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Christian Value



Our Christian Value this half term is Forgiveness - the giving and receiving of forgiveness is at the heart of the Lord's Prayer and is highlighted by Jesus at the end by an additional comment: 'If you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, your Father in heaven will forgive you.'

Sewerby Hall Visit



The Robins did a workshop all about animals from around the world. They did lots of animal activities, including making a peg lemur. The children made fruit kebabs which they watched the lemurs eat for their dinner! The children loved looking around the zoo and learning about all the different animals.

Parent / Carer Conduct

Please be aware of conduct on and around the school site, particularly around use of language in front of families and children.

Riston School has been so busy already this year with so much more to look forward to.

Our Robins and Topcats have been on an amazing school trip to Sewerby Park where they looked at different animals and their habitats as well as learning about Amy Johnson.



The Topcats learned lots of information about the life of local hero Amy Johnson. Amy Johnson is significant because she was the first woman to fly solo to Australia! The children enjoyed a range of activities looking at artefacts, timelines and even the clothes she wore. In the afternoon, the children explored the zoo and applied their learning about animals to real life!

Bluebirds



Our Bluebirds enjoyed an exciting trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park where they continued their learning about different biomes and how animals have adapted and survive within each biome. They even got the opportunity to handle some of the animals!

Highflyers



Our Highflyers have taken a trip into outer space without even leaving their classroom thanks to the Royal Air Force Charitable Trust. The class worked with members from the Royal Air Force to design and build a rocket that can be launched into space. By the end of this fantastic event children reinforced their knowledge of forces, as well as their understanding of angles when they launched their rockets at different angles to investigate distance travelled. Children had a great afternoon! The class has already signed up for more workshops.

Robins

We have now extended our Nursery hours to include a Friday afternoon. Please could you let the office know if this is something you would be interested in for your child.

Easter Bonnets



We are asking for the children to make their own Easter Bonnets at home. We will be showing them off in school as part of our Easter celebrations. Please bring them to school on Thursday 21st March. There will be a prize for everyone who takes part.

Easter Service



Thursday 21st March
we will be holding our Easter Service at St Margaret's Church at 2.30pm. Everybody is welcome.

Red Nose Day



Red Nose Day is on **Friday 15th March**. We are asking children to bring in their favourite jokes and wear anything red. Any donations raised will go towards the Red Nose Day fund. Children are more than welcome to wear a red nose!

Caythorpe Court



Polite reminder that the final balance for the Y5/6 Caythorpe Court visit on 12-14th June needs to be paid by **08/04/24**

Swimming Gala



A huge well done to all the children that took part in the swimming gala. The children had an amazing time and Riston managed to get 2nd place.

Attendance



We are extremely proud of the Attendance Award we achieved our school was in the Top 10% of FFT schools in the country! Thank you for prioritising your child's attendance, it really does make a huge difference to their learning.

Riston Hippity Hop Easter Disco



Easter Eggstravaganza Disco - Wednesday 20th March 3.30pm - 5.00pm. Come and join us for some Eggsellent Hip Hoppity Fun. Only £5.00 a ticket to include a hot dog, drink and a bun.

Safeguarding Alert



We have received an alert today of a National concern regarding young pupils potentially accessing age-inappropriate video materials at home online. This involved some Y1 children (5/6 year old pupils) sharing that they are aware of a film called "Five Nights At Freddie" which is certified for age 13 and older but they have been signposted to it through what looks to be quite innocent means on a kidstube programme known as "Milo and Chip" The link below provides further information and advice. <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/articles/p/arents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube-kids> If you have any concerns do speak with Mrs Marsden or Mrs Preston our school Safeguarding Team.

Dyslexia Sparks - Free Online Event



Workshop Information - Would you like practical ideas on how to support your child with reading at home? This month's parent support group is full of tips and advice on healthy habits and creating strategies around why a child with dyslexia might find reading a challenge **Wednesday 13 March, 7 - 8pm**

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dyslexiasparks/1180382>

The session is held online via Teams and is part of our free, monthly online parent support group which often features key topics and guest speakers. For further information reach out to: rachel.madden@dyslexia-sparks.org.uk

Lost Property



The lost property box has rapidly grown and overflowed. Please come and check and collect your missing items.

Youth Club



Rev David is running a Youth Club for the Y5 and 6 children in Riston Village Hall every other Wednesday from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. It's

£1.00 and is a great opportunity for the children to get to know their peers that they may go to secondary school with. The Youth Club is on 13th March.

Guidance to Parents/Carers

'Is my child well-enough to come to school?'



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Find out when it's best to keep your sick child at home and when it's best to send them to school. Please **REMEMBER** when leaving a message stating your child will **NOT** be in **school/nursery** that you leave a **REASON** why so the correct code can be given on the register.

Medical appointments

Please try to book any medical appointments outside of school hours, either after school, across lunchtime or in the school holidays. Any appointments taken during the school day **MUST** be supported by documentary evidence such as a letter, screenshot or email of the appointment. Please email this to the school office - admin.ris@ebor.academy

Photographs - Reminder



Anyone wishing to purchase the class photographs taken on Monday have until **Thursday 14th March** to place their order for free delivery.

Reminder



Please click on the link below to view the school policy on charges and arrears.

<https://riston.ebor.academy/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/RIS-School-Charges-Arrears-Procedure-Sept-23.docx.pdf>

After School



Please let the office know if you would like your child to attend any of our after school clubs.

Monday - Sports - covered by Sports Premium (Mrs Gill & Coach Josh)

Tuesday - Arts & Craft (Mrs Hammond & Mrs Seaman)

Wednesday - Music Club (Mrs Hunt)

Thursday - Lego Night (Mrs Seaman)

The cost for the clubs will be **£4.00** per child and includes a snack and a drink.

The after school clubs will have a limit of 15 children per club except for a Tuesday where the limit will be 20 children.

Payments **MUST** be made weekly either in cash at the office or following receipt of an invoice.

Attendance Matters



Please be aware it is important that children maintain good attendance during the final weeks of term as key learning will continue.

The school target for attendance is 97%. Over the past 2 weeks our attendance is currently 97.15%.

Highflyers - 95.98%

Bluebirds - 99.37%

Topcats - 95.68%

Robins - 98.70%

Please continue to make every effort to ensure your child maintains high attendance and is punctual.

Dates For Your Diary



Tuesday 12th March - Parents evening

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

Wednesday 20th March - Hoppity Hop Easter Disco - Tickets are available to purchase

Thursday 21st March - Easter Service 2.30pm St Margaret's Church

Friday 22nd March - No celebration worship

Monday 25th March - Easter holidays half term

Monday 8th April - Return to school