



Friday 9th March 2018

Spring Term 2 Issue 2

Dear Parents & Carers

I am so pleased that we are all back to school safe and sound and it sounds like you had so much fun in the snow – I have really enjoyed hearing the children's snow stories. It is such a very difficult decision to make to close our school and I would like to say thank you for your continued support and recognition that the decision was made to ensure the safety of all children, staff and parents. Using all available information, I tried my very best to make the safest choice and give you plenty of notice to make alternative childcare arrangements.

Although we have missed three days of learning time, the children still enjoyed celebrating World Book Day yesterday. We were very disappointed that the 'big thaw' after the 'beast from the east' meant that the Cross Country Festival had to be postponed, but we are **optimistic** that the children will still be able to take part as it has been re-arranged for next Tuesday afternoon. This weather has caused so much disruption! Roll on Spring!



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It's new 'Words of the Week' time! Every two weeks, four words will be shared in Monday's Collective Worship and during those next two weeks children will be encouraged to use those words. The words can be used in conversation and in any written work and school staff will be listening and looking out to select their favourite uses to share in Celebration Worship each Friday. We hope you will take part at home too!

#### Words of the Weeks:



**This weeks words are: tenacious, exhilarating, optimistic, auspicious.**

**Please listen out for them at home and around school (and in the newsletter too)!**

As part of the re-branding of Dales Academies Trust we are building a new website and new signage. I am really excited that a professional photographer will now be in school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March to take images of the children and our fabulous setting. Please could children come to school extra-smart in their school uniform, with **no** jewellery, nail varnish or colourful headbands or bows. We will only use images of children from whom we have parental consent. If you have any objections please contact the school office prior to 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Easter Messy Church will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March straight after school. Parents and siblings are welcome to join in for the whole session or join us for a cup of tea and a slice of cake at 4.30 while the children are having tea together. I love Easter Messy Church and will look forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget to come and join us for our Easter Community Lunch followed by our well-loved pilgrimage to church on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March where the children will take part in a very special Easter story, called, 'The Three Trees'. Individual letters have been issued to everyone. Thank you to Class 1 for making such wonderful Easter invitations for our Governors.

**Barton**

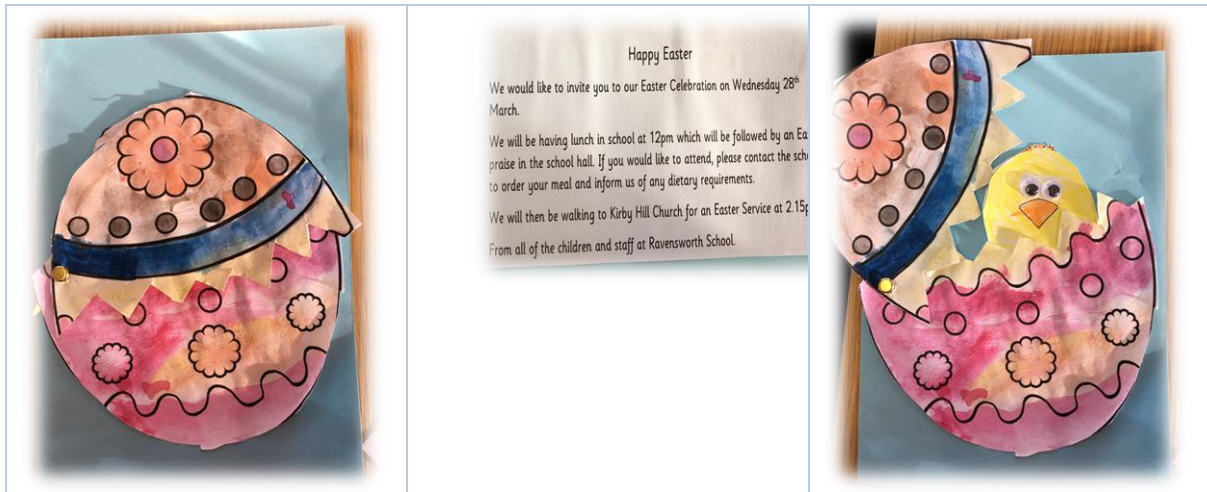
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And finally... come along to Smallways Inn at 8pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March to have a drink, a chat and support the Friends of Ravensworth School at the AGM. The Friends are an amazing group of people who do a great job organising fundraising events to raise money for those 'very special extras' in school that enrich the curriculum for all children. Such as: creating memories by funding school trips and visits to the pantomime; providing updated IT equipment; playground and wet playtime games and large outdoor play equipment (the famous HMS Ravensworth!). As a parent of the school, you are automatically a member and WE REALLY DO NEED YOU!  
Kindest regards,

*Sharon Stevenson*

Mrs Sharon Stevenson  
Executive Headteacher

#### **Children celebrating achievements last week:**

**Our stars of the week were:**

**Class 1: Alanna**

**Class 2: Alfie P, Emily & William G**

**Class 3: Fae & Jake**

**The Badger has been awarded to: Ruby**

**The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup was: Louis**

**Our Carpenters Cup was awarded to: Thomas**

**Our Writers were: Samuel, Bertie, Edward J, Grace N, Ethan, Zach & Lucy Taylor**

#### **News from Class 1**

Class 1 have loved being back after the three snow days. They were excited to create snowmen and igloos in the small world to keep the polar bears and penguins safe. All the children enjoyed sharing their invention research and we all learnt about past and present people. We have been writing lovely exciting stories about our monsters and created them using different media (blow paint, crayons, pencils, junk modelling). The children have enjoyed talking about their World Book Day costumes and we have shared their stories in class.

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### News from Class 2

Class 2 are loving the topic of innovative Scientist. They have been enjoying designing and completing experiments about evaporation and looking at what makes a good fair test. In maths we are enjoying learning about fractions and practically investigating through learning. We are all looking forward to the cross country next week.

### News from Class 3

It's been a frantic week trying to fit in everything that we missed during the snow days. The children have made up for lost time though with amazingly fast progress learning about coordinates, translations and reflections; it's been a real challenge for me finding enough work to challenge them! The children have written amazing stories set in Whitby based on our class novel 'Room 13'. They included: vampires, zombies, Dracula and even a vombie! Finally the book day celebrations – the children (and parents) showed wonderful creativity in the costumes created and, to their credit, the children showed great maturity by managing to work just as hard as ever, even with wigs, chimney sweep brushes and wands to deal with.



Week commencing 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	EH
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3 music lessons with Su Evans (am) - change of time for this week only KS2 Cross country event at Richmond School 12.00-3.15pm Lunch time cross country club cancelled ICT after school club cancelled due to cross country event
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	EH PE All classes with Victoria Sellars (AM) PE kits needed Esh Construction competition winners photograph at Gilling West. Gymnastics after school club 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Science club 3.15pm-4.15pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	EH Lego Brickmasters competition – selected pupils postponed. New date to follow
Week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Durham University students begin their block teaching practice in school
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	EH Lunch time cross country club – PE kits needed

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	Messy Church 3.15 - 5pm everyone welcome ICT club 3.15-4.15pm
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Administrators meeting – Mrs Richmond is not in school today PE All classes (AM)with Victoria Sellars PE kits needed Gymnastics club 3.15-4.15pm
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>EH</b> KS1 Science club 3.15-4.15pm
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	

<b>Future Dates</b> More details will usually follow but information for your diary	
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter lunch followed by Easter praise & service at Church. Individual letters have been issued to all parents.
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School closes for Easter holidays
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Teacher Training Day – school closed
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School opens 8.30am <b>*PE Kits needed for all classes*</b>

**Jazz in the village** – Dalton & Gayles Village Hall Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 8pm. Enjoy an evening of Jazz entertainment with Ian Millar on saxophone and Dominic Spencer on piano. Tickets are available at £9.00 each from Alison on 01833 621469 before 2<sup>nd</sup> April or Sue on 01833 621234 after 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Tickets are also available on the door at £10 each.

**Panto** – There are a few tickets available for tonight's performance of Pinocchio at Dalton Village Hall (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March). The performance begins at 7.30pm and tickets are available from Pam by telephoning 01748 825057, they are priced at £6.00 for adults and £4.00 for children under 14 years of age.

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