



'The Aspin Owler'

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Issue 5

Second Week In Already!

Our first week back seemed to fly last week with the children coming back to school fully refreshed from their deserved week's holiday. This term is slightly shorter, but still packed with learning and some exciting events leading up to the festive period. I have recently spent some time updating the school website, before we move to another website designer, and I have put a full list of dates for the coming term onto the website under the 'News & Events' tab, but I have also attached dates to the back of the newsletter for you to have a hard copy of. One additional piece of news is that the three Christmas offerings from year groups this year are;

Shine Star, Shine from **Foundation**

Christmas is Forever from **Y4**

Sulky Santa from **Y5**

Further information in due course.

Fireworks Night

It was lovely to see so many of you at last Friday's Fireworks Night run so expertly by the PTA as ever. The rain just about stayed off long enough for us to get through the actual display, which was as ever spectacular. My thanks to all who came, but especially to those who volunteered to help marshal, serve drinks or food, or be on hand to set up or tidy away, it is always a huge undertaking, and the rallying calls from Lynsey, Helen, Andrew and James obviously did the trick. The evening looks to have raised over £1800 even in the rain, and added to the £666 raised at Quiz Night, we are hugely grateful for every penny raised. I have said it many times in my tenure at Aspin, but it is probably even more the case now in terms of education funding that we truly value our PTA, and whilst their fundraising cannot solely counteract the funding decisions taken at a higher level, we can use the money raised accordingly, such as the new sensory room in the past year, or the massive contribution they have made in the past year to replenishing our library. I know we are lucky, some schools do not have such a body of people.

One question raised from Friday night's event seems to have been the fact that we held it on the 9th November. It is historically held on the nearest school Friday to the 5th, but with the half term being so late this year, the 9th is as close as we could get. In previous years it would have taken place on the 2nd November, but obviously this was half term, which we have tried before but were very short on volunteers – and people attending as they were away.

School Crossing Patrol

I have been in regular touch with the School Crossing Patrol team as we currently have no Crossing Patrol Officer. They have sent me this statement to place in the newsletter.

'Our crossing patrol is currently away from work. At the moment we do not have a relief patrol to cover the school.

We are currently advertising for a relief patrol for the area and hopefully we will be able to provide one soon.

If you or any one you know may be interested in this role,

please contact sandra.pearson@northyorks.gov.uk, tel.

07896 958013, for more information or go to

northyorks.gov.uk/search-and-apply-job'

Parking on Wetherby Road

I write often about parking in and around school on this newsletter, which is something I really don't want to do. The issues on Grimbald Road are on-going and I appeal for your support in trying to deal with this. Last week I was sent a photograph of a van (LT56 FOF) parking directly opposite the school gates on Wetherby Road at drop off by another parent. Wetherby Road is an incredibly busy road at all times, but at 8.45 and 3.20 it is treacherous if not crossed safely. If any vehicle is parked directly opposite it blocks the view of on-coming traffic and in addition to Manse Lane traffic is an accident waiting to happen. Even parking just a matter of metres further down would ease this. **Please park considerably.**

Mrs Windsor

As many of you will already know, all of us in the Aspin family were devastated to hear the news that Mrs Windsor's husband passed away over half term, after being ill for some time. Mrs Windsor was incredibly back in school last Monday teaching her class, although if you know Mrs Windsor this is perhaps not as incredible as it sounds! I know that she has been heartened by the real support from all of her friends at Aspin, both staff and families, and would thank all of you for it. Mr Windsor's funeral took place today, and she intends to be back in school this Thursday, where the support she will receive will help her to carry on I am sure.

Year 3

This is becoming quite a regular update in the newsletter, but just to say that 3BS are home, and look like they have never been away! 3CG are currently 'hiding out' in the spare classroom as their classroom is being decorated this week too, with new blinds and a smoke-free carpet going in later in the week. Then they are both staying put for the rest of the year!

Events (November - December 2018)

Wednesday 14th November - Prospective Parents Tour (1pm)

Thursday 15th November - Influenza Programme (Foundation to Y5)

Friday 16th November - Children in Need/Times Table Rock Stars Day

Friday 16th November - Y6 Assembly (2.30 to Parents & Families)

Friday 16th November - Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament (HRC)

Friday 16th, 23rd, 30th November & Friday 7th December - Y4 Dancing with Amy Meikle (Pms)

Wednesday 21st November - Prospective Parents Tour (9am)

Wednesday 21st November - Y3-4 Change for Life Festival at Harrogate High (Pm)

Thursday 22nd November - Governors Meeting (6pm)

Friday 23rd November - 2M Assembly (2.30 to Parents & Families)

Monday 26th November - Y5-6 Dodgeball Tournament at KJS (3.45pm)

Tuesday 27th November - Prospective Parents Tour (11am)

Friday 30th November - Y1 Assembly (2.30 to Parents & Families)

Friday 30th November - Y6 Swimming Gala at Ashville College (9am)

Wednesday 5th December - Y6 Musical Auditions (11am)

Wednesday 5th December - Prospective Parents Tour (1pm)

Thursday 6th December - Carols Round the Tree (6pm)

Friday 7th December - 3CG Assembly (2.30 to Parents & Families)

Friday 7th December - Y2 Cake Bake (3.20pm)

Monday 10th - Friday 14th December - Termly Assessment Week (Y1-6)

Tuesday 11th December - Foundation Nativity (1.30pm)

Wednesday 12th December - Foundation Nativity (10am)

Wednesday 12th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 14th December - Christmas Fair (6pm)

Tuesday 18th December - Y4 Christmas Play (1.30 & 6.30pm)

Wednesday 19th December - Y5 Christmas Play (1.30 & 6.30pm)

Friday 21st December - Close for Christmas (1.15pm)