



# Newsletter

## Sep - Oct 2019

### UPCOMING ACADEMY EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

##### Culture Week

21st—25th October

##### Parents Assembly

Friday 25th October  
9.30am

##### Half Term

School Closes 3:00pm  
Friday 25th October

##### School Re-Opens

Monday 4th November

### PARENT GROUPS

#### November

**5th** Healthy Choices

**12th** Martha Callaghan -School Nurse

**19th** Healthy Choices

**26th** Liz White—  
Early Help



### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Huge thank you for all of the Harvest Festival donations.

### LITTLE REMINDER ABSENCES

*If your child is unwell and will be absent from school PLEASE notify the office as soon as possible.*

**01723 373260**

*Someone is usually available from 8:00am*

### LATEST NEWS

#### WELCOME

We have reached the end of our first term and wow what a busy and productive term it has been! The staff and pupils have made me feel extremely welcome and all have been very good (and patient) reminding me of their names and where to find rooms, equipment and resources etc. The pupils have showcased all the great work they are involved with and have lots of good ideas on how we could develop further in the future (a small animal unit appears to be very popular at the moment!) We have held our parent group session, which was attended by many and I hosted our first coffee afternoon, as an opportunity to meet parents and for pupils to demonstrate their hospitality skills alongside their catering skills which was very positive. External professionals including the school nurse, school doctor, physiotherapist, speech therapists and music therapists have visited school to work with pupils and support them with their development. I am also really pleased to report the high level of interest shown by members of our local community in joining our school as volunteer governors. We have received in excess of twenty potential applications and hopefully I will be able to introduce everyone after the break.

Next term we will be reviewing our curriculum offer, to ensure it is effectively meeting the needs of all our pupils, accredited qualifications and educational experiences and opportunities. We will update you of any planned changes in order to ensure everyone understands the need for any changes, what the changes will mean and if/ how it will impact on your child so we can work in partnership to support our young people.

Finally, we say goodbye to some of our staff this term as some move on into new positions and others prepare for the arrival of their baby. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them all the best for the future.

Have a great break from school. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing all the pupils back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Thank you



### WEBSITE

Check out the new Teaching Teams pages at

<http://woodlands.n-yorks.sch.uk/curriculum/teaching-teams-and-classes/>

Follow us on Twitter  
**@WoodlandsAC**



### Enterprise



Willow

class will be holding an Enterprise Market on 23rd, 24th, 25th October during breaktimes. Pupils wishing to purchase a cake, biscuit or participate in any of the games such as sponge throwing are asked to bring in a small amount of money. Products range from 50p to a £1.

### IMPORTANT

#### NUT ALLERGY REMINDER

**Please remember we are a Nut-Free school due to severe allergies.**

**This includes all products which contain nuts.**

### LITTLE REMINDER

Please remember **ANY** medication should only be handed over to school staff/escorts.

It should **NEVER** be transported in pupil's bags.



## NEWS FROM OUR CLASSES

### Squirrels & Hedgehogs



As part of their Transport & Moving Parts topic pupils in Squirrels & Hedgehogs classes have had fun exploring the school bikes, collaging different vehicles and developing their handwriting skills using toy cars and trains.



### Badgers



Pupils in Badgers class have been developing their cooking skills. So far this term they have made Moon rock cakes, treasure biscuits, fruit smoothies and vanilla and raisin biscuits—yum yum



### Robins



As part of their physical education programme students in Robins class have been learning different climbing techniques using the climbing wall at The Street .



### Oak & Willow

Some students in Oak & Willow visited the STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) event at Scarborough Spa. A great time was had by all.

### Beech

Pupils in Beech class have been developing their co-ordination skills and balance through rebound therapy.



### Kestrels & Robins



Congratulations to students in Kestrels and Robins class for achieving a certificate of Merit in the Sumdog North Yorkshire Coast Maths contest. One of our students in Robins class came 1st in the whole competition.

## FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS



As always we receive wonderful support from the local community

Our school Summer Fayre raised—**£1130.25**

Our Coffee and Cake afternoon run by some pupils in Oak & Willow class raised—**£82.50**



### Upcoming Fundraising Events

Proceeds from the Scarborough Licensees annual Christmas raffle will be split between The Woodlands Academy and St Catherine's Hospice this year.

We have been selected by Master of Harbour Lodge 185 (The Masons) as their Charity of the Year

### Reminder

Please keep the Aldi stickers coming into school, we have completed one poster and are well on the way to completing the second!

Thank you to everyone who has brought these into school already this term.