



Weekly Bulletin 23rd June 2023

Flourish Awards

Children who have been recognised as flourishing this week:

Sophie – for exceptional manners.

Evelyn – for being exceptional when representing school at the Armed Forces Day event.

Hector – for being an amazing role model to others.

Adalyn – for her amazing effort with writing.

Foss Summer Fair 23rd June @ 3.15

It's finally here!

If you fancy helping or finding out a bit more about what FOSS do generally to support the school, please let school know and we can contact you, or come and chat to us at the fair – we're a friendly bunch!

Wraparound Care

Reminder bookings are now open for [July](#) complete the form and return by 25th to secure the cheaper rate.

Forest Schools

We are able to offer classes some additional sessions of Forest Schools this year. Please make a note of the dates below for your child's class. If you are able to help with any of the sessions please let us know.

Date	Class
26 June	Bach
3 July	Byrd
10 July	Beethoven
7 July	Britten

Pyjamarama 30th June

Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school and a donation of £1 is invited. They will spend the day reading, enjoying, and sharing stories all in the comfort of their pyjamas to raise vital funds to help make sure that no child misses out on their bedtime story.

We will finish our day with a bedtime story. [Could you read a bedtime story with the children?](#) If you've got a favourite story you would like to share, and would be available at 2.45pm on Friday 30th June, please let us know.

Message from Miss Coventry

We would like to develop the art area and try out exploring with powder paints. We would like to use these Vanish/Stain Remover (or any other brand) powder tubs with the plastic scoops (see picture) to store the powder paint in and to make them accessible to the children. If you have an empty container with the scoops in your recycling, we would be very grateful if we could use them.



FEAST

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in.

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for those on benefits-related Free School Meals, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, [visit the FEAST website](#)

There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at what’s on!

Class structure in September

We are now able to share with you the class structure for September.

This year there are quite a number of changes both to the structure of the school and who will be in the classrooms. Due to the challenges of the budget, compounded by the loss of Skelton school, the governors have made the decision to teach year 1 and 2 together and reduce the number of classes to four.

There are many benefits to mixed aged classes, and many schools choose to work like this, as we already do in key stage two. Some of the benefits are:

- Increased social and emotional understanding
- Greater ease in collaborative and independent learning
- More positive peer interactions
- Opportunity for older children to serve as mentors and take leadership roles
- Mixed grouping can enhance and nurture deeper thinking and problem solving skills across all subject areas.
- Wider range of vocabulary to be taught and children to learn stronger social and verbal competences. Children can become strong communicators using language often beyond their current year group.
- Increased opportunity to build relationships.

The space in school will also provide more opportunities:

- There will be a designated room for small group work and intervention sessions, that can be fully resourced and set up ready for learning away from distractions.
- The library will be relocated into a room with more space to share our vast collection of books and reading materials, also creating a calm space for reading.
- A music room will ensure that music lessons can take place at any time – not just when the classroom is free. This will enable us to widen our offer of music tuition and encourage more children to learn to play an instrument.

<i>Year group</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
Nursery and reception	Mrs Snodgrass
Year 1 and 2	Miss Coventry
Year 3 and 4	Miss Tye
Year 5 and 6	Miss Copperthwaite will be returning later in the year, once her maternity leave comes to an end. The recruitment process for September has not yet closed. We will inform you as soon as we are able.

Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies for September and are keen to recruit the right people. If you are able to share these, please do.

[HLTA - Sharow CE Primary School - Ripon | North Yorkshire Council](#)

[KS2 Teacher \(Part Time\)- Sharow School | North Yorkshire Council](#)

What our staff say about working at Sharow CE Primary School

- Working as part of a close-knit team is just lovely. We bounce off each other, we get energy from each other, we support each other, and we even have time for a laugh.
- The children are fabulous. They are never dull. We enjoy watching how they support each other, mature and work hard to achieve things. The older children are brilliant with the younger ones and there really is a lovely family atmosphere.
- We all need to be flexible as things don't always go to plan but because we are a flexible team - it just works.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Miss Coventry and Mr Brook, who are expecting their first child later this year. We are pleased that Miss Coventry will be with us to start the year and set the class off before handing over to her maternity cover.

Packed Lunches

We know that if children try a food enough times, they will generally come to like it.

This doesn't happen overnight, but often over weeks or months (once they have tried it between 10 and 20 times).

But how on earth do you get them to keep trying a food which they've tried before and didn't like, or just don't like the look of? One really helpful tool can be rewards. These might be stickers on a sticker chart, or they might be other things which help to motivate your child, like playing a favourite game, doing a fun activity, or getting to choose a book to read together.

Whatever the right reward is for your family, here are some top tips to follow:

Winning with Reward Charts - Simply Veg



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If your child struggles to eat veg, using reward charts can be an excellent way to break through and take the pressure off. Find out more about why and how to best use rewards to encourage veg-eating from our expert Dr Clare Holley PHD.

simplyveg.org.uk

School Meal Prices

From September 2023, school meal prices are to increase to £3.56 for KS2 and £2.10 for nursery. For quite some time, the school has been absorbing the rising costs of school meals, but unfortunately this is no-longer viable as we manage an already stretched school budget.

We understand that this may make you reconsider your child's food choices in school and would urge you to check eligibility for free school meals, please click on the following link:

[Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#)

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to be entitled to free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

Cost of Living Support

There are a wide variety of support schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or advise if you are struggling to pay for essentials. [Cost of living support | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Change to the start time

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the school start time consultation. The responses have been reviewed by governors and the proposed start time of 8.45a.m. from September 2023 will be adopted. The end time of 3.15p.m. will remain.

Safeguarding

Preventing Accidents with Children - National Fostering Group

Childhood deaths now and forever have been heavily associated with accidents. Children are exempted from many of society's expectations, precisely because they are not considered yet to have the sense to make good decisions. This is directly linked to the tragically high likelihood that deaths or serious injury among children, is always a leading cause of childhood mortality.

It is in this vein that the National Fostering Group has published a page on their website, aimed at informing adults on the top causes of childhood accidents. The information there is an excellent start point on household dangers and how to avoid them. Please follow the link below to read more:

https://www.nfa.co.uk/story/story_category/10-common-childhood-accidents-and-how-to-avoid-them-in-your-home/

Oral Health e-learning

E-learning for Children and Families Services, Early Years and Health around oral health advice. Additional resources are also provided throughout the session. [Children's Oral Health - elearning for healthcare \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](#)

Out of school achievements

If your child has any out of school achievements, we would love to hear about them. Send pictures and information to admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk

Diary dates

(These can also be found on the website)

29th June

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30th June

19th July

12th July

21st July @ 2.15

5th September

Learning Together Morning

Year 2 campout

Pyjamarama

Britten Class Performance of Joseph 6pm

End of Year Celebration Service 2.15 pm

School closes for summer break

School re-opens for Autumn term