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Dear Families,

Flood Update

We would like to thank you all for your patience as we navigate the complexities of working with the Risk Protection Agency, who manage all of the insurance claims for schools. We really do share your frustrations with the pace of work and we are really sorry that we are not able to give a clearer picture of how long the current arrangements will be in place. We would like to assure you that school are chasing this up on a daily basis and we have also had the support of the LA in trying to move things forwards. We finally got a call yesterday to confirm that the Risk Protection Agency have approved the report from the loss adjustor and the recovery specialists have now been appointed. With pressure from school, the drying expert has been to site today and their report will set out what will need to be stripped out. Sadly, the damp meter readings in many parts of school are still very high, so he anticipates that we will need to have quite a lot of areas stripped out and the final extent of the refurbishment will be determined by a surveyor. They have commended the actions of the school and stated we have minimised the extent of damage to the site, as we have been proactive in bringing in the industrial dehumidifiers ourselves. I have still not been able to get any timescales from anyone involved with our claim, but we would like to assure you all that we are doing everything we possibly can to ensure that we are able to return to Fylingdales as soon as possible and we will share information with you all as soon as it is available to us. I am currently liaising with the Local Authority to try and organise a minibus service between the two sites, as we are aware of the challenges that the move has brought. Once again, I will let parents know as soon as I have any information back from the relevant parties.

Solve it Group

We would like to thank the small group of parents who attended our first Solve It Group Meeting. It was an extremely productive meeting and we have lots of positive ideas to take forward to support our schools. One of the main outcomes of the meeting is that we will be establishing new PTA groups for both of our schools to support a wealth of fundraising activities. These will be set up as registered charities, with their own committees and bank accounts and the plan is to have some unique events for each school along with some joint federation events. Parents can offer so much to these groups; either as time, ideas or use of their creative skills...we look forward to seeing all of the creative ideas that you all have.

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Following this successful first meeting, a new What's App group has been created for the Hawsker families. It will be a place to keep in touch about PTA events and to share ideas for fundraising. To find out more, please chat to Bec Coates (Esther's Mum) or contact her on 07736 958758. For our Fylingdales families please contact Bec Sheveling (Darcie's Mum) at bec@bayvineyard.co.uk who will be happy to talk to you about the next steps and how you can get involved.

Fylingdales 100 Club

The purpose of the 100 Club is to raise funds for the sole benefit of Fylingdales CE and this is run as a monthly draw, with an annual fee of £12 which must be paid before the numbers are entered in to the draw. Each month there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize, where winnings will be 20%, 10% and 5% of all numbers paid for. We will be sending a letter out to parents next week with more information about this and outlining how you can participate. Anyone over the age of 16 can enter this, so please share with family members.

If any of our Hawsker families would be interested in running a similar club for Hawsker school please contact me and we can arrange a meeting with the organisers of the Fylingdales club.

Thank you

A huge thank you to Luke Faichney and Rob Rymer who have donated £85 to school which was raised by running car parking facilities in the Summer. We are extremely grateful for this and the money will be used to purchase some new books for our classes.

Lines of Communication

One of the areas discussed in the Solve It group meeting is the many different ways that we are communicating with families at the moment through Class Dojo, email, text and the GoRead app. We want to ensure that all families feel well informed and that our communication is clear. In order to gain a more representative view of our communities we will send out a survey about communication systems, which will then be reviewed to see whether any of our systems need to be amended. We also want to ensure that you build up really close partnerships with our amazing class teachers, so please go to them as your first point of contact if you have any queries. Mrs Dixon (Assistant Head), Miss Dykes (Teacher in Charge) and myself are also on hand if you have any additional queries following discussions with your child's teacher.

Harvest Collection – Wednesday 20th October

As I walk round school I am hearing lots of preparations for our Harvest Collective Worship, so please watch out for our video which will be coming out to you all during the final week of this half term.

Our Christian value of the half term is generosity, and the children have thought of lots of different ways that we can show generosity through random acts of kindness. As Harvest time is approaching, we would like to put together a bumper collection to support the wonderful Hope Whitby. As well as contributing to the foodbank, we would like to work with Hope Whitby to put together some Hampers to send out to other deserving members of the community. The children will put these together in class using the produce that we collect and will make cards to go into them to spread a message of happiness. Please start to collect things for our harvest festival celebrations and bring them to school on Wednesday 20th October.

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are looking to increase the range of after school activities that we offer to our children and are looking for local providers who may be able to support us. We hope that we will be able to offer a broad range of activities to suit a range of interests from art and music to a range of different sports or computing. Please contact me if you know any local providers who may be able to help us.

Parking

Please could we ask all parents to be considerate of our neighbours when parking. We have noticed that there have been a few instances of people parking on the grass verges in front of our neighbours property and this is causing damage to their grass. Please could we politely request that cars are parked fully on the road by these properties to prevent further damage.

Fancy Dress Disco!

Get your costumes at the ready, our first joint PTA / Friends event will be an amazing fancy dress disco in Fylingdales Village Hall on Wednesday 20th October at 6.00pm – 7.00pm. This event will be for every child in our fabulous federation.

Tickets will be £2.00 each, with all of the proceeds being used to start our fundraising for new books for all of our classes. In order to ensure that this is a Covid safe event, we will have a small group of adult helpers alongside some of our staff team, but we will not be able to invite all parents on this occasion. Please contact Bec Sheveling at bec@bayvineyard.co.uk if you would like to get involved with helping at this event.

Jack and the Beanstalk - 3 – 31st December at the Stephen Joseph Theatre

Oh no he isn't...Oh yes he is! Jack is heading to Scarborough this December to make his way up that famous beanstalk. I wonder what adventures he will have?

The team that brought you The Snow Queen, Treasure Island, Alice in Wonderland and A (Scarborough) Christmas Carol invite you up the Beanstalk this Christmas.

Age guidance: 6+

Tickets from £10 from [www.sjt.uk.com/event/1134/jack & the beanstalk](http://www.sjt.uk.com/event/1134/jack%20&%20the%20beanstalk)

Most performances will operate at full capacity, but some will remain socially distanced.

Accessible performances: relaxed, captioned, signed and audio described.

The Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough, YO11 1JW | www.sjt.uk.com | Box Office 01723 370541

Thank you for your continued support and I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend,

Helen Thompson

Mrs Helen Thompson

Executive Headteacher