



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER— 18th March 2022

### Message from the Head

It has been an eventful Science week this week. The chicks are growing well and the children have been excited to be taking part in experiments and learning all about life cycles.

Please can I ask parents to take the time to visit our website. These are currently being developed by senior leaders and governors. Our new behaviour policy is on there, along with curriculum updates including Reading and Phonics. You can also visit the website <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk> to see how phonics is now been taught in your child's school.

On our school improvement journey this week, we have continued to monitor lessons in class to ensure quality first teaching across the schools. We have also completed a SEND audit to support us on our journey to ensuring all learners in school have the provisions they need.

Thank you for your support,

Miss H Whyte

### World Down Syndrome Day

Together we can empower people around the world to advocate for full inclusion in society for people with Down syndrome and for everyone. World Down Syndrome Day is on Monday the 21st of March and to show our support we would like to ask the children to come into school in odd socks please.

### Safeguarding

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

**Miss Holly Whyte** Designated Safeguarding Lead,  
**Mr Mathew Atkinson**—Deputy Safeguarding Lead,  
**Mr James Routh**—Deputy Safeguarding Lead,  
**Rebecca Foy**—Deputy Safeguarding Lead—  
Deputy Safeguarding Lead—**Ripley 01423 770160,**  
**Kettlesing 01423 770576** or **Beckwithshaw 01423 504642**

### ATTENDANCE

	Snowy Owls	Kestrels	Red Kites
Week	94.83%	96.92%	95.0%
Year	90.41%	91.67%	91.74%

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
19th March 2022	Kettlesingers to take part in the Harrogate International Music Fes-
21st March 2022	World Down Syndrome Day
22nd March 2022	Author Visit
4th April 2022	Bags 2 School Collection
7th April 2022	Easter Tea in the Village Hall

### Stars of the Week

#### **Snowy Owls: Harvey**

For his outstanding efforts in his learning.

#### **Kestrels: Samuel**

For a really mature attitude in school.

#### **Red Kites: Evie**

For being super helpful around school.

## Staffing and classroom changes

Mrs Tasker will be leaving on Friday 25th March to go on to pastures new. We would like to thank her for everything she has done for our children over the years at Kettlesing.

We have plans in place to swap the classrooms for Nursery and KS1. This means that all of EYFS (Nursery and Reception) will be together. The Year 1/2 classroom will move to the old nursery where the conservatory is. This will allow teachers to deliver lessons without interruptions from the other class— they currently share this space. It will also allow the curriculum to be developed by the EYFS lead and increase ratios for Nursery pupils entering school. The big move will take place on Wednesday 6th April so it is ready for the Summer Term. Staff will be available on the first day back after the Easter break to support children transitioning here. Y1/2 pupils will enter school through the front entrance. Nursery and Reception children will enter school from the back entrance through the playground. If any parents are available to help with the move please let the office know. Thank you for your support.

## Health and Wellbeing



### Understanding Relationships Course for parents and carers

To access this free course please log onto [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) and use the code NYfamilies to access it. It consists of 8 modules and can support yourself, your children and your family.

## Author Visit

We will be hosting a visit from the award-winning Scottish author Stuart Reid on Tuesday 22nd March 2022. Stuart's first book won the Silver Medal at the Forward National Literature Awards. His books were written to inspire children to read for pleasure, and Stuart's latest book 'Grandpa Jock and the Incredible Iron-Bru-Man Incident' was launched at the Edinburgh Festival. Pupils can purchase books on the day, all signed by the author, with a personal dedication to each child. Book prices are £7 each, two for £12, or a school special offer of five books for £20.

## Den Building

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Den Building adventure as part of our Science Week, learning lots of new skills, these were just some of their comments about the day....

'We enjoyed working as part of a team and helping each other build something

'We liked putting the sticks together'

'It was really exciting and the water thrown over us was fun'



## Red Nose Day

The children had some incredible ideas for today's Red Nose Day. The theme of the day was 'Dress Up To Make Us Laugh' and they certainly did that! We also saw lots of funky hairstyles to round off the outfits.



As you know, we have been selling Red Noses for the last week and we would like to thank you all for your kind donations as we have raised a whopping £158.50!!!!

