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#### **Dear Parents and Carers**,

A very Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term!

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back and see them settled and enjoying their new topics and learning. Our latest Curriculum Newsletters and Knowledge Organisers should now be with you to keep you informed about the key learning this half term. Please do get in touch if there is anything further you need.

#### **Collective Worship**

4PH led their Class Collective Worship this week giving us a wonderful insight into the work they have been completing and some areas they wanted to develop in over the year. The worship was packed with information from their learning on Roman Britain, their audio -description writing on 'For the Birds' film (to support those with visual impairments) and even some chair drumming! I was also impressed with how well they are looking after and caring for school resources too – even naming their glue sticks!

Back in the classroom, the children (and visitors) practised times tables, before taking part in lots of games that use core maths skills.













Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers of the children in to 4H to their Class Collective Worship next week.

Our theme in our whole school Collective Worships this half term is 'Wise Words' based on the Proverbs and we have enjoyed our first visits from Mike and Adam at All Saints' Church to lead our Collective Worships on Thursday mornings.

#### **Year 3 Parents Lunches**

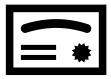
Next week we are very much looking forward to welcoming our Year 3 parents to join us for lunch. Please remember to book on through Arbor if you haven't already done so.



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### **Headteacher Awards**





KS2



This week I was thrilled to be presenting my first Headteacher Awards of 2024 to children displaying such great attitudes and learning behaviours, and exemplifying our school values so well. They have set the bar high for this coming year! Well done to the recipients, we are all very proud of you!



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### Year 5 West Yorkshire Playhouse Trip



Year 5 have enjoyed an exciting visit to Leeds Playhouse to watch the incredible Oliver! As well as enjoying some fantastic entertainment, they have learnt a great deal about life in Victorian times ready for their Victorian History topic.

Mr Gawthorpe wanted to add that, on behalf of all the staff who attended with them, we would just like to say how incredibly proud we are of them. Their behaviour was perfect! We had two members of the public comment on how well they behaved in the theatre. We

were one of a number of school groups present at the performance and were by far the best (and that is without any bias whatsoever!) We really were impressed with them and would gladly take them again!

#### Reception

In Reception, we have been exploring different types of weather! We have enjoyed making rainbow shakers, printing with bubble wrap to make rainy day pictures and learning about the different weathers we may see in each season.











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#### **Extra-Curricular Sports**

The first fixture of the Y5/6 IGS Winter Football League was held on Wednesday this week, with our boys playing against Addingham.

All Saints 1 Addingham 1

In a high-quality match, our boys secured a well-earned draw and, based on the overall performance, were very unlucky not to take all 3 points for the win. All Saints had much the better of the first half with Thomas C, Ewan and Thomas G controlling the midfield and the pace and trickery of Henry, Oscar and Wilf causing problems for the opposition defence. Edward and Ben easily cleaned up any of the rare Addingham threats in our half. The introduction of Alex just before the break provided the bit of spark needed to earn the breakthrough – a couple of key passes led to Wilf tucking away the opening goal.

The second half was a lot more competitive and Addingham maintained pressure on our goal throughout. Some heroic defending, including from half-time substitute James, looked to have done the job until we conceded a very late equaliser in the cruellest of circumstances... A long range Addingham shot was fired in, Ismaeel dived, the ball smacked the crossbar then came down, hit Ismaeel on the back of the head and went in! With the boys deflated, Ismaeel didn't let the misfortune bother him and pulled off a superb last second save to deny the Addingham striker.

All round, it was a really impressive performance from our whole squad which bodes extremely well for future fixtures.

Team: Ismaeel, Edward, Ben, Thomas G, Ewan, Thomas C, Oscar, Henry, Wilf, James, Alex

Mr P's Player of the Match: Ewan (6B)

**Future Events:** 

**Cross Country Races** 

3 Feb: Ben Rhydding 2 Mar: Our own event! Held at Ilkley Lido

24 Feb Ghyll Royd 16 Mar: Relays at Nell Bank (KS2, invitation only)

Year 5/6 Football League

17 Jan: Girls 24 Jan: Boys (B/G alternate weeks)



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#### **Community News:**

### **Refuge Action**

We have received a lovely email from Felicity Tomblin, of Refuge Action, to share with you all:



'Thursday 7th December saw two cars and one van delivering 53 boxes of Christmas gifts to Refugee Action's Bradford office with a further delivery taking place on Wednesday 20th in time for the Refugee Action Christmas party.

The gifts were all lovingly donated, wrapped and labelled by lots of different people from across our area. Each gift donated, whether it be an umbrella, jigsaw, warm winter hat, shower gel, soap set, football, game or book means the world to the recipient. Mariam Ali (left on the pic above) from Refugee Action has let me know that each gift was so well received and that there was much excitement at their party where many were given out! Every family member of each family the charity supports received a gift which is no mean feat, YOU made that happen, without our local community's generosity these families would not have received gifts this year.'

### **The Big Ambition Survey**

A reminder to participate in 'The Big Ambition' survey has been received by Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner. The closing date is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

My very best wishes for the year ahead,

Helen Dunn



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### **DIARY DATES**

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Year 3 Parent lunches	15.01.24-26.01.24
4H Class collective worship and class visit	16.01.24
5C Class collective worship and class visit	30.01.24
NSPCC Number Day	2.02.24
Cross Country, Ben Rhydding	3.02.24
5Q Class collective worship and class visit	6.02.24
Year 1 St Valentine's Performance	9.02.24
Parent Consultation Evening	20.02.24
Parent Consultation Evening	22.02.24
Cross Country, Ghyll Royd	24.02.24
6J Class collective worship and class visit	27.02.24
Cross Country, All Saints' (Ilkley Lido)	2.03.24
Year 4 Parent lunches	4.03.24 -15.03.24
6B Class collective worship and class visit	12.03.24
Drama group performance	15.03.24
Reception Spring Show	22.03.24
2F Class collective worship and class visit	16.04.24
Year 6 parent lunches	22.04.24-3.05.24
2BD Class collective worship and class visit	23.04.24
Year 2 May performance - Pentecost	3.05.24
1M Class collective worship and class visit	7.05.24
KS2 SATS	13.05.24-16.05.24
1MS Class collective worship and class visit	21.05.24
Year 6 Residential	10.06.24 -14.06.24
Year 5 and Reception parent lunches	17.06.24-28.06.24
Year 6 Leavers' Service	18.07.24