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Sicklinghall Superstars!



Congratulations to everyone who has received a Special Mention Certificate this week:

Oscar Everett

Brogan Hewines

Sebastian Hughes

Martha Clegg

Nicky Caine

Amber Hewines

Maisie Marsh

Harrison Maxwell

Jvie Ward

Charlotte Marsh

Regan Parkin

Jasmine Maxwell



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Happy New Year to you all! It has been lovely to hear about the children's experiences over the Christmas holiday and even more lovely that many of the stories that they have chosen to tell did not relate to presents but to the lovely time they had with their loved ones. It has been a brilliant week, attendance wise, this week, with every year group averaging above 99% Great start to the term!

We officially welcome Miss Bartlett to our team this week in Cherry Blossom Class. Thank you for helping to make her feel welcome here at Sicklinghall.

Special additional mention to the Park family for their donation of high quality card to school for use in art and craft learning- thank you Mr and Mrs Park!

Another mention to our pupils and their art work, and in particular Sophie and Regan in Silver Birch Class. Their interpretations of Van Gogh's sunflowers which we tweeted via our official school account recently, has been 'liked' by the Tate Gallery in London! They must have been (rightly) most impressed!

Stray FM News

Make sure you listen to Stray FM news bulletins next week as you will hear interviews with some of the pupils taking part in next month's trip to Bangkok. They did a great job!

Change of PE/Sport Teacher

Mr Brookbanks has stepped down from his role at Sporting Influence due to the challenge of commuting from the North East to work in North Yorkshire Schools.

Mr Brookbanks will be replaced by Mr Doey who also works with Sporting Influence. Mr Doey already provides PE at Goldsborough and is of equal high quality in terms of his PE teaching and the relationship that he builds with the pupils. The after school club will continue to run as normal.

Thank You - Children's Christmas Party

What a wonderful time the children had at their Christmas party! Thank you so much to all of the PTFA and parents/carers for their generous contributions of party food and for all of the help and support given. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



A VERY BIG Thank You

All of the staff would like to say a very big Thank You to the children and parents/carers for the lovely cards, kind messages, wishes and very generous gifts that were given to us. They were all very much appreciated. Sicklinghall Staff Team

Messages from Mrs Grafton & Mrs Clayton

To all the children, parents and staff. I would just like to say a huge, enormous thank you for the amazing send-off you gave me at the end of term. I was absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of all of your gorgeous gifts, but even more so by the wonderful messages and cards that I will always treasure. I feel truly blessed to have been a part of such a fabulous school. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. Love and hugs, Mrs Grafton

I would like to thank all children, staff & parents for their good wishes, gifts & marvellous 'send off' you gave me at the end of term. I have had the privilege of working here for the last 16 years with your children, for which I thank you.

Sicklinghall School will go from strength to strength I am sure, because of the dedicated team of staff, volunteers, helpers and great PTFA, who all do wonders for our school.

May I wish you every good wish for a healthy & happy 2018.

Mrs Clayton



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***NEW* - PARENTMAIL**

Later this month we will be introducing a new, additional way of communicating with all parent/carers. ParentMail is a convenient way to receive school messages and letters via a computer, tablet or mobile phone.

From **w/c 22 January 2018** you will be sent an email from ParentMail. When you receive this please just follow the instructions in the message. Please see the attached letter and 3 fliers for more information.

REMINDER:

Silver Birch Class Swimming Lessons

Silver Birch class will swim during the Spring Term. Lessons begin next **Monday, 15 January 2018**, up to and including **Monday 26 March 2018** (10 weeks).

The ParentPay payment service for these lessons is now available for your payments. Children will need to bring their swimming kit, towel and goggles if required.

Key Experience Letters

Please find below Key Experience letters for each class for this next half term, Spring Term 1.

Yr 4 Bewerley Park Residential

May we remind parents/carers of Yr4 pupils that the £40.00 non-refundable deposit payment for this residential is due by **Friday 19 January 2018**. Please make payments via your ParentPay account, thank you.

ParentPay

Thank you for payments already received for various services. Please ensure that your child's lunch account is in credit before lunches are taken and that your child's Chill Out Zone account is also in credit before places are booked.

Please may we ask that you check your child's balances for the various trips, clubs, water bottles and services taken to ensure that and any outstanding balances are paid accordingly.

Payment services are available for:

NEW - Yr4 Residential to Bewerley Park

Yr6 Fellside Residential

Ukulele Lessons - Yr5&Yr6 for Sept 2017

Swimming Lessons for all classes

Breakfast Club

Chill Out Zone

Please make payments accordingly if applicable for your child. Thank you.

Lost/Found

A piece of jewellery has been found & handed in to the school office. Please contact Mrs King or Mr Shillito if you think it may be yours.

Music Lessons

Mrs Hanson has advised us that she will restart her lessons in school on **Monday 15 January 2018**.

Fruit Snacks

As advised in previous newsletters, children may, if they wish, bring healthy fruit/vegetable snacks into school from home to eat at playtimes throughout the day.

Friday Folders

Please could you ensure that your Friday Folders are returned to the school **on Mondays of each week**. Please ask your child to hand it to their class teacher. Thank you.

Spotted

This week, Mr Shillito has spotted the following children in and around school:

Cherry Blossom- Martha for such infectious enthusiasm!

Silver Birch- Tom C for being such a good friend to others.

Willow- Lyla S for being a brilliant influence on younger pupils during lunchtime in the hall.



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Attendance Aces

Each Thursday, we award an attendance point to the year group with the highest attendance figure in the school.

Attendance Aces

Congratulations to Yrs R, 1, 4 & 6, with 100%!

Well done!

Year Group	This Week (%)	Half Term Points
Reception	100	1
Year 1	100	1
Year 2	99.1	
Year 3	99.1	
Year 4	100	1
Year 5	99.5	
Year 6	100	1

Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Boots!

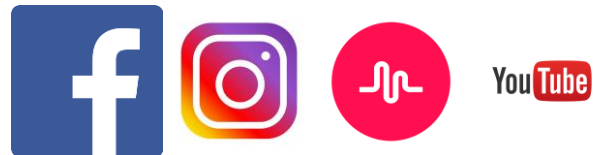
In anticipation of the colder Wintery weather descending upon us please can we remind all parents/carers that children need warm coats, hats, gloves and suitable wet weather footwear (wellies/boots) which should be worn for outdoor playtimes every day. Thank you.

Bad Weather Arrangements

We would like to advise/remind everyone of our bad weather and winter arrangements which are outlined below:

- School will endeavour to remain open where possible during the winter months.
- The school would need to close before the school day starts only if staff are not able to make the journey into school, meaning that there would not be enough adults to provide adequate and safe supervision of pupils.
- The school would need to close during the school day only if conditions worsen to such an extent that journeys home for families and for staff would become dangerous.

- Families' journeys to school are diverse, with some walking, some driving from local villages and some driving from further afield. For this reason, we ask that parents/carers take their own decision as to whether it is safe to drive to school on snowy days. If you decide not to make the journey, please inform school via a phone call or email.
- Should school need to close, a text message will be sent to all parents/carers as early as possible. This message will also be posted on the front page of our website (sicklinghallprimary.co.uk) and broadcast on Stray FM (97.2FM).
- Should school remain open but if there is a thick blanket of snow on the ground, the playground entrance will remain closed. Pupils are therefore asked to come into school via the car park entrance, which will be supervised by a member of staff.



Primary Aged children and Social Media

You may have read recent news coverage in the media which explored the effect social media use is having on children's happiness, mental health and self-esteem. Whilst most of the most popular social media sites stipulate that a child must be 13 or over to use them, it is clear that some children have access to these sites and are using them freely before this age. The CEOP/ThinkUKnow website contains very good advice aimed at children and teens that helps them to keep safe online and particularly when using social media.

The following advice is given to children using any form of social media site:

Know who your friends are.

It's really tempting to accept as many friend requests or follows as possible. It can make us feel popular. But



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remember, they could be anyone. Do you really want them seeing your pictures, videos or comments?

Share with care.

Once you've put something online you've lost control of it - it can be copied, shared or edited. It could turn up anywhere. You might be happy showing a funny picture to your friends but would you want your parents or teachers to see it?

Use privacy settings.

Most social networks let you limit what you share to friends or followers you've OKed. It's always a good idea to only let people you know and trust see your stuff. Learn how to use privacy settings and how to block people who are bothering you.

Know how to report.

Most social networks let you report to them if you have a problem on their site. So if someone's shared an embarrassing picture or is being nasty to you, you need to know how to get help. Learn how to report on any site or app you use by visiting their 'safety' pages.

Know how to get help.

If someone's bullying you on a social network you should talk to an adult you trust, or, if you'd rather speak to someone you can call Childline on 0800 1111.

For further information and to prepare for your child using social media sites in the future, visit the Thinkuknow site at the following link:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/need-advice/ready-for-social-networking/

SCHOOL DIARY DATES TO KEEP - 2017-2018

Swimming for Silver Birch class every Monday: 15 Jan-26 Mar 2018

Ukulele lessons for Yr5 & 6 every Thursday afternoon, starting Thursday 14 September 2017-July 2018

Spring Term 1

Swimming for Silver Birch class every Monday: 15 Jan-26 Mar 2018

Mondays-w/c Mon 15 Jan: 3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 8 Jan: Staff Training Day-School Closed to pupils

Tues 9 Jan: School re-opens

Mon 15 Jan: Deadline for YrReception applications for Sept 2018 places

Mon 15 Jan:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Thur 18 Jan: 6.30-7.30pm Joint Fellside Meeting for parents/carers @ SCPS

Fri 19 Jan: Deposit Payments due - Yr4 Bewerley Park

Mon 22 Jan:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 29 Jan:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 5 Feb:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 5 Feb: 3.45-5.30pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening

Thur 8 Feb: 6.00-8.00pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening

Thur 8-Fri16 Feb: Yr5/6 Thai Exchange Visit

Fri 9 Feb: Deadline for deposit payments-Yr6 Fellside trip

Fri 9 Feb: School closes for half term

Spring Term 2

Mondays-w/c Mon 19 Feb: 3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 19 Feb: School re-opens

Mon 19 Feb:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 26 Feb:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Fri 2 Mar: Final balance payments due - Yr4 Bewerley Park

Mon 5 Mar:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 12 Mar:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 19 Mar: 3pm Willow class assembly

Mon 19 Mar:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Wed 21 Mar: 3pm Cherry Blossom class assembly

Mon 26 Mar:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Thur 22 Mar: 3pm Silver Birch class assembly

Thur 29 Mar: School closes for Easter holiday



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Summer Term 1

Swimming for Cherry Blossom class every Monday: 23 Apr-16 Jul 2018

Mondays-w/c Mon 23 Apr: 3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 16 Apr: Staff Training Day-School Closed to pupils

Tue 17 Apr: School re-opens

Wed 18-Fri 20 Apr: Yr4 Residential-Bewerley Park

Mon 23 Apr:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 30 Apr:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 14 May:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

w/c Mon 14 May: Yr6 SATS tests

Mon 21 May:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Fri 18 May: Final balance payments due for Yr6 Fellside trip

Fri 25 May: School closes for half term

Summer Term 2

Mondays-w/c Mon 04 Jun: 3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 4 Jun: School re-opens

Mon 04 Jun:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Thur 7 Jun: Adventure Photography-Class/Yr6 photos

Mon 11 Jun:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Thur 14 Jun: 2pm Sports Day (reserve date Wed 27 Jun)

Mon 18-Fri 22 Jun: Yr6 Residential-Fellside

Mon 18 Jun:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 25 Jun:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Wed 27 Jun: 2pm RESERVE date-Sports Day

Thur 28-Fri 29 Jun: (PROVISIONAL)Yr2/3 Sleepover-TBC

Mon 02 Jul:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 09 Jul:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 16 Jul:3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Fri 20 Jul: 1.30pm Leavers assembly

Fri 20 Jul: **2.30pm** School closes for Summer holiday (NO COZ provision)

Mr Shillito's weekly diary for Jan 2018:

w/c	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
w/c 08.01.18	SCPS	G'B	Split	SCPS	G'B
w/c 15.01.18	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B
w/c 22.01.18	SCPS	G'B	G'B	Am: Off site mtg/ SCPS	Am: Off site mtg/ G'B
w/c 29.01.18	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B



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Cherry Blossom Key Experiences - Spring Term 1, 2018 Reception/Year One

Literacy



In Literacy we will be exploring the stories of Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood and Chicken Licken. The children will learn to compare and contrast different versions of the same story. They will use role-play to understand character and plot. They will write statements, questions and exclamations and work to publish a new version of a well-known story.

We will also be reading the story 'Open Very Carefully' by Nicola O'Byrne and Nick Bromley before delving into the world of instructions. The children will explore giving verbal instructions and then writing them, with the correct punctuation for commands, questions and exclamations of course!

Numeracy



In Numeracy, we will be continuing to read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and the equals sign (=). They will begin to understand what it means to add and subtract two numbers and use concrete objects and simple part-whole diagrams to represent this. They write related calculation statements using these representations. They will begin to know the number before and after any 2-digit number, find one more/less than any 2-digit number and count in tens from 10.

Theme



This half term we are thinking about the seasons and weather. We will learn how to present data and make our own weather forecast to present to the class. Play shadow tag and create bar charts to record shadow length over time. Set up rain gauges to observe rainfall and learn about extreme weather conditions in the UK. We will look at homes adapted to different climates around the world. We will also begin to understand the hot and cold areas of the world as well as developing locational knowledge and early geographical skills.

Important note!



Please read, read, read with your child at home! It really does make a huge difference to their understanding and impacts on every aspect of the curriculum. A few minutes spent each evening with your child will reinforce their learning in school! Many thanks.

Miss Bartlett, Mrs Johnson-Ware and Mrs Keyes.



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Key Experience Letter –Spring (1) 2017-18 – Year 3/4 – Silver Birch Class

Welcome back to Silver Birch class!

I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break and that your child has enjoyed the excitement of both the festive break and the first few days back in school in 2018.

Please see below an overview of what we plan to study in class over the coming weeks. I hope this information is useful and provides you with an overview of our main focus points over the half term.

English

We will start with the unit 'Reports'. Focussing on 'Climate change' as our unit topic we will extend our skills in writing accurate, factual texts with considered presentational structures and technical vocabulary. We will then move into another exciting genre 'Poetry' where we will compare, discuss and write a range of poems whilst learning the differences between narrative poetry and free verse.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will continue to extend our knowledge on 'Fractions' and 'Geometry' to then move into 'Position and direction' over half term 4. We will start, however, revising our learning from last Term on 'Number and Algebra' to ensure that we understand and handle with ease those key concepts we worked on during Term 1.

Geography

This term our Geography topic is 'All Around the World'. This unit will allow pupils to take a closer look at where the countries of the world are located, and some of the ways geographers describe locations. Pupils will learn to locate and describe places using longitude and latitude, and find out about some of the important lines that delineate specific areas of the Earth- the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics. Pupils will also develop their understanding of time zones.

Science

The 'States of Matter' unit will teach our pupils about the differences between solids, liquids and gases, classifying objects and identifying their properties. The pupils will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate the weight of a gas. Furthermore, they will have chance to find the ideal temperature to melt chocolate. They will explore in-depth how water changes state, exploring melting, freezing, condensing as well as a particular focus on evaporation. Finally, they will learn about the stages of the water cycle, creating mini water worlds and an interactive water wheel to represent the different stages.

SEAL

Our topic this half term is 'My healthy lifestyle'. During this unit we will identify some factors (positive and negative) that affect physical, mental and emotional health e.g. relationships with family and friends, stress levels, physical activity, diet, self-image, media, etc. We will also discuss the importance of making informed choices about healthy eating and exercising.

Spanish

In Spanish this half term we will learn about 'Reading the time' and 'Going to the doctor's' vocabulary.

PE and swimming

Pupils in Silver Birch will be attending swimming lessons every Monday afternoon. An appropriate swimming kit will be needed every Monday. Appropriate outdoor P.E kit will be required every Thursday.

I hope this information is useful to all of you. Should you have any queries or doubts whatsoever please do feel free to speak with me at the school.

Kind regards

Ms Gimeno



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Willow Class – Spring Term 1, 2018

Dear Parents,
Y5/6 Welcome Newsletter

Welcome back to school and I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break.

Willow class will have a new theme 'Space' this term; we will be linking the majority of our subject objectives to this theme. Attached behind this letter is an overview of what we plan to look at in class over the coming weeks. If you would like any more detail on these please feel free to pop in and ask!

To support them in making the most of Year 5/6, allow me to outline some key routines which I would be grateful for your support in establishing:

- P.E. Please ensure that your child has their full kit (including trainers) all week in case the lesson has to be moved for convenience.
- Please can the children have their Ukulele instruments in on Thursdays for their music lessons which continue this term.
- Homework each week will be set on Thursday and due to be completed by Tuesday. This will include a Maths task, reading and regular practice of spellings (tested on Thursday).

Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,
Mr Morris

English

We will be exploring a range of poetry this term, focusing on Nonsense poems by different authors. The children will be planning, writing and performing their own poems in class. We will also be developing our descriptive skills by taking imaginative ideas from comic strips and incorporating them into a description of Earth from the point of view of a visiting Alien. Finally we will be reading several texts from the science fiction genre.

Maths

We will be starting off this term by looking at how fractions, decimals and percentages are related to each other and how to apply this knowledge in real life. We will then be returning to place value and sequences, moving on to more complex problems. Finally we will be exploring date handling, line graphs, angles and statistics.

Science

This half term we will begin by looking at the different planets, stars, moons and solar systems. We will explore how they are connected and inter-reliant upon each other. We will move on to investigating how planets orbit the sun and moons orbit planets and begin to explore some forces like gravity and tides.

Computing

We will look at word processing this term, investigating different programmes including Word, Publisher and Excel. We will investigate how these programmes can be used and manipulated, developing our editing skills. E-safety will once again be visited in order to ensure safe browsing.

Art & DT

The class will explore close observational sketching this term and this will be used to design and create a space-themed cam toy for our DT project. We will also be using paper marbling skills to explore space art.

Music

The children will be continuing with their Ukulele lessons this term. Lessons will continue on Thursday afternoons and will include exploring composition and performing for an audience.

RE/PSHCE

The focus this term will be on Islam. We will be looking at the religion as a whole, the history of Islam, the key beliefs behind the religion and Islam in the UK. In PSHCE our topic this term is 'My Healthy Lifestyle'. We will be looking at the benefits of a healthy diet and exercise, positive self-image and expressing our views and respecting the views of others. Finally we will be exploring how to resolve differences, looking at alternatives, making decisions and explaining our choices.