



Key Dates

Autumn Term

School Closes for Half Term

Thursday 22nd October
2020

INSET DAY

Friday 23rd October 2020

School reopens for pupils

Monday 2nd November 2020

School Closes for Xmas

Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term

School reopens for pupils

Tuesday 5th January 2021

School Closes for Half Term

Friday 12th February 2021

School reopens for pupils

Monday 22nd February 2021

School closes for Easter

Friday 26th March 2021

Summer Term

School reopens for pupils

Monday 12th April 2021

School Closed for Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2021

School closes for Half Term

Friday 28th May 2021

School reopens for pupils

Monday 7th June 2021

School closes for Summer

Friday 23rd July 2021

First Half Term

It has been wonderful to welcome all our children back for the start of a fresh academic year. The children have adapted fantastically to the new routines and these are now firmly embedded to ensure that we all stay safe. There has been lots of fantastic learning and the children have demonstrated resilience, determination and commitment and we are extremely proud of each and every one of them. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in these unprecedented times.



SOCIAL SKILLS – Tolerance & Determination and Resilience

Last week our Social Skills theme was linked to the British Value of tolerance. The children discussed what tolerance means and what it means to be tolerant. They considered how sometimes it may be difficult to show tolerance. Our theme also linked to Black History Month which takes place throughout the month of October. The children thought about the effect that being intolerant towards others can have by discussing events from the past. Finally, we discussed how we could encourage each other to show more tolerance by showing respect to everyone.



Firework Safety

In Social Skills this week we have been learning about firework safety. We thought about the potential dangers of fireworks and what we can do to ensure that we stay safe around fireworks and bonfires. The children gave some fantastic responses to how they can help to keep themselves and others safe such as never playing with fireworks, only allowing an adult to light the fireworks ensuring they are well back and wearing gloves whilst holding a sparkler.



BLACK HISTORY

In celebration of Black History Month, the children have continued to learn and celebrate key influential black people of both past and present recognising the values of the inspirational individuals and developing an understanding of events that have shaped the black generation. Over the last couple of weeks, they have explored the lives of Tessa Sanderson, Michelle and Barack Obama, Muhammad Ali, Dame Kelly Holmes, Beyoncé, Coco Gauff and Dr Shirley Thompson.



Parents Consultation Calls

Next term, we will be holding parent's consultation telephone calls on **Tuesday 10th November 2020** for children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One and **Wednesday 11th November 2020** for children in Key Stage Two. You will receive your telephone call within the time slot you selected.

Safe Halloween Activities

Planning, making or buying costumes, decorating pumpkins, and getting special treats brings joy to many children at Halloween. Halloween traditions may look different this year to keep everyone safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, there are still plenty of ways families can have fun while avoiding the scare of being exposed to or spreading the virus.

Halloween Treasure Hunt: Organise a Halloween treasure hunt within your own household.

Decorate your house: Decorate your own house and organise a spooky trail, avoiding face-to-face contact.

Play Halloween Games: Our favourites are Wrap the Mummy (gather some toilet rolls and have teams wrapping up a volunteer), Halloween Bean Bag Toss (throw them into pumpkins with wide mouths), Halloween bingo (instead of numbers use a pumpkin, skeleton, black cat etc on the cards) and sticking hands into a pumpkin to guess what's inside (jelly, toy rats, etc).

Try some spooky science experiments: Make a pumpkin erupt like a volcano! Simply carve a pumpkin and put a bowl inside. Add some bicarbonate of soda, some washing up liquid and some food colouring (it's best to do this outside for an easy clean up). Add some vinegar and watch the foamy liquid ooze out of the pumpkin's mouth!

Hide sweets in your garden or around your house: Play some spooky tunes while the kids are searching to set the mood, and give them flashlights or head torches if you want to do it in the dark!

Pumpkin carving contest on zoom: Great for the kids to show off their hard work and catch up with their buddies. You could make it a fancy-dress contest too!

Drive to look at other decorated houses: If you know an area that always celebrates Halloween by decorating their house, why not drive – or walk – around to see different decorations?

Paint rocks or pumpkins: Decorate some Halloween-themed Rocks. You could even paint pumpkins instead of carving them. You can find lots of designs for pumpkins on Pinterest.

Spooky movie night: Family-friendly ideas include Harry Potter, Toy Story of Terror, The Adams Family, Room on the Broom, Curious George: A Halloween Boo Fest, Pooh's Heffalump Halloween Movie, Casper and The Nightmare Before Christmas. Don't forget to check the age advice before viewing to avoid more frights than you bargained for!

Tips for Safer Trick or Treating:

If you do go trick or treating – or plan to give out sweets to children knocking on your door – here are some tips to minimise the risks.

- Leave sweets in a bowl on the doorstep or in your garden, so you don't have to answer the door
- Only leave wrapped sweets
- If you do answer your door, try keep 2 metres away and wear a face mask – perhaps offer sweets held out in a fishing net, you can decorate it to look like a witch's cauldron!
- Remind your child not to touch their face/eyes
- Carry hand sanitiser with you
- Try not to trick or treat in a large group
- Talk to your child before you set off about quickly choosing one sweet from the bowl, not digging around to find their favourite
- Wear masks if you can
- Don't share props or masks



Have a brilliant Halloween!

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

6K had an extremely interesting History lesson this term, when Elizabeth Smith from Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) visited our school. During the visit the children watched a video about a boy from Leeds who went to war. They were given an opportunity to search the CWGC database to find the names and information about men from the local area who died in WW1. These men are remembered on the Fyston Cenotaph. The children were shocked with how young the soldiers were and it brought home to them how Airedale was affected by the Great War. All social distancing measures were in place to ensure both our children and staff were safe.

Year 5 Science 'Lift Off Investigation'

During their 'Properties and Materials' Science unit, the children in 5C investigated irreversible changes. The children discussed how mixing two substances together can create an irreversible change by creating a third product. Firstly, they explored this by mixing Vinegar with Bicarbonate of Soda. The children learned that the gas produced from the reaction could inflate a balloon and neither the bicarbonate of soda or the vinegar could be reversed back to its original state.

Next, they applied their prior learning to investigate how rockets use propulsion to lift off, concluding that inside the fuel tank, a reaction must have taken place. Children discussed which two substances could be mixed together to create a reaction powerful enough to launch their own rockets. Children then applied their knowledge of chemical reactions to inform their predictions and plan and conduct an enquiry into how far they can launch their own rocket.

The children were very excited to take their rockets onto the playground and conduct a fair test, carefully and accurately recording their finding.



Year 6 Periscopes.

Year 6 have been investigating how light travels as part of our Science topic this half term. After completing an investigation into light rays reflecting, including measuring the angles of incidence and reflection, they then applied this to a practical situation by making their own working periscopes. Periscopes were used by soldiers in the trenches in World War 1 to see over the tops of their trenches safely – a nice link to our theme of Remembrance this term. The children enjoyed using the periscopes they had made to see round corners and objects above them and were able to explain how this was possible using their knowledge of how and why mirrors reflect light.



Winter Clothing - Winter PE Kit Reminder

As the winter weather has well and truly set in please can you ensure that your child is sent to school with a suitable waterproof coat. Also, please can you ensure your child is suitably equipped with PE kit for both indoors and outdoors PE sessions. Outdoor PE kit black jogging bottoms, black tracksuit top and trainers or black pumps. Please ensure that all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name to ensure items are not misplaced or lost.



CELEBRATE

Class	Attendance National average is 96%	 Star of the Week	Writer of the Week 	Hall of Fame
Morning Nursery Miss Ramzan	97%	Rhys Ava	Oscar	
Afternoon Nursery Miss Ramzan	86%	Tommy Connor	Amber	
RW Miss Woods	92%	Rayleigh	Issac	Leroy-Brian
RA Miss Arnold	99%	All of RA	Sienna Leigh	Lexi
1T Miss Tonks	88%	Jasmine	Rosebella	Harrison
1C Mrs Coomber	97%	Oliver	Nicola	Rosie
2B Miss Brannon	97%	Riley	Logan	Harley
2A Miss Ambler	85%	Sofia	Dylan	All of 2A
3M Miss Mayes	94%	Ebony	Freya	Brooke
3AF Mr Adams	87%	Riley	Isabelle	Tim
4B Miss Bennett	92%	Lexi	Jack	Daisy
4G Miss Golding	96%	Summer	Spencer	Miles
5SL Mrs Smithson & Miss Lochman	99%	Keian	Angel	Nadia
5C Mr Cording	90%	Kayden	Chloe	Wiktor
6F Mr Forsyth	75%	Lewis	Brandon	Harley
6K Miss King	97%	Somer	Zak	Ellie-Mai
6E Mr Eccles	93%	Kara	Jayden	Roman

AMBITION ● BRAVERY ● RESPECT



Lunch Menu

Week 9: 2nd November – 6th November 2020

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3 (Filled Jacket Potato)	Desserts
Monday	 <p>Pork Meatballs, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Veg</p>	 <p>Cheese Omelette Roast Potatoes & Veg (v)</p>	 <p>Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans(v)</p>	 <p>* Strawberry Bun</p>
Tuesday	 <p>Pork Sausage, Smiley Faces & Beans</p>	 <p>Cheese & Onion Pasty & Smiley Faces (v)</p>	 <p>Jacket Potato with Tuna & Sweetcorn</p>	 <p>*Banana Flapjack</p>
Wednesday	 <p>Chicken Korma & Rice, Sweetcorn & Onion Rings</p>	 <p>Cheese and Tomato Pizza, Sweetcorn & Onion Rings (v)</p>	 <p>Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans (v)</p>	 <p>*Chocolate Muffin</p>
Thursday	 <p>Chicken Burger & Chips</p>	 <p>Pasta Margarita & Crusty Bread (v)</p>	 <p>Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo</p>	 <p>*Ice-Cream Tub</p>
Friday	 <p>Fish & Chips, with mushy peas or spaghetti hoops</p>	 <p>Macaroni Cheese & Crusty Bread (v)</p>	 <p>Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw (v)</p>	 <p>*Chocolate Chip Sponge</p>

Salad and Seasonal Vegetables are available daily

* Allergies will be catered for separately