



Masham CE (VA) Primary School

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## Newsletter 5 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone in school is so pleased that we are able to hold Parent Teacher Consultations face to face next week; it is so brilliant to have people back in school! As it has been a while there is a map of classrooms at the end of this newsletter. Please enter school through the main office door, you may wear a mask to the appointment if you wish to and we will ask you to sanitise your hands. We will also be handing out a parental questionnaire at the appointment too so please look out for that.

### Events in School

A busy first fortnight for the second half of the Autumn term! Again, it is so lovely to be able to offer such fabulous experiences to the children. Swimming has resumed and this year we are using Catterick Leisure Centre due to staff shortages at our usual providers. We've been very impressed with the tuition so far! Currently the Year 4 children are receiving the bulk of the tuition and we will work our way down the year groups throughout the year; the National Curriculum expectation is that children are able to swim 25 metres independently by the end of Year 6.

Bain Class had a fabulous day visiting the Moors Centre in Danby where they became truly immersed in the Stone Age! The feedback from the children was excellent and I know Burn Class will be looking forward to their turn for the experience next month. Laver Class consolidated some of their work on the local area and Religious Education with a trip to Ripon on Tuesday part of which was a visit to Ripon Cathedral (including going underground to the crypt!). Again, lots of excited and enthused learning as a result of this.

Finally, thank you for the lovely feedback on the children's poppies for Remembrance Day at the front of school. The Year 6 children took part in the outdoor service at St Mary's Church where they laid down a cross for every local member of the fallen. We were very impressed with the reverence and importance the children gave to this involvement.



### Staffing

You may have noticed that Mrs Best has not been around for a while either in her role as a Teaching Assistant or as our office administrator. She has been working from home for the last few weeks due to our Covid risk assessment but can now finally put her feet up and relax as her maternity leave begins. We wish her all the best for the new arrival (due at Christmas, we're considering a starring role for baby in our Nativity!) and we have appointed a new administrator, she will begin working in the school office as soon as the appropriate checks are completed so look forward to meeting her soon.

### Children in Need

As you will know from the letter this week, our gorgeous School Council have decided they would like a cake sale to raise funds this year so we are asking for any donations of cakes, buns or tray bakes to sell at the end of the day on Friday. We have nut allergies in school so no nuts please and please label tubs and lids if you would like them returned! Mrs Tattersall and Mrs Vennell will be leading the sale after school on Friday, outside if the weather is fine (the hall if not) and items will be priced at 50p each. No dressing up this year but if the children have head bands/badges etc. they want to wear that will be fine. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

*F. Lawson-Ross*

Head teacher

**Dates for your diary:**

**(Blue indicates occasions where parents are warmly welcomed to attend)**

Monday	15.11.21	All	Parent Teacher Consultations
Tuesday	16.11.21	Bain	Cricket taster – bring PE kit to change into after Forest
Thursday	18.11.21	All	Parent Teacher Consultations
Friday	19.11.21	All	Children in Need Bake sale – donations welcome
Tuesday	23.11.21	Laver	Cricket Taster
Wednesday	24.11.21	Burn & Cover	Peacock and Verity information session
Friday	26.11.21	All	Whole school cinema trip at Masham Town Hall
Friday	03.12.21	Year 6	Pottery session at Bedale High School
Wednesday	08.12.21	All	Christmas Lunch Day
Friday	10.12.21	All	Christmas Jumper Day – either wear a Christmas jumper or a festive accessory.
Monday	13.12.21	Burn	Stone Age Day at Danby
Wednesday	15.12.21	All	Pantomime
Thursday	16.12.21	All	Masham’s Got Talent!
Friday	17.12.21	All	School closes for Christmas break 2pm
Tuesday	04.01.21	Staff	Training Day
Wednesday	05.01.22	All	School opens for pupils.

**Map of Classrooms for Parent Teacher consultations. Please use main office door.**

