

Friday 2 February 2018**Principal's Message**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their morning with award winning author Billy Buttons, children's author of *Tor Assassin Hunter* and *I Think I Murdered Miss* (winner of the 2014 UK People's Book Prize). He inspired and engaged our children brilliantly and we are very much looking forward to continuing our celebration of books on World Book Day by giving pupils and professionals the opportunity to dress up as a book character of their choice. Additionally, we are delighted to be hosting the author Kjartan Poskitt, who is best known for writing the *Murderous Maths* children's series of books. (World Book Day is on 1 March 2018).

We would be delighted if families of the Wise Willows could come and support their class assembly on Wednesday 7 February. The assembly will focus on values and the children have been preparing with great effort and so I am confident that they will do a terrific job.

Our Year 5 children depart on their visit to Lineham Farm on Monday and I know they are very much looking forward to their experience. Providing such a great opportunity requires a great deal of commitment from my professional team and I am sure you will join me in thanking all of the teachers who are supporting the trip but in particular Mr Stephenson who leads and plans this experience for the children.

Could I please take this opportunity to remind you that children must only bring water in their drinking bottles to school. Flavoured water and juice is not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Please can you support your children if they wish to enter our current House competition. Children are designing an A4 colour poster which will be placed by every light switch in school. The purpose of the poster is to encourage us to switch of lights as we are leaving the room. It must also remind us of why it is important to be conscious of saving energy in a drive to be environmentally friendly. All entries will be rewarded with House Points and must be with class teachers by Wednesday 21 February.

I am eager to draw your attention to the pages at back of your child's planner. You will find some really useful resources in this section that will help you support your child's learning. We use them as teachers too! The demands of the curriculum are very different to when we were at school and I hope you agree that there is some really helpful and supportive information contained in the planner.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs. Townsley
Principal**GORSE School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT)**

We are working with Leeds-based GORSE School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT). They have recently become the only SCITT provider in the Yorkshire and Humber region to be awarded Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted. Inspected in two stages, in June and November 2017, the Gorse SCITT was found to be "...making a significant and growing contribution to the supply of high-quality teachers to schools in Leeds and neighbouring areas." If you, or anyone else you know, is a Postgraduate and is interested in becoming a teacher, either in a Secondary school or in a Primary school, please pass on their details. Website: www.gorsescitt.org.uk Email: info@gorsescitt.org.uk Tel: 0113 2898413

School Finish Time – Collecting Children before 3.15 pm

Our school finish time is 3.15 pm and we have recently seen a rise in the number of requests to collect children before this time. Children can only be collected earlier than 3.15 pm by prior arrangement. If they have a medical / dental appointment, please advise the office before you arrive to collect your child and we will ask you to provide a copy of the appointment letter. We thank you in advance for your support in avoiding this disruption to your child's learning.

Parents' Coffee Mornings at Ryecroft Academy

These sessions continue to take place every Friday morning at 9 am in the Branches room. (Parents will need to sign in via the main office). Everyone is warmly welcome to stop by, from new to existing parents. There will be tea and coffee provided and friendly chat. Also subject topics will be provided to discuss in order to obtain many different opinions on these subjects from a parent's point of view.

ATTENDANCE PUPIL CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK ATTENDANCE

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Whole school attendance for the week commencing 22nd January 2018 to 26th January 2018 is 95.6%
Congratulations to class Compassionate Chestnuts for Achieving 98.3% attendance for this week

Happy Hedgehogs	98.2%
Respectful Robins	95.7%
Loyal Lapwings	95.6%
Fair Minded Furs	96.0%
Honest Hawthorns	96.6%
Wise Willows	94.3%
Compassionate Chestnuts	98.3%
Self-Believing Sycamores	95.4%
Resilient Rowans	95.2%
Persevering Poplars	94.0%
Empathetic Elders	92.3%

PUPIL CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Role Model

Happy Hedgehogs	Harley Pawsey
Respectful Robins	Ruby Brier
Loyal Lapwings	Nathan Draszanowski
Fair Minded Furs	Archie Evans
Honest Hawthorns	Cody Fletcher
Wise Willows	Rio Henriques
Compassionate Chestnuts	Jack Minto
Self-Believing Sycamores	Liam Stephens
Resilient Rowans	N/a due to School visit
Persevering Poplars	N/a due to School visit
Empathetic Elders	N/a due to School visit

Diary Dates to remember:

Every Tuesday	Cardigan Centre Arts & Crafts Session 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Monday 5 February 2018	Year 5 Lineham Farm Residential
Wednesday 7 February 2018	9.05 am Wise Willows Value assembly
Friday 9 February 2018	Academy Closes for half Term
Monday 19 February 2018	Academy Re-opens at 08.45am
Monday 23 April 2018	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 24 April 2018	Parents' Evening

Helen Townsley
Principal

Mandy Brodrick
Assistant Principal
Esafety

Simon Hayes
Assistant Principal

<https://ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>

There is some useful information on the LSCB website about online safety with some useful tips for parents:

<http://www.leedslscb.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online> *If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403*

Our Designated Officers for Child Protection are Mrs Townsley, Mrs Cattley, Mrs Hodgkin and Mrs France