



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER– 28th January 2022

Message from the Head

I hope you have all had a successful week with your families.

Next week commencing 31st January will be Story Telling Week in school. As part of the curriculum work we are doing in school, one of our actions is to develop an extensive reading culture. All staff are excited to deliver learning this week based around storytelling. This may be in the form of role play, outdoor provision, and through retelling stories using story mountains, scribing or technology.

To join in with this celebration we would like all children to **bring their favourite story to school any day, next week** so they can discuss the book and read to themselves, their teachers and their friends. I will be bringing in my favourite story too!

I look forward to listening to children read their stories and will be giving out prizes for the best expression used.

We have spent a lot of school funds on new books to support our latest phonics scheme Little Wandle. We ask that all children look after these books and bring these back into school daily so they can develop their fluency by re-reading these books in school and at home. Research has shown that this method develops early reading for children much more substantially. Thank you for working together with us to look after our books and support your child's reading at home.

Next Friday (**4th February**) is NSPCC Number Day. We will be encouraging children to come in dressed with a number theme and make a donation; we will also be doing math challenges through the day.

Have a restful weekend,
Miss Holly Whyte

ATTENDANCE

	Snowy Owls	Kestrels	Red Kites
Week	67.33%	91.43%	93.75%
Year	88.49%	89.4%	90.0%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
All Week	Story Telling Week
04.02.2022	Zero Carbon Harrogate— Walk to School Day
04.02.2022	NSPCC Number Day
08.02.2022	Safer Internet Day
17.02.2022	Parental Consultations
18.02.2022	Last Day of Term
21-25.02.2022	Half-Term

Stars of the Week

Elizabeth

For always concentrating so well.

Joe

For always giving 100%.

Elsa

For her resilience and determination.

Health and Wellbeing

HARROGATE DISTRICT WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Get active whilst helping combat climate change! Can you leave the car at home for most, if not all, of the school run on **Friday 4th February**?

49% of our district's carbon emissions come from transport, which makes it the largest contributor to our district's carbon footprint. It's also 28% above the UK average! By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change. Even if you live too far from school to walk or cycle all the way, there are other options such as public transport, car sharing or 'park and stride' – this is where you park sooner than normal and walk the last part. All these options will help lower our carbon footprint. Every mile counts!

The physical and mental health benefits of exercise are well known, with studies also showing that walking to school improves concentration and helps students arrive ready to learn. Making the journey on foot, by bike or using public transport means fewer vehicles on the road, benefitting the wider community with less traffic and cleaner air.

Zero Carbon Harrogate will be recording how many students took part from each school - so please help put our school at the top of the leader board! All children in our school will receive a certificate for walking to school too!

Every mile counts!

Please go to www.zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk/harrogate-district-walk-to-school-day for more information.



Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact:

Miss Holly Whyte Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ripley 01423 770160, Kettleasing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642

For guidance on road safety please go to <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/walking-safety-tips-for-children/>