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***Sicklinghall Superstars!***



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

***Brogan Hewines***

***William Marshall***

***Anna Brotheridge***

***Isla Clegg***

***Harvey Hall***



## NEWSLETTER

Cherry Blossom class **loved** sharing their learning with parents in class this week! They worked hard inside and outside and, if the photographs are anything to go by, the morning was full of the usual smiles and enthusiasm!

Well done to our Y6s for braving the weather earlier in the week to do their 'Bikeability' cycling proficiency. Again, the conditions did not dampen their spirits (excuse the pun) or determination.

Please remember to join us at next week's Class Assemblies- there's lots of learning to show you!

### Next Week's Weather Forecast

We are told to expect further wintry weather in the early part of next week. Please keep an eye on the school website for updates each morning next week. We will aim to text where possible and inform Stray FM (97.2) of any changes to normal arrangements.

### Silver Birch Maternity Cover Teaching Post

We are pleased to inform parents and carers that we have successfully appointed a teacher for Silver Birch Class to cover Ms Gimeno's maternity leave following interviews in school this week. Mrs Rachel Keetley was delighted to accept the position and will commence in post soon after the Easter break. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Keetley to our team. The children have had the opportunity to spend the day with her today as she joined the class on their trip to the Deep.

### Miss Potter

Year 2 parents/carers were informed earlier in the week that Miss Potter will be leaving us at the end of this term. We will hold a farewell/see you soon assembly for both Miss Potter and Miss Gimeno, who leaves on maternity leave at the end of this term, on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am. All welcome.

### REMINDER: Yr2 Parent/Carer Meetings - Next Monday, 19 March 6-8pm

As per the email and ParentMail communications sent to Yr2 parent/carers on Wednesday of this week, please note that bookings via ParentMail will remain open for

you to make an appointment with Miss Potter until **6pm today, Friday 16 March**. Thank you.

### Parents/Carers of Yr 4: Bewerley Park Residential

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the meeting held on Wednesday 14 March, at Goldsborough School. Please also see the additional letter relating to the visit which accompanies this week's newsletter.

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### **IMPORTANT:** Changes impacting on the Universal Credit criteria for Free School Meals - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

It has been brought to our attention, that following a consultation there are to be changes introduced to the eligibility criteria for free school meals whilst the rollout of Universal Credit continues to take place.

Those parents/carers who are **currently receiving Universal Credit**, will presently qualify for Free School Meals for all of their school aged children, provided that an application for this is made **before the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**. Parents/carers will qualify, even if they are working, regardless of their level of earnings.

Any parent who successfully applies before 31 March 2018, will also get transitional protection so their child/ren will continue to receive Free School Meals either until 2022 or until their child finishes their current phase of education, regardless of any increase in their earnings level.

**From 1 April 2018**, a free school meal net wage income threshold criteria of £7400 will then be introduced in relation to **claimants receiving Universal Credit**, which will mean some parents will then not qualify if they make a new free school meal application after 1 April 2018.

The message is that, as a matter of urgency, **APPLY IMMEDIATELY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 31 MARCH 2018**. Applications can be made using the following methods:

1. The NYCC website

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

2. Via emails to [schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk) or by phone 01609 533405



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3. By completing a form (available as above) from the school office

**Please also see letter sent with last week's newsletter & now posted on our website for further details.**

### **Willow Class Trip - Tuesday 27 March 2018**

Please see letter being sent via ParentMail later today with details of the Willow class trip to Victoria School, Keighley on Tuesday 27 March 2018.

All consents should be given by completing the ParentMail form by **next Friday, 23 March 2018** and all payments made via ParentPay please by **Friday 23 March 2018**. Thank you.

### **To all Cherry Blossom-YrR, Yr1 & Yr2 Parents/Carers: Cherry Blossom Trip to Monk Park Farm**

Thank you for consents and payments received so far. Please note all payments should be made via ParentPay please before **next Monday 19 March**. Thank you.

### **REMINDER:**

#### **Sport Relief Day - Friday 23 March 2018**

**Next Friday, 23 March** we will be fundraising towards Sport Relief 2018. We invite children to come to school dressed in Sport/PE kits, in exchange for a small donation (suggested amount £1). Children will take part in a 'Silly Sports' competition during the afternoon (for children only). Many thanks in advance,  
Miss Gimeno

### **Cherry Blossom Class Swimming Lessons**

#### **To all Parents/Carers of YrR, Yr1 & Yr2**

Thank you for your prompt replies giving consent for your child to attend swimming lessons next term. We request all payments are made via ParentPay please by **Friday 29 June 2018**. Thank you.

### **Class Assemblies**

Pupils would like to invite you to their class assemblies next week, at which they will share some of the classroom learning that has taken place this term. Assemblies take place in the classroom and should last no longer than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!

**Monday 19 March**, 3pm - Willow class

**Wednesday 21 March**, 3pm - Cherry Blossom class

**Thursday 22 March**, 3pm - Silver Birch class

### **Yr6 Fellside Residential**

Thank you for all non-refundable deposit payments now received. The remaining final balance of **£286.31** is due by **Friday 18 May 2018**. Please make all payments via your child's ParentPay account.

### **Drama Club - Yrs2-6**

Thank you to everyone who has already replied via ParentMail. We still have a few places available for this popular club. If your child would like to attend please reply via ParentMail **before 12pm next Tuesday 20 March**. Thank you.

### **Silver Birch Swimming Lessons**

#### **A reminder to all Silver Birch Class parents/carers**

As we start the second half of this Spring term we would like to thank you for all payments received so far for your child's swimming lessons.

As at today's date we have received £619.00 with **£341.00** still outstanding. We would therefore like to request that payments for your child's lessons are up-to-date and fully paid. The last swimming lesson will be Monday 26 March 2018. All payments to be made via the ParentPay service please. 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 Breakfast Club & 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 - CB Trip to Monk Park Farm**

**NEW - Silver Birch Trip to The Deep**

**Yr4 Residential to Beverley Park**

**Yr6 Fellside Residential**



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**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.

### Spotted

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

**Cherry Blossom**- Oscar for asking great questions

**Silver Birch**- Alfie for his brilliant maths work!

**Willow**- Callum for his enthusiasm and good humour!

### 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.

### 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 Yr5, with 99.1%!**

**Well done!**

Year Group	This Week (%)	Half Term Points
Reception	98.6	4
Year 1	99.1	5
Year 2	98.2	1
Year 3	96.4	2
Year 4	95.5	1
Year 5	99.1	2
Year 6	96.4	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.



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### 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 2

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

### Forest School Club-Spring Term 2:

Thursdays 3.30-4.45pm on 01/08/15/22/29 March 2018

### Mondays-w/c Mon 19 Feb: 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  
 Mon 19 Mar: 6.00-8.00pm Yr2 Parent/Carer mtgs-Miss Potter  
 Wed 21 Mar: 3pm Cherry Blossom class assembly  
 Thur 22 Mar: 3pm Silver Birch class assembly  
 Fri 23 Mar: Fundraising for Sport Relief - 'Silly Sports'  
 Fri 23 Mar: 1.30-3pm G'B Yr4 pupils visit re Bewerley Park  
 Mon 26 Mar: 3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2  
 Mon 26 Mar: 6.00-7.00pm Yr2/3 Sleepover Information meeting for parents/carers  
 Tue 27 Mar: 9.00-3.30pm CB Class trip to Monk Park Farm  
 Thur 29 Mar: 9.10am Farewell assembly for Miss Potter & Miss Gimeno - parents/carers invited  
 Thur 29 Mar: School closes for Easter holiday

### 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  
 Wed 13 Jun: 2pm Sports Day (reserve date Wed 27 Jun)  
 Thur 14-Fri 15 Jun: Yr2/3 Sleepover-Bramhope Scout Centre  
 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  
 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)

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### Mr Shillito's weekly diary for March 2018:

w/c	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
w/c 26.03.18	SCPS	G'B	G'B	SCPS	Good Friday