



# School Newsletter

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## REVIEW

Dear Parents,

Having enjoyed a particularly beautiful Spring, the children are taking full advantage of the warmer weather to practise sports and may pole dancing, in preparation for summer events. Lunchtime play has also transferred to the field, which must be one of the most idyllic in the country!

The children are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Mrs Melissa Thomas, who will be joining us on 20th June, and Miss Burrell will support her induction. Meanwhile, Mr Jagger has done such a super job that we have asked him to join the team at RMS from 20th June onwards, where he will be teaching in KS2. Mrs Holly Simpson will join us in September, completing the Arkengarthdale team.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye this week to Mr. Ian Cobb, from the County Music Service, who has been teaching our children for many years. He is having a complete change of career direction and will be driving buses after the half term holiday. We wish him all the best and thank him for all he has achieved with the children.

The residential visit to Marrick Priory was a great success. I visited on Wednesday evening, whilst the children were taking part in the 'Night Walk' and it was difficult to judge who was enjoying the activity most, the children or the teachers! Miss Greggan, our Inclusion Manager, was taking particular delight in spraying the children with water, whilst they were wearing 'blackout' goggles. It was especially lovely to see how generously the children from both schools supported one another, without having to be prompted.

This term's topic has focused on Ancient Egypt and Lily explained how much they have all enjoyed their learning:

'We all enjoyed learning about the Ancient Egyptians and did a lot of research to find out more things about them. It was good comparing how they lived to how we live. In my spare time I read a book and found out that Cleopatra was their last pharaoh before Egypt was taken over by the Romans.'

Next half term, an archaeological study of 'the Hagg' will form the centre of a geographical Local Study, which will extend to include the seaside as a contrasting locality. The Summer visit will therefore be to the beach; more details of which will follow.

Wishing you a very happy half term holiday,

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

**Marrick Priory:** George, Emily and Lily took part in the annual residential visit to Marrick Priory 10th—12th May. Miss Burrell accompanied the children who all had a great time. Children from the Richmond Methodist school were also there and together they took part in Beck Scrambling, Low Ropes, Climbing, Abseiling and Archery. They all thoroughly enjoyed the challenges and found themselves able to do things they didn't know they could. They also met up with 'old friends' - see below.



## SPORTING EVENTS

On 28th April our children travelled to Richmond Cricket Club for a Y5/6 tournament. Daisy spent the afternoon with her friends at the Richmond Methodist school and was collected after the tournament. The team played brilliantly and all had a go at batting and bowling against some tricky (and older) teams.

On 11th May three of our children took part in a Y5/6 tennis competition held at Richmond School. Unfortunately, Harry was unable to attend but, despite the team being a good man down, Hannah, Kirsty and George Hird stepped up and performed very well. Thank you to Elspeth for accompanying Mrs Martin to this event.

We have two further sporting events coming up after the half term holiday. Quad kids athletics takes place on 8th June for all KS1 & KS2 children and Rounders for Years 3,4 & 5 will be held on 28th June.

Swimming lessons also begin on Friday 9th June for 5 weeks finishing on the 7th July. Mrs Martin will be transporting the children and will remain with them throughout the lessons. Thankyou to the parents who have offered to accompany Mrs. Martin.

## DIARY DATES

School opens Monday 5th June

20th June—Mrs Thomas begins her teaching post with us

6th July—Sports Day at Reeth with Mike Layfield

12th July—Walk and Dig organised by the SWAAG (The Swaledale & Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group)

14th July—Sports Day on the school field 1.30 pm also reports sent to parents

Tuesday 18th July—End of Term Summer Celebration including a cream tea 1.30 pm on the school field weather permitting

Friday 21st July - School closes for Summer

After School Clubs will continue as usual with : WAC Monday and Tuesday, Ukulele Wednesday , and Sports Club on Thursday.

## COMMUNITY

Arkengarthdale Sports Day is to be held on Saturday 3rd June in the field behind the Red Lion Inn, Langthwaite starting at 1.00 pm. The annual show is one of the highlights in the Arkengarthdale calendar. Our children have been working hard in school on their paintings and handwriting for the tent competitions. These have an Egyptian theme following on from their present school topic.

There will be a fancy dress parade for the children led by Muker Silver Band. This is then followed by the traditional flat races and fell races.

Later in the afternoon a homemade tea is served in the tent—not to be missed!