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Welcome to Week Six

Exciting news!

We are delighted to let you know that last night the Governors ratified their decision to move back up to three classes from September 2020. Whilst numbers of new starters are not formally confirmed until April/May time, we know that we have attracted a bumper crop of new starters – thank you so much to all the wonderful parents who spread the good news about our school far and wide! The Governors and I are currently considering permutations and as soon as we know more we will write regarding class structures. Please spread the word about our increase in classes, so that we can continue to grow over the coming years.

Sowerby Music For Life

We had, and I quote, “the best music lesson I’ve EVER EVER had” on Monday, when we were treated to a concert and workshop by three visiting musicians, who serenaded us on piano, drums and double bass. We learned all about jazz (and what the inside of a piano looks like!), and Falcons created some bossa nova style music of their own, which tied in beautifully with class reader, The Explorer, which is set in Brazil...anyone would think we’d planned it like that!!

Mrs Burniston

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Burniston this week as she leaves us to spend more time with her family. The children decorated a beautiful jug for her and made some fantastic artwork to remember us by. We will miss you Mrs Burniston!

Twitter

If you don’t already follow us on Twitter, here is our handle: @BurnestonSchool. We’d love to connect with you!

Safer Internet Day

And on that note, the children had a great day on Tuesday, learning about how to keep themselves safe online. This is such a key life skill nowadays, and the message needs to start young! We sent home a booklet for parents too, Digital Parenting, which contains useful information about how to upskill your children to keep themselves safe online. We will be sending out updates by email too, so keep an eye on your inbox for those! In the meantime, Vodafone have a really useful section on e-safety for parents, just click this link: <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

FOBS date

Please note, the date of the next FOBS meeting is the 27th March., not the 20th as originally stated – we’d love to see some new members, please do come along!

Welcome to Mr Smith

We welcomed a new member of Team Burneston last week – Bruce Smith – who is our new caretaker! We look forward to working with Mr Smith, and are delighted with the new ideas he has brought to the post already, thank you!

Bus Letters

We have received nearly everyone's bus booking form, please send any outstanding forms in to the office on Monday so that Mrs Gatenby can complete the registers. Thanks!

Breakfast Club

Don't forget that Breakfast Club will be opening its doors from 7.30 after half term. We look forward to seeing you there!

Governor Vacancy

We currently have two unfilled position for Foundation Governors on our Governing Body. If you are interested in joining our dynamic team, please see the next issue of the parish magazine, or contact the office for more details and an application pack.

Valentine's Disco

Thanks to FOBS for a fantastic disco last Friday – the karaoke was a hit! See below for photo evidence!

School Council Competition

The competition letters have gone out today (sorry for comms failure there!). We look forward to seeing your creative entries after the holiday.

Parents' and Carers' Consultation Meetings

Thanks to everyone so far who has returned their letters, don't forget we need them in by Monday 24th February so that we can allocate times and return them to you.

Attendance

Owls: 96.5% Falcons: 97.1%

World Book Day

World Book Day this year is on Thursday 5th March. In consultation with School Council, we have decided that children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book as in previous years, but we would also like to do something creative with the children, combining books and Art/DT. Please can you collect a box for your child? A shoe box would be ideal, or a cereal box (nothing too much bigger than that thanks). We would like the children to create a small world based on their favourite book, so if they need to start collecting anything special relating to their book, they have plenty of time!

Dates for your Diaries: (Updated regularly, so please keep an eye on this!)

When	Who	What
Friday 14 th February	All	Half term
Monday 24 th February	All	Back to school
Monday 24 th February	Y5/6 volunteers	Tag Rugby, Bedale High School
Tuesday 25 th February	Owls and Falcons	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops
Friday 28 th February	Owls and Falcons	FOBS Film Night
Monday 2 nd -Friday 6 th March	Y5 Y6	Bewerley Park Residential

Thursday 5 th March	Owls and Falcons	World Book Day
Week Commencing Monday 9 th March	Owls and Falcons parents and carers	Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings
Thursday 12 th March	Falcons	Quick Sticks Hockey
Saturday 14 th March	Tickets only (more information coming soon)	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea (FOBS)
Wednesday 25 th March	Key Stage 2 volunteers	Quick Sticks Hockey, Richmond High School
Friday 27 th March	Owls and Falcons	FOBS Film Night
Tuesday 31 st March	Falcons	Swimming Gala
Wednesday 1 st April	Parents and Carers	FOBS Cake Stall before/after Celebration Assembly
Friday 3 rd April	All	Break up
Monday 20 th April	Staff	Training day
Tuesday 21 st April	All	Start of Summer term
Thursday 23 rd April	Owls and Falcons	Class Photos (Phototronics)
Friday 1 st May, 6-7.30pm	All	FOBS Quiz Night
Friday 8 th May	All	May Day Bank Holiday (NOT MONDAY 4 th !)
Friday 15 th May	Owls and Falcons	FOBS Film Night
Friday 22 nd May	Owls and Falcons	Non-Uniform (bring a bottle for a stall) FOBS Fund raiser
Wednesday 10 th June 1.30	All	Sports Day FOBS Bake Off
Thursday 18 th June	Falcons	Armed Forces Day, Catterick
Saturday 4 th July	All	Summer Fair
Monday 6 th July	Y6 going to Bedale High	Bedale Friendship Day
Friday 17 th July	Owls and Falcons	School closes for summer
Monday 29 th July	Staff	INSET Day
Monday 7 th September	Staff	INSET Day
Tuesday 8 th September	Owls and Falcons	School opens
Letters or further information in the newsletter will follow nearer the time.		

