance festival in March).

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## Reminder

**Silver Birch** are soon visiting their friends at Victoria School on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (next week!)** as part of the continuing Link School Project. Goldsborough's Sycamore Class enjoyed their visit on Wednesday!

**They must have a head-covering / thin scarf to wear when they visit the mosque. A folded sarong would also work. They will need a packed-lunch too (no nuts, chocolate, glass bottles or fizzy drinks).**

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## Reminder

Please refer to email communication sent regarding Measles outbreaks

## Information for all settings

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The following UKHSA guidance is available on GOV.UK:

- [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-protection-in-children-and-young-people-settings-including-education)
- [Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-outbreaks-and-incidents)

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)
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## Absences

Please can families make a **phone call each day their child is unwell** and either leave a voicemail or speak to a member of staff. This should be on every day that they are absent. **This can be followed up with an email.**

This is in case a member of staff needs to ask any supplementary questions – it is part of the commitment to safeguarding to ensure that we are speaking to families about absences and that we have the chance to check in and see if our families require any support or assistance.

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,



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