



Fountains Earth CE Primary School

Newsletter—Friday 9th June 2017

Welcome back to the final half term of the year. Please take note of the diary dates as there is an awful lot coming up in June and July for the children and yourselves to enjoy. On Weds next week there is a whole school bird song workshop courtesy of Nidd AONB and an athletics tournament on Friday afternoon for year 3 to 6. I am very much looking forward to the family sponsored walk at Scar Reservoir on Saturday 17th.

I do hope everyone has had the chance to read the inspection report. Don't forget there is an opportunity to discuss the areas for development after sharing assembly on Friday 23rd June at approximately 9.45.

3 words

Parents should have a letter before half term from our newly federated governing board asking for families to give three words that describe our school. Please reply on the slip attached to the letter if possible so that we can use this when putting together our vision and aims.

Holidays in term time

We continue to get requests in both schools for holidays in term time which, as you know, can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Past attendance / time of year / and regularity of requests are also taken into account as per the schools policy. This policy is due for review by governors and will be considered carefully.

I have been informed by parents that social media is being used as a way of publicising holidays that have been taken in term time whilst others are in school. I would ask that in future families are subtle and thoughtful in their approach to social media in this regard when others are in school.

Please see reverse of the newsletter for diary dates this half term

Mosaic for School

Having been completely inspired by seeing Ruth Wilkinson's mosaics at Olley's restaurant recently, I have arranged for our children to work with her to produce a mosaic which will go on the external wall of the school (facing the road) as a memory of the Tour de Yorkshire and as a celebration of the beauty of the Dale. A grant acquired from Harrogate Borough Council will fund most of the project and I am hoping that FOLS will be able to fund the rest from their recent fundraising.

Ruth came into school this week to work with the children on the initial designs so expect tractors, pheasants, St Chad's, cows, sheep, bluebells and much more! The mosaic will be an eye-catching 3.6 metres long! The children will be working on the mosaic week beginning 26th June.



Maths Passports

Congratulations to:

Callum Ewbank for completing Scotland
Thora Vardy for completing Scotland
Phoebe Lacey for completing Antarctica
Freya Parker for completing Antarctica
Thanks for all your help at home!

Summer Fair—Grand Day Out Raffle!

To be drawn at the Summer Fair. Help raise funds for school by selling tickets to friends, family and work colleagues who can't make it on the day. We have kindly been offered so far:- Day passes for Dalby Forest, Ripon Races, half day voucher for How Stean, Thirsk Birds of Prey Centre, family admissions to Wensleydale Creamery, Embsay and Bolton Abbey Railway, Yorvik Viking Centre and NY Moors Railway!

Please collect books to sell from Ruth Graham