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Head's Note

Dear all,

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As you are aware, safeguarding and the safety of all members of our community is a top priority at Linthwaite Ardron and so I would like to share part of a letter I sent to parents and carers last week, just in case you missed it. Thank you for your support with this matter,

Mrs Travis

Last week, one of our children was struck by a car as they crossed the road on their way home. Thankfully, on this occasion there was not a serious injury. A member of our staff was also almost run over, as a car used the area immediately in front of the school gates to turn around. In their haste, the driver mounted the kerb and narrowly missed hitting the member of staff.

I' sure we all agree that it is totally unacceptable that a child from our community has been hurt, and a member of school staff left shaken and angry after a near miss.

To improve safety, I would like to raise some points for everyone's consideration:

-It is illegal to park on the yellow zig zags at school drop off and pick up times.

-Turning and parking in the area in front of the school gates is highly dangerous and poses an unacceptable threat to pedestrians and other vehicles making their way into school, or using the zebra crossing

-Parking in front of The Vicarage gates means that if an emergency vehicle were to be needed at out of school club, it would not be able to gain access due to parking across the gate

-There is usually plenty of parking further up Church Lane (towards Heath Road) and it only adds a couple of minutes extra walking time on to the school run journey

-Walking, scooting or park and stride reduces the need for any vehicles to park outside of school I ask you to share this message to all family members and friends who bring and collect children to and from school so that all our school community members are aware of the dangers posed by vehicles. Thank you.

Linthwaite Ardron Win!

Charlie, Jeffrey and Henry formed a Y4 Times Tables Rockstars maths team and took part in a competition involving teams from all schools in the Colne Valley Pyramid. They really worked hard during the event and their fingers were flying over the keys as they tackled some challenging maths challenges and speed tests.

We are also very proud to say that Linthwaite Ardron won first place! Well done boys.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Well-being afternoon - Friday 15th March 2024. School had their regular well-being session last Friday, the focus being on keeping our bodies active and healthy in the fresh air outdoors. Although the weather was very wet, all children spent some time with our resident coach, Damien, and had fun outside. Indoors we learnt how to use finger therapy to reduce anxiety, we sang, enjoyed watching

a short film and some of the older children undertook an art project. Many thanks to several of Y6 who helped organise the afternoon.



School Council and Ethos and Worship Teams

In school at the start of each year, elections are held in each class for the important roles of School Council and Ethos and Worship Team members.



The children then meet up to discuss items in school that affect them, making decisions about and helping organise events in school such as World Book Day, Comic Relief, our school fairs and how to spend mon-

ies raised. Other pupils can go to their councillors for

support, advice or to share ideas about fund -raising and events and so they are a highly regarded part of our school team.



Our Ethos and Worship team are also involved

in our daily collective worship in school and embody our SHINE ethos. Here are our wonderful councillors and team members.

New / Amended Calendar Dates

Y3/4 production moved from 30.04.24 & 1.05.24, to 2pm and 6.30pm performances on the new date of 12.06.24.

27.06.24 to 28.06.24—Y6 residential visit to Scammonden Activity Centre

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PTFA Grow a £1 Initiative

We are excited to announce that we are offering an opportunity for all our budding entrepreneurs to try their hand at a business venture.

This week, your child should have brought home a plant pot with £1 inside, to use to generate an income and start their own 'business'. An example might be purchasing some with card their £1 card, designing individual bookmarks and then selling them for a profit. Although this PTFA project is intended as a fun activity to raise funds for school trips, it also offers an opportunity for children to dip their toe into the world of business without taking any risk. There is no obligation for any child to participate and if you do not feel that your child is ready for this venture, then please just return the £1. An email has also been sent explaining the initiative

For those children who do wish to start a small business, there will be prizes for the most creative idea and the most money raised. Any money raised should be returned to school and will go towards funding trips and visits. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Easyfundraising—Please help us by using this app to raise money to help our children!

Total Raised so far: £1775.51 by 104 supporters

Since the last update we have raised: £76.91! This is the largest weekly total so far, and is down to an ever growing number of users. Please become one of them. It is so easy to do.

If you are planning your holiday and travel by ferry, P &

O are offering 5% cashback to schools through the easy fundraising app.





PTFA meeting at Broad Oak Bowling Club

On Monday April 8th, our first day back after the Easter holidays, our PTFA will be holding their next meeting. New parents, carers an friends are always warmly welcomed and encouraged to come along and hear about the fun activities and events or PTFA have planned and you can be as involved as much or as little as you like.

Come along to the bowling club from 7:15 pm to find out more.

Mothering Sunday Church Service

Sunday 10th March 2024

Many thanks to all our families who joined together with our church congregation for the Mothering Sunday church service held at Christ Church, Linthwaite, on Sunday March 10th, where we celebrated and gave thanks for our mothers and mother figures in our lives.

Pupils contributed to the service, having written prayers about mothers, which will be displayed in church until Easter.



Email Address for the School Office

Please remember our new address for parents to contact the school office is <u>parents@linthwaite-ardron.co.uk</u>

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Dance Performances

Our amazing dance club, run by our very talented Miss Walker, have recently wowed audiences with two performances from the musical 'Hairspray'.

Their first performance was to a packed house at the Lawrence Batley Theatre, Huddersfield, and then again last night at the Strictly Colne Valley Dance Festival, held annually at Colne Valley High School.

Have a look at the page below to see our dancers performing and we are looking forward to the full musical version when Years Three and Four perform their annual production in June.



PTFA Bake Sales

Always popular, our PTFA held a bake sale after-school this afternoon, to help raise funds towards class trips next term.

They requested for you talented bakers out there to send in some delicious donations into school, so thank you to everybody who did this.

The next bake sale after school is on the 23rd of May.

Easter Collective Worship at Christ Church

As we finish our term for the Easter holidays today, we have been thinking of the meaning of Easter for Christians. This morning , we held our traditional Easter church service, worshipping together with all our families and the Christ Church congregation.

Year Four performed a dance, Mrs Kinder's choir sang beautifully, Y5 Play leaders received their silver certificates and Year Five shared prayers and monologues

about Christ's crucifixion during the service.

Well done too, to our Pupils of the Term: Mia, Stanley, Tayah, Seth, Vida, Ben and Pixi.

Have a look too at the Easter artwork in church, created by Tayla, Jaklyn, Scarlett, Lucas and Kingsley. Wow!



Comic Relief Day - Friday March 15th 2024

Lots of fun was had last Friday, when school raised money for the charity Comic Relief. Comic Relief gives the money it raises to thousands of charities to fund their crucial work helping people living tough lives in the UK and around the world.

Our School Council helped judge the funniest joke competition (the winner: Why did the cow go to work? To raise 'moo-nay'!)) and we had lots of hilarious games and fun together. Unfortunately, rain spoilt our plans to be outside for the entire afternoon, but this didn't stop our hardy athletes being sporty outside with our Pen-

nine Sports coach Damian.

Have a look below at some of our pupils enjoying their well-being session for Comic Relief.



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Reception Class Outdoor Learning Day



















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Dance Club Performing at the Strictly Pennine Dance Festival

















Summer 1 — Upcoming Diary Dates

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
00.04.04	School on one often Fosten brook	
08.04.24	School opens after Easter break	Everyone
08.04.24	PTFA meeting 7:15pm at Broad Oak Bowling Club - all interested par- ents, carers and friends invited	All parents and carers
10.04.24 and	EYFS screening by Locala—more details will follow	EYFS pupils
11.04.24		
17.04.24 to 19.04.24	Y4/5 Cliffe House Residential trip	Selected pupils
24.04.24	Y5 Mini Olympics @ CVHS 10-11.30AM	Y5 Selected pu- pils
25.04.24	Y5/6 Football competition at CVHS, 4.15PM to 5.45PM for selected pupils	Y5/6 selected pupils
26.04.24	Y1 and Y2 class visit to Harewood House	Y2 and Y4 pupils
30.04.24—change of date to 12.6.24	2PM Y3/4 Production. Tickets will be allocated nearer the time.	Y3/4 pupils, par- ents, carers
01.05.24—change of date to 12.6.24	6.30PM Y3/4 Production. Tickets will be allocated nearer the time.	Y3/4 pupils, par- ents, carers
02.05.24	School closed for INSET staff training—subject—leadership of founda- tion subjects	Everyone
03.05.24	Y5/6 Cricket Broad Oak Cricket Club— <i>reserve date 07/05/24</i>	Y5/6 selected pupils
06.05.24	Bank Holiday Monday— school closed	Everyone
08.05.24	Y3 Mini Olympics @ CVHS 10-11.30AM	Y3 Selected pu- pils,
10.05.24	9AM—EYFS Class assembly	EYFS Pupils, Parents / carers
13.05.24	KS2 SATS week (see information on our website about how you can support your child at home)	Y6 pupils
14.05.24	Y3/4 Football Competition 4.15PM—5.45PM @ CVHS—	Selected pupils
16.05.24	Y2 Try It Thursday—4.30 to 5.30 at CVHS	All Y2 pupils invited
17.05.24	Y2—9AM—Class assembly	Y2 Pupils, Par- ents/Carers
07.05.24	Reserve date Y5/6 Cricket Competition — times TBC	Selected pupils
10.05.24	Y3/4 Cricket Competition @ Broad Oak — times TBC	Selected pupils
	9AM—Reception class assembly	R pupils, parents
21.05.24	Y3— Selected pupils to attend a Colne Valley Pyramid schools TT Rock- stars competition	and carers Selected pupils
22.05.24	Y6 Mini Olympics 10-11.30AM CVHS	Selected pupils
23.05.24	Y5—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning morning). Children need to arrive at school in outdoor PE kit.	All pupils in Y5
23.05.24	Whole school wellbeing and mental health event—Focus on how d being active can support good mental health—Whole school Just Dance event—please send Y4,5,6 pupils in outdoor PE kit.	All pupils
23.05.24	9.10AM Celebration Service in Christ Church—please bring pupils to school to register before the service. School staff will take pupils across to church.	Everyone. Par- ents / Carers wel- come.
23.05.23	PTFA Easter Bake sale after school. Donations of baked good gratefully received on the day (no nuts please)	Everyone
23.05.24 (Thursday)	School closes for half term break	Everyone

	Summer 2 — Upcoming Diary Dates	
Dates	Who is it for?	
03.06.24	School reopens after half term break	Everyone
03.06.24	Y4, two week window opens for Y4 pupils to undertake the statutory Y4 Multipli- cation Test. All Y4 pupils will undertake this test during this time.	Y4 pupils
05.06.24	Y2 Mini Olympics 10-11.30AM CVHS	Selected pupils
07.06.24	Y4/5/6 Girls cricket at Broad Oak Cricket Club	Selected pupils
11.06.24 —change	2PM Y3/4 dress rehearsal for school pupils to watch - new date	All pupils in school
of date 12.06.24	2PM & 6.30PM Y3/4 Production. Tickets will be allocated nearer the time. —	Y3/4 pupils, parents,
-change	new date	carers
of date		
12.06.24	Y1 Mini Olympics 10-11.30AM CVHS	Selected pupils
13.06.24	EYFS—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in EYFS
13.06.24	Y4—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to ar- rive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y4
14.06.24	Y3—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to ar- rive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y3
14.06.24	Y2—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to ar- rive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y2
W/B 17th June—	Healthy and Safe week -	All pupils
18.06.24	Y1/2 Boccia competition—10-11AM	Selected pupils
18.06.24	Y3/4 Boccia competition—1.30-2.30PM	Selected pupils
19.06.24	Y5/6 Boccia competition—10-11AM	Selected pupils
20.06.24	Y5 & Choir to attend Kirklees Music Festival in Town Hall (all day and evening). More details will be sent by letter.	Y5 pupils and choir members
20.06.24	Y4 Sports Activity Day—Part of National School Sports Week at Leeds Road Playing Fields	Y4 pupils
20.06.24	Y1—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to ar- rive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y1
21.06.24	Y6—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to ar- rive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y6
21.06.24	Y2 and Y3 school visit to Tropical World	Y2 and Y3 pupils
24th to 28th June	Spirited Art Week—Exciting activities will take place all week based on our theme which is yet to be chosen.	All pupils in school
27.06.24 28.06.24 new date	Y6 residential visit to Scammonden activity Centre	Y6 pupils
Date TBC	Y6 transition workshop with Lou Thompson-Scott from Mental Health support Team	All pupils in Y6
Date TBC	Y5/6 workshop with Lou Thompson-Scott from Mental Health Support Team	Pupils in Y5 and Y6
01.07.24	Whole school wellbeing and mental health event—	All pupils
03.07.24	Y5/6 Rounders tournament at CVHS 1.30PM to 3PM	Selected Y5/6 pupils
04.07.24	Sports Day— details to follow	All pupils in school
05.07.24	Summer Fair in school 2.30PM to 5PM- details to follow	Everyone
08.07.24	Reserve Sports Day	All pupils in school
11.07.24	6.30PM—Y6 production and leaving celebration	Y6 and parents/care
10.07.24	End of year reports shared with parents and carers	All parents
12.07.24	9.10AM—End of year Celebration Assembly including stars of the half term in our Church, Christ Church	Everyone. Parents/ Carers welcome.
16.07.24	Transition Day	All Pupils
19.07.24	School closes for summer break	Everyone
19.07.24	Meet the Teacher event has been planned for the second week back in Septem-	Everyone
11.03.24	ber when teachers/parents/carers have had chance to work together, and natu-	