



23rd October 2020

Message from Mrs Gale

Well done and congratulations, we made it to half term!

Thank you so much for all your support this half term, I appreciate it has been challenging and that sometimes things have not always been straight forward but I am immensely proud of our school community. The children have all been amazing and despite everything that is going on in the wider world, school still feels very much like school. Now we have adapted to the different ways of meeting, speaking and working together I know we will continue to grow in strength and resilience.

Looking to next week, I understand that the half term will be slightly different for everyone but there are a few things to keep everyone occupied. All the children are encouraged to read every day, there is homework set and lots going on locally to keep busy and safe. Next Sunday, 1st, is All Saints Day and the children will be featured in the Sunday service at 9:30 accessed through the Church's YouTube channel, I will send out details via Remind during the week.

Year 5 & 6 Cycling Proficiency

Returning back to school on Monday 2nd November, Year 5 & 6 have their Cycling Proficiency training. I will be in school on the Sunday (the day before) if parents would like to drop bikes off in advance; between 12pm – 2pm. The bikes can be stored safely in school until after the training is complete on Wednesday. If you wish to drop bikes off early on Monday 2nd, I will be in school from 7am.

Parent & Teacher Consultation Meetings

Due to the restrictions in place at present, Parent & Teacher Consultations will not take place in their usual form. An interim school report will be sent out on Wednesday 11th and following receipt of the report, if parents would like to discuss it further, there will be an opportunity to meet with teachers 'virtually' the following week. More information will be made available after the half term break.

Have fabulous half term, enjoy time at home, spending time with one another and relaxing, rest for the busiest time of the year. Plans are underway to make this a fabulous time for all the children and families at Yealand.

To all the children at Yealand, thank you for being the reason I smile.

To all the families at Yealand, thank you for all that you do.

To our wonderful community of Yealand, many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Take care,
Mrs Katrina Gale

Message from Miss Thomas



We have had a fabulous first half term in Swallow Class. The children got back into the swing of school life with enthusiasm and have focused on their learning with a smile. We have written recounts from different perspectives, based on *The Paper Bag Prince* by Colin Thompson, researched the life of inspiring Environmental Activist Greta Thunberg, created our own pieces of artwork out of recycled waste and much, much more! Year 5 and 6 are taking part in the Raising Aspirations initiative, and we kicked off by exploring our own special qualities, as well as which qualities suite certain careers. Year 4 have been learning about emergency first aid, and found out about how to 'Restart a Heart'. Today, amid much excitement, we opened our 2020 Fantastic Book Awards box, which was filled with new titles from talented children's authors. Our Year 5 and 6 children will take on the challenge to read each of the 6 books, and then vote for their favourite, as part of the Lancashire's FBA awards. They couldn't wait to get started! I am sure their first book will keep them busy over half term and I can't wait to hear their thoughts.

Year 6 Children

Don't forget the deadline for high school applications is 31st October 2020. Please ensure you have submitted your choices online on the Lancashire County Council Portal by this date.

Winter Lunch Menu Launch

When we return after half term we will switch to the Winter lunch menu and will be on week 1. Lunches can be ordered daily by children during registration and the cost for children in KS2 is £2.40 per day, If you would like a copy of the menu please ask Miss Riley.

School Uniform Update

I am sure you will all be pleased to hear that we have decided to change our uniform supplier to a more local company. After half term we will be using The uniform and leisure company and our uniform will be stocked in the Morecambe branch or free delivery to school for collection. PE Hoodies will be ordered as soon as I can when we return.

Half term fun

As Halloween & bonfire celebrations will look different this year, Lancaster City Council have put together a webpage with lots of alternative activities that children, young people & families can do at home to enjoy these occasions safely.

Here is a link to the webpage. <http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/halloween>

We will be announcing a Halloween art competition later this week for children and young people to get involved in. Keep an eye on our social media channels for further information.

<https://www.facebook.com/lancastercc/posts/3388770007876989>

Promise Auction

When we return to school we will start the online advertisement of our Promise Auction. We have had so many very generous gifts donated and have had some fun along the way, in total we now have over 35 prizes to auction.

The income generated by the auction will enable us to keep the minibus running and ensure the children are able to get out and about enjoying the beautiful surrounding areas. We will need your help to publicise the auction when it is live to make sure as many people are able to bid as possible.

Our letter from Robins has proved a hit—check out our response from Liberty London!

Hello everyone in Robins Class,

Thank you for your wonderful letter addressed to "The Boss of Liberty London" - it really made me smile and made my team in the post room giggle **A LOT!!!**

I was thrilled to hear the news that you are back in school now and getting to see your friends after a crazy 2020 - I heard your mums and dads are quite pleased too! ;-)

Given you are all the way up in lovely Carnforth and we're down here in smelly old London I think it might be a bit far for Miss Riley to have to come to see us so I've asked my friends at DPD to drop some Liberty goodies off to you in the next few days. Hopefully you can include them in the promise auction and keep that minibus running.

Good luck with your fundraising, remember to stay safe and when you are allowed to come down to London please pop by and say hi!

Best regards

Ian

Director of Operations and Customer Services (**& Boss of Liberty London**)

The parcel arrived from them and we have some amazing items to auction, other items include a 2020 iPad Pro, keeper experiences at South Lakes Safari Zoo, Dinner Bed & Breakfast for 2 at The Netherwood Hotel and many many more.