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Dear Parents and Carers,

July Newsletter

Staffing changes

With quite a few staffing changes this year, I thought I would just summarise the changes again in the final newsletter to say thank and farewell to those who are leaving:

- Mrs Gilchrist is leaving her role as Class 3 teacher
- Mrs Land is retiring as a long standing midday supervisor and relief teaching assistant
- Mrs Grimshaw is retiring as our school administrator
- Mrs Gabb is leaving her role as a teaching assistant in Class 1
- Mrs Hawkin is leaving her role as a midday supervisor and relief teaching assistant

My thanks go to all the staff who are leaving and for the contribution they have made to the life of the school. They will all be missed and we wish them well in their new jobs or for a long and happy retirement.

We will be welcoming new staff in September:

- Mrs Brough-Jones will be the interim headteacher for the autumn term
- Mrs Tomsett has today been appointed (conditionally to the necessary checks) to job share with Mrs Rawes in Class 4
- Mrs Walker will be teaching full time in school in Class 3
- Mrs Moore will be working as an admin assistant supporting Mrs Lister as school administrator

Mathematics in school – A message from Mrs Coulthard, Maths Leader in school

The new National Curriculum for maths advocates a 'mastery' approach, following evidence of success from high performing countries. A mastery approach means having high expectations that all children can succeed; therefore lessons are not differentiated by ability. All children are expected to tackle the same work, with children who easily grasp the content being given further challenge to deepen their understanding. There is a huge emphasis on quickly



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identifying possible misconceptions and giving those children who may need extra support further intervention, ideally the same day or before the next lesson. Of course there may be some children who need extra support to this or may need a specially adapted curriculum – if this is the case you will already be aware of this. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you require further information.

Many of these high performing countries such as Singapore use a text book approach where each child has their own textbook and workbook. These do not replace class teaching but work alongside it.

As a result, we are organising maths differently in the school next year. We have invested in 'Maths No Problem' - a text book scheme adapted from Singapore schemes. This scheme has been trialled for the past two years through maths hubs (supported by the Department for Education) and has received excellent reviews. Children in Years one, two and three will initially use the scheme and, if successful, this will be eventually rolled out across the whole of Key Stage Two.

On Monday to Thursday, children will be taught in single year groups across the school either by their class teacher, by a trained higher level teaching assistant or by a combination of both over the week. On Fridays, classes will revert to their normal mixed age classes.

Although Years four, five and six will not yet use the text book scheme, they will be taught using a mastery approach. All year groups will benefit as they will be taught in smaller, single age groups.

There are links to a number of videos on the school's website (www.cawoodprimary.co.uk) which show some of the approaches used in Maths No Problem - these can be found under the Parents tab and Maths link. There are also a series of booklets on the website that exemplify what most children should be able to achieve by the end of the particular year they are in.

We hope you find these useful. We will hold a maths meeting early in the autumn term to give you further information and show you some of the resources that children in Years one, two and three will be using. In the meantime, if you would like further information then please speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Transition Meetings

We are extending our usual practice and holding transition meetings for each class at the beginning of next term. These will take place in the second week of term and on different nights to try and avoid clashes for parents with children in more than one class. The purpose of these meetings is to inform you of what differs and what is similar in each class; how expectations may change; to offer the chance for questions you may have and, most importantly, indicate how you can continue to best support your child in their learning.

The meetings are as follows:

Monday 12th September – 3.30pm Class 2 (Year 2s) meeting – Mrs Ramsdale

Tuesday 13th September – 3.30pm Class 4 meeting – Mrs Rawes

Wednesday 14th September – 3.30pm Reading and phonics meeting for Reception parents



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Wednesday 14th September – 3.30pm Class 3 meeting – Mrs Walker
Thursday 15th September – 3.30pm Class 5 meeting – Mrs Coulthard
(Class 1 and nursery have already held their transition meetings this term)

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please speak with the classteacher and they will be able to pass on the information which was shared at the meeting.

Summer Challenge Activities

Like last year there is the opportunity to take part in our Summer Sports Challenge. There are 14 activities which the children might like to have a go at and they can record their progress on the 100m track as they do each one. If they complete it, please ask them to bring it back in after the holidays so that we can celebrate it and award certificates. There is also space for them to record any other things that they do to keep active over the holidays.



The Selby Library Service also launched their Summer Reading Challenge in Together Time last week. Further details were on the leaflet that the children brought home or can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries. Libraries in Selby, Tadcaster, Barlby and Sherburn are all taking part.

Global Schools and Fair Trade School

Well done to our Fair Trade champions and Mrs Rawes for the work they have done this year in promoting the work we do on global and Fair Trade issues. This has been recognised with the award of the Global Schools Level 1 award and our reaccreditation as a Fair Achiever School for the next three years. Well done for all that you have done and it is really good that it has been recognised in this way.

School Dinners

School meal prices remain unchanged for next year at £2.10 per meal for children in Key Stage 2. As you are aware, school meals for children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 continue to be free of charge. Please would parents of Key Stage 2 children who pay for their lunches continue to send money on a Monday morning along with the identified days that the dinners are to be taken.

Together Time and Leavers' Worship

The final worship for the Year 6 leavers and their parents is on Tuesday 26th July at 9.10am in the hall. This will be followed by refreshments for these parents in the Class 5 classroom.

In addition, all parents and carers are welcome to join us for our final Together Time at 2.30pm in the afternoon of the last day where we will present our final special mentions for the term and say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers and staff.

School Hall and facilities

A reminder that the school hall is available for private hire should anyone need it for functions or events. Full details are available from the school along with the associated hire charges.

Sponsored Cycle event – A message from Gareth Williams (dad of Stanley and Martha)



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Six of us, including one of the Directors of Cycle Heaven in York, will set off from Land's End on Thursday 28th July to cycle 1,000 miles at an average of 100 miles a day to John O'Groats. That sounds like challenge enough, but when you add in the amount of climb involved, it becomes a real challenge: basically we are going to be going up Everest twice or Kilimanjaro 3 times - over 18,000 m, or 54,000 ft.

We will be doing it unsupported, so we have to carry everything ourselves. I'll be providing daily Strava and Facebook updates, so if anyone wants to see where we are each day they could follow me there.

We are seeking sponsorship for a friend's charity called Give A Duck (<http://www.giveaduck.org.uk/>). Andrew's son is recovering from Leukaemia, and he has set it up to help him and other children receiving treatment for cancer. We have a Justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cycleLEJOG16> plus people can text donate too via Vodaphone by texting **GADK47 £5 to 70070**. The Justgiving page is in Andrew's name because he set it up, it's his charity and his son who is recovering.

Thank you very much.
Gareth Williams

And finally ...

This is my last newsletter after sixteen years at Cawood, the latter ten as headteacher. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and will miss it tremendously. I am proud of how the school has developed and for the achievements of the children and staff over the years. I have said goodbye to about 220 children over the last ten years and hope that the foundations built at Cawood will not only serve them well in the next stage in their education, but will also make a lasting impression for the rest of their life.

I have always tried to be a headteacher who knows all the children in school and wants the very best for them. I have endeavoured to encourage an education that allows children to flourish and live life in all its fullness. This is rooted in the Christian ethos and values of the school and is something that is unique and special in our church school. Over the years, I hope that I have lived out the mission statement of the school to the best of my abilities that, 'At Cawood, everyone matters'.

A few 'thank you's':

- To the whole staff team who have worked with me over the years and their dedication to the children in school. We are blessed with an excellent staff team at Cawood.
- To our team of volunteers who give regular or occasional support in the classrooms or on school visits. I really do appreciate the time you give to help and support us in school. A particular thanks to the committee of the Friends of Cawood School for their fundraising efforts and for all the time they give to make sure that events are well planned and enjoyable.
- To the governors of the school for their challenge and support so that we continue to improve standards and provision.
- To all of you as parents and carers who work in partnership with us.



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Finally a thank you to all of the children in school. You have constantly made my job as a headteacher a challenge and a joy. The best part of my days are always when I have been in your classroom or when you have brought work that you have done to the office. I hope you will make Mrs Brough-Jones welcome next term and continue to enjoy every day that you are in school.

I would like to finish with a paraphrase of a prayer from Archbishop Oscar Romero which is special to me and in many ways sums up what I have tried to achieve over my time at Cawood.

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete.
This is what we are about.*

*We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.*

*We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.*

*It may be incomplete,
but it is a beginning,
a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.*

May I wish everyone a relaxing summer holiday and school will reopen on Tuesday 6th September.

Yours sincerely,

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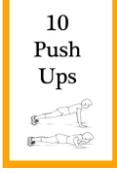
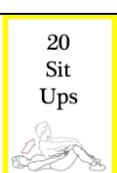


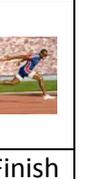
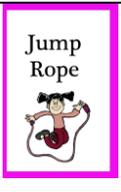
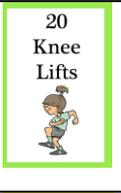
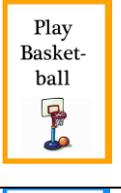
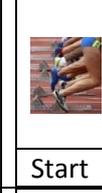
Cawood Primary School – Summer Sports Challenge 2016

To keep yourself in top condition for next year and for a bit of fun over the summer, why not have a go at our summer sports challenge.

Every time you do one of the challenges, colour in part of the 100m track and see if you can complete each track by the end of the holidays.

If you bring your challenge back into school, there will be a certificate to say well done!

Name		Class												
Activity	Challenge	Record												
 15 Squats	Do 15 squats - makes legs strong for football													
		Start	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m	100m	Finish	
 15 Lunges	Do 15 lunges – really good for gymnastics													
		Start	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m	100m	Finish	
 10 Push Ups	Do 10 push ups to strengthen arms for tennis													
		Start	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m	100m	Finish	
 20 Sit Ups	Do 20 sit ups for better flexibility													
		Start	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m	100m	Finish	
 Ride Scooters	Go out on your scooter													
		Start	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m	100m	Finish	
 Ride Bikes	Go for a bike ride – good for your balance													
		Start	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m	100m	Finish	
 Soccer Outside	Play some football with friends or family													
		Start	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	90m	100m	Finish	

	Play sports activities on the games console												
	Go for a walk – how far can you walk?												
	Skip for fun and good for improved stamina												
	Do 20 knee lifts – good for balance too												
	Do 20 side kicks – be careful of other people!												
	Play some basketball on your own or a friend												
	Go to the park and play on the equipment												
What other things have you done to keep fit and healthy? Write about it or draw a picture?													