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Dear Families,

Flood Update

As the strip out works were commencing today, I had hoped that I was going to be able to give you a really positive update to say that we had made the first steps on the road to recovery at Fylingdales. Unfortunately, this is not quite the case, as the works had to be halted this morning due to suspected asbestos being found in the floor. As a result, the loss adjustor will now have to commission a full asbestos survey of the site to ensure that we manage the safety of all involved. If asbestos is found in any of the areas affected by the flood, a specialist team will be brought in to ensure that this is removed safely. Unfortunately, this still means that we are not able to say how long it will be until the site can be certified as dry. On a positive note, we have been informed that the loss adjustor has appointed the company who will undertake all of the reinstatement works and they have arranged to meet myself and the drying team next week to discuss the next steps. At this stage we haven't got any further updates in relation to timescales. Whilst it feels to be one step forwards and one step back again, it is good to see that some things are starting to move in the right direction.

We are currently investigating whether we can get any support with transport between the two schools. I am liaising with both the LA and the loss adjustor about this and I will keep families informed of our progress in this area. Thank you for your ongoing support, understanding and patience as we navigate our way through the repair process.

Cross Country League – Friday 22nd October

As you will be aware, our Key Stage 2 children are taking part in the Whitby School's cross country league. We had an incredible performance at the last event and we are in a very good position in each category. The next event in the league is taking place on Friday 22nd October, at 1.45pm, at Whitby Sixth Form. As this is our staff INSET day, we have liaised with Mr Hopper and he has confirmed that he would be happy for all of our Key Stage 2 parents to take their own children to this event. If your child will be able to attend the event, please could you let the office know so that we can notify the organisers how many children will be there. We really appreciate your support with this and hope that we can still have a really good turn out of our fabulous runners. We would like to thank Tracey Butler and Lucy Metcalfe who will be collecting the results for the two schools.

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Term Dates

We would like to remind families that an amended term dates sheet was sent out towards the end of the Summer Term. This was amended to reflect the additional Bank Holiday for this academic year. The main change for our families was that we now have a staff inset day on Friday 22nd October. The final day for children will be on Thursday 21st October. We have attached the term dates sheet again to ensure that you all have the correct dates.

Before and After School Provision

We would like to remind families that we have before and after school childcare provision available for all children in the federation. This is being run by two members of our existing support staff and we are currently able to offer places on a flexible basis. If you would like your child to attend this provision, please ensure that you contact the Office at Hawsker to book the sessions that you need as bookings may be missed if it is sent via other means. Wherever possible, please book the sessions in advance, but if we have spaces available we are always happy for you to book on the day. Please see below updated prices and session times across the federation.

	Timings	Cost
Morning	8.00am to the start of school	£3.00 including a light breakfast
	8.30am to the start of school	£1.50 (no breakfast included)
Afternoon	3.00pm – 4.15pm	£3.00
	3.00pm – 5.00pm	£5.00

We are considering having a slightly longer session times once we are all back in our usual location, so please speak to Mrs Thompson if this is a facility that you would use.

Whitby Mayoral Christmas Card Competition

Calling all budding artists, Whitby Town Council are inviting every child to enter their annual Mayoral Christmas card competition. The winning design will be used as the Mayoral Christmas card which will be sent out to both local contacts and civil dignitaries around the world. The winner will also receive a £10 book voucher and they will have the honour of turning on the Whitby Christmas lights. The Mayor, Councillor Linda Wild, would like the theme for the cards to be 'Family Christmas in Whitby'. I am sure that our beautiful coastal town will provide some incredible inspiration for you all and your designs will really reflect the diverse nature of family life in Whitby. I am looking forward to seeing some amazing designs. If you do not have art materials at home, we can set up lunchtime provision so that your child can do this at school with me. Please send a Dojo message to your child's teacher if you would like your child to do this during a lunchtime.

Every child who enters the competition will receive a signed certificate from the Mayor and all of the card designs will be displayed in the Pannett Art Gallery during festival which commences on 26th November 2021. Your child will bring home the competition entry sheet today and it is also attached to the email. We look forward to seeing some amazing designs.

All entries must be in school by Wednesday 20th October so we can deliver them to the Pannett Art Gallery.

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Office Email Accounts

We would like to remind families that the office email accounts were updated during the Summer Term and all emails should be sent to the addresses detailed below. Please could you check that you have the up to date details in your contact lists. Please ensure that you phone the Hawsker office or use the email accounts below if you are sending any messages in relation to pupil absences or any changes to collection arrangements, as these accounts are monitored throughout the day. Staff are not always able to monitor Dojo accounts through the school day, as they are working directly with the children.

For families of children in Oak class, please contact the Hawsker office as well, as we do not have admin staff in the main office at Fylingdales at the moment.

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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.

Fancy Dress Disco reminder!

Get your costumes at the ready, our newly developing PTA groups are busy organising an amazing fancy dress disco as their first fundraising event of the year. This will be taking place on Wednesday 20th October from 6.00pm – 7.00pm at Fylingdales Village Hall. This is open to every child in the federation and promises to be a fabulous end to a very busy half term.

Tickets cost £2.00 each and there will also be sweets for children to buy on the night. Please pay for your tickets using our Parent Pay app, as this will also ensure that we have a register for the event as part of our safeguarding. In order to ensure that this is a Covid safe event, we will have members of staff and a small group of parent helpers supervising the evening. We hope that we will be able to make these a family event in the future.

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

Helen Thompson

Mrs Helen Thompson

Executive Headteacher