



This Week

Young Leaders (Year 5)



THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK
YOUTH TRUST

Be the Change you want to see



This week we welcomed Wendy from the Leeds food banks (Trussell Trust) to speak to us about the brilliant work that they do. We were delighted to be able to give her the £216 that Year 6 raised in July from their Young Leaders Award final project.

Year 6 received their certificates and we talked about how we might continue our drive to show compassion for others through more fund raising this coming year.

Reading Corners

We are increasing our focus on reading next half term and staff have been developing reading corners in their rooms to help promote the love of books.

After the holiday we will be undertaking lots of reading challenges and reading based homework and activates to encourage our pupils to get lost in a book.



Clubs

Clubs will start after half term and we apologise for the later start this year. This has been a different start to the year with 5 of our classes having teachers who did not teach in that year group last year. This has created additional workload for these staff at the start of what is a different year for us as we familiarise ourselves with new systems and processes under Abbey MAT. Staff have needed time to bed all of this down before committing to run after school clubs. We are lucky that our staff see the importance of clubs and the enjoyment our children gain from these and are willing to go the extra mile for our pupils. This is not the same for all schools and I want to thank them for doing this.

Parents Evening

This has been scheduled for 1st and 2nd November for Years 1-6. We will be using the online booking system again and the office will send out letters early next week with details.

Flu Vaccinations

These will take place in school on Monday 20th November for Years Reception to 4. They are given as a nasal spray. To prepare for this consent forms will be sent home with children on Monday 16th October from the School Nursing team. They are different colours for different year groups so if you have more than one child in school please fill in the correct coloured form. Forms must be returned to school in their envelopes by **Monday 6th November** for the school nursing team to collect. Immunisations will not be given to children if the forms are handed in after this date.

Ofsted

This week class teachers from Holy Trinity, Manston St James and St Chad's came together to look at writing standards in each year group and to share what they do.

A Change of Caretaker

Sadly we said goodbye to Mr Baker last week who has done a great job as our caretaker since February. Mr Baker came to us following a long career in the mining industry and with a huge amount of managerial experience. He leaves us to take up a role in industry that utilise this skillset. Thank you Mr Baker for the work that you have done.

Thinking of becoming a playleader?

Next week we say goodbye to Becky from before/after school club who leaves us to start a new role as a teaching assistant. We would like to thank Becky for her hard work in the club.

We are currently advertising for a play leader for Arkids (before/after school club). Hours are 8-9am and 3.00-6.00pm. Details can be found on the Abbey Mat website.

Dates for your Diary:

Dates	Event
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 1 st November	Open Afternoon for Reception starters 2018
Wednesday 1 st November	3.30pm to 5.30pm Parents Evening
Thursday 2 nd November	4pm to 7pm Parents Evening
Monday 13 th November	2 nd Training Day (school closed to children)
Tuesday 14 th November	3 rd Training Day (school closed to children)
Mon 27 th to Weds 29 th November	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Tuesday 12 th December	Reception-Year 2 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception-Year 2 Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception-Year 2 Party Afternoon
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Service in Church : 9.30am
Thursday 14 th December	Year 3-6 Party Afternoon
Monday 18 th Dec to Monday 1 st Jan	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd January 2018	Children back in school after holiday
Friday 9 th February 2018	4 th Training Day (school closed to children)
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 4 th June 2018	5 th Training Day (school closed to children)

For absences please call on 2739190. All absences must be reported by 9.20am.

We take safety very seriously at our school

If you have any concerns please contact Mr Foulke or Mrs Owen

Every School Day Counts

There is clear evidence to show that days off school impact on your child's attainment and progress.
Days off add up to lost learning.

175 non-school days a year → To spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments			
0-7.5 days absence	8-9.5 days absence	10-19 days absence	More than 19 days absence
182.5-190 School Days in each year	180.5-182 School Days in each year	171-180 School Days in each year	Below 171 school days in each year
96-100%	95-95.99%	90%-94.99%	Below 90%
GOOD Best chance of success	Worrying	Concern Less chance of success	SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Possible legal action

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If you are worried about your child's attendance we're here to help. You can contact:
Mrs Sutcliffe (Learning Mentor), Mrs Owen or Mr Foulke