

BULLETIN — 7 July 2023

Goodbye, Good Luck and Hello!:

As the end of the school year draws near, it's time to wish our Y6 children every success in the next stages of their education. Girls and boys - your secondary schools are so lucky to be welcoming you to their schools. I know you will all truly grow, blossom and flourish in Year 7. Best of luck!

As you may already be aware, Mrs Bhogal's fixed term contract with us comes to an end next week. I'm sure you'll all agree that she has really supported our Y5/6 children over the last few years and we all wish her all the very best for the future. We will all miss her very much.

Miss Simpson is also leaving us at the end of next week with the hope of being able to take some time out to go travelling. Miss Simpson has worked across all classes during her time with us at North Rigton and has forged brilliant relationships with the children and staff. We are all sad to be saying goodbye, but wish her the very best. Saba has been a supply TA working with children in Busy Bees for the last few terms and she will also be leaving us next week. We'd like to thank her for all her hard work in Y3/4 and wish her all the best for the future.

It's not goodbye but see you soon to Mr Anderson and Mr R who will be based over at All Saints, our Fellowship school, in the next academic year. We are fortunate to be able to share some of our staff across the two sites and next year Mr Anderson will be teaching Y3/4 at All Saints and Mr R team teaching in Y5/6. We know this is certainly not goodbye and will enjoy catching up with both Mr A and Mr R at our Fellowship sporting events throughout the year. A huge thank you to them both for their dedication and commitment to North Rigton over the past year. As well as saying goodbye, we must say a huge 'hello' to our new starters of 2023! We can't wait to see you in September!

Additionally, we are delighted to be welcoming some new members of staff to North Rigton School:

Miss Amy Byrnes will be the new Pears Class teacher. She has already spent some time getting to know the children and staff this week and can't wait to be teaching at North Rigton in September. Miss Byrnes has worked as a Y1/2 class teacher for the last three years and is excited to be joining the team.

Miss Charlotte Ferguson will also be joining us as a part-time Teaching Assistant from September. Miss Ferguson is already a familiar face to some of our children as she works at Red Kite Club before and after school! She will be working across our two Fellowship schools and I'm sure you'll all join me in making her extremely welcome.

We are also delighted to be welcoming Miss April Cole to school in September as a Teaching Assistant. Miss Cole, who is a qualified teacher within our Trust, will be primarily focussing on supporting in Y5/6. We are thrilled that Miss Cole will be joining the North Rigton team!

We have lots to look forward to in school next week, but if I do not see you before we break up, I hope you all have a happy and healthy summer break.

School Lunches

We are delighted to let you know that from September, Emma and Donna will be partnering with Aspens catering company in providing lunches for the children.

Emma and Donna work tirelessly through the year to produce an amazing menu with delicious meals that the children enjoy and love. They will continue to be the driving force in the kitchen and lunch hall, whilst drawing on the wider support of Aspens.



Attached is some information about Aspens. Next week we will be sending out dietary requirement sheets for you to complete and return, along with the new menu for your selection.

Sports News:

We are delighted to be partnering up with Harrogate Town next year to support us with the delivery of high quality PE and Sport. One afternoon per week, Harrogate Town will be in to work with classes on different areas of the curriculum. Your child's class teachers will be in touch nearer the time about which days they have timetabled for PE.

In the autumn term, Lauren Gotts will also be back in school to support delivering dance and yoga lessons to some of our classes. More information will follow in due course.



FONR will be selling cold drinks at Monday's flourishing sports festival for £1. Please bring cash along on the day.

Reflective Garden, Vegetables, Flowers and all things beautiful!

This is a special mention to all the children that have helped with gardening this year and particularly gardening club this term (Minnie, Maddie, Megan and Harriet) for the endless hours they have given up to weed, water and nurture the plants in our school. They have grown a range of vegetables and fruits (strawberries, courgette, peas, beans, radishes, onion, garlic, potatoes, lettuce, rhubarb, pumpkin and carrots) and flowers (forget me nots, sunflowers, a range of bedding plants and sweet peas) which they have enjoyed watching grow in school and at home. Our school looks beautiful in bloom and always bring a smile to people's faces so thank you for all your hard work.

Also, a huge thank you to FONR for supporting us to update our reflective garden at the top of the field. We have replaced the old garden beds, added new compost and covered the ground in bark to make it more accessible. We look forward to using this area even more with gardening club and within lessons next year to enhance our learning.

After school on Monday (weather permitting) we shall have a few plants left over if you wish to take one home and grow it in your garden. Any donations are appreciated as we can use these to buy more herbs for our herb box next year.

Have a lovely summer holiday in your gardens!



Miss Ellis

Immunisation

The government is concerned that due to COVID many children missed some of their routine immunisations. Is your child up to date? Please follow this link to read their report Parents urged to check children's MMR vaccine records following rise in measles cases - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Staffing Structure for 23/24:

Please note the outline below is a provisional structure, subject to change based on the needs of our children. Staff listed under each class will be working a mixture of full/part time in each of the classes listed. Teaching assistants may be working 1-1 or supporting small groups where appropriate.

Apples - Mrs Down (Mon-Thurs, office based Fri), Mrs Mitchell (Fri), Miss Bayman, Miss Ferguson, Miss Cole, Miss Vickers

Pears - Miss Byrnes (Mon-Weds, Thurs PM-Fri), Mrs Mitchell (Thurs AM), Mrs London, Miss Vickers, Miss Ferguson

Busy Bees - Miss Ellis (Mon-Thurs AM), Mrs Butler (Thurs PM - Fri), Mrs Holder, Miss Ferguson

Y5/6 - Mrs Gardiner (Mon - Tues, office based Weds), Mrs Storey (Wed - Fri), Miss Cole, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Butler

Our Y5/6 Class is being re-branded!:

After a brilliant transition morning this week, I am delighted to announce that Y5/6 Class will be known as Tigers next year!

Bella and Ruby V won the competition where they had to come up with a new class name and pitch it to the rest of the class.

The girls wrote:

"Teamwork Tigers! We are confident young people with power and strength, just like tigers. We show leadership and independence. We have determination and courage to push through difficulty and have the will power and bravery to overcome anything, just like tigers do."



They also designed a logo and wrote:

"We have made a logo with two paws which represent teamwork. As you can see, there is a circle of arrows and this shows continuous teamwork and dedication. As a class, we will never give up and individually we will always persevere."

Diary Dates:

17.07.23 - Flourishing Fellowship Festival of Sport (information to follow from Mr Anderson)
21.07.23—Y6 Leavers Service at St John's Church, starting at 10.30am (Doors open from 10.15am)
21.07.23—Break up for the summer holiday at 3:30pm