

Learning for Life



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A NEW KITCHEN!

I can now confirm that the school will be getting its own kitchen built over the summer. This has been something that we have been perusing for the past two years and we are delighted with this news.

The intention is that school meals will be cooked fresh, on-site from September of this year. In addition, this means that we can arrange 'taster sessions', 'theme days', and for children to use the facilities to bake, this being a new requirement of the national curriculum.

Work will be commencing in the summer half-term break and continuing through until early August. The building will be extended to the back of the school to accommodate these extra facilities. This will mean losing some of the existing Early Years outdoor area. For this reason we have recently submitted an additional planning application with Craven Council to remove the wall which separates the smaller, rear playground from the Early Years area. In effect, this will hugely increase the area which children in Blossom Class can access for their outdoor learning. I will keep you informed of plans as they develop.



Easter Egg Challenge

...A reminder that entries for our 2015 Easter Egg decorating competition are needed in school by *Thursday of next week*.

There will be 1st and 2nd prizes awarded for each class, and a Cadbury's Cream Egg for all entrants. Winners will be announced on the last day of term, Friday 27th March at our Easter Service at St Thomas's at 9.00am.

Behaviour

All children who are 'off the (traffic light) chart' in a school day or commit a 'Golden Don't', are all tracked by school. This is to identify patterns in such behaviour and ensure we are responding appropriately.

In the first half of this term there was a total of 49 such incidents involving 14 different children. This means **84%** of children are *consistently* abiding by our behaviour expectations. In addition, of these 14 children, approximately a third were involved in such incidents no more than once. This is fairly typical of the positive choices the very large majority of our children take every day.

School works on an ongoing basis with those children who persistently fail to meet our expectations around behaviour. This includes extensive work with outside agencies including the NYCC Behaviour Support Team, Health and Social Care Services, the Educational Psychologist Service, as well as extensive communication with parents.



Sunday school, known as 'Church for Children' is held from 10:30am each Sunday, apart from 2nd Sunday monthly when it's Family Service in church.

There are crafts activities, songs and prayers to learn the teachings of Jesus.

More information can be found from Tracey Haines (Leader) on 01535 637425 or 07730 550838.

SUTTON IN CRAVEN C.E. (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

REQUIRES AFTER EASTER

A MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

FROM 12 NOON TO 1.15 PM EACH DAY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT
THE
HEADTEACHER OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR
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Use of Social Media

Parents are reminded to be mindful of the consequences of posting comments and/or pictures on social media platforms (such as Facebook, Twitter, etc) that have implications for the school and its staff.

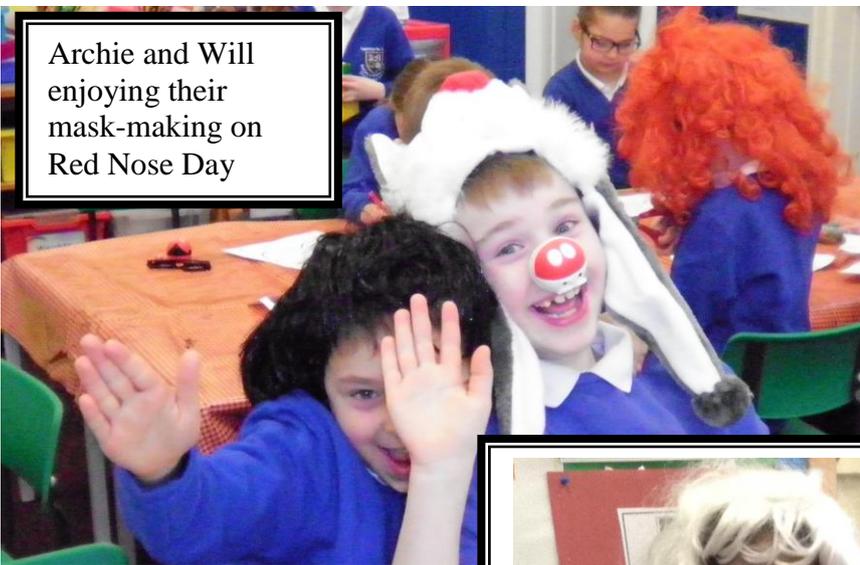
Comments and posts on social media platforms are often visible by the world at large and while it is possible to delete or remove a particular post, once a post has been viewed by a third party, the original poster has no control over the actions of the third party. For the avoidance of doubt, any comment or post that amounts to defamation is actionable in a Court of Law.

Although no members of staff or children may be explicitly named, if it possible to identify such individuals from comments made, then parents may be laying themselves open to legal action by the Local Authority and / or the individuals concerned. Legal action was recently taken against two parents in the Skipton area specifically for this reason.

I would request that parents raise *directly* with the school any concerns regarding the school or its staff rather than posting comments or pictures on social media platforms. Doing so places the school (and individuals) in the position of not being able to defend themselves professionally, and in the public sphere, in the same way. This is because all staff sign a contractual agreement not to use social media with any reference to the day to day work of the school. I feel this wholly unfair. It can also be upsetting for staff members, all of whom work very hard to ensure the best for the children in school.

One aspect of our school of which I am very proud of is the 'open door' policy we have when working with parents. I consider all our staff to be approachable and professional and this approach is reciprocated by most parents, I would hope that any concerns can be addressed directly with staff by all parents.

Archie and Will enjoying their mask-making on Red Nose Day



Jordan and Brady enjoyed painting Mr Phillips face – with mixed results!

