



# SLS Update

Learning today for a better tomorrow.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## ★ Well Done to This Week's GOLD Award Winners ★

**Reception** – Ayda

**Class 1** – Faye

**Class 2** – Cece & Martha

**Class 3** – All of Class 3

### Safeguarding: Choking

Easter is just around the corner and mini eggs are already lining the supermarket shelves. Just like grapes, they can block a small child's airway and choke them, and their hard shell can make it difficult to dislodge with standard first aid techniques. It's much easier to cut grapes in half lengthways than it is to chop up mini eggs but some options for smaller children would be:

1. Put the mini eggs into a sealable plastic bag and crush them into small pieces with a rolling pin, or
2. Opt for a different Easter treat – larger, hollow eggs are much safer for little ones.

For first aid advice on choking, visit the NHS website [here](#).

### **Dance Festival – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Reception and Class 1 have been practising their dance routines and are very excited for Wednesday's dance festival. A big thank you to the Class 1 parents for organising the outfits! Class 1 should wear black leggings on the day and Miss Howells will give out the t shirts and leg warmers for them to change into before they set off – they are welcome to come to school with funky hair styles and gel / glitter on their hair and face. Mrs Kipling has sent a Tapestry message to Reception parents regarding outfits.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone's World Book Day costumes on Thursday. Children can dress up as their favourite book character or favourite word. No football kits please.

### **Red Nose Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

To raise money for Comic Relief, we are having a non-uniform day on Friday for those children who are in school, the suggested donation is £1. Children can also enter the School Council's joke competition for a small donation - jokes can be submitted to the office by email or in person. All donations should be made via ParentPay, no cash please.

### **Class 2 Production**

Class 2 have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming performance of Rock Bottom. Class 2 parents are invited to watch the performance at Scotton Village Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 1.45pm. We will send a separate email regarding rehearsal times, pick ups from the village hall and ticket allocations next week.

### **Class 3's Visit to London**

Class 3 have had a fantastic time in London, they have been to the Tate Modern, Globe Theatre, Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and Parliament. They've had a ride on the London Eye and been to the theatre to see the Lion King. They've travelled by coach, bus, tube and train! We are extremely proud of them. Miss Calvert would like to thank Miss Alvarez, Mrs Watson, Miss Howells and Mrs Chandler for giving up their time to give the children such an amazing opportunity.

## Let's Talk Food

The Let's Talk Food survey is part of the wider conversation that has been taking place about food in North Yorkshire, looking at the whole food system - from how we grow food, what we grow, to what we buy and eat and how much we throw away. There are several ways you can take part in Let's Talk Food:

You can fill in an online survey [here](#) – the survey is on Commonplace, which is a safe and easy-to-use online tool used to engage with communities by over 250 organisations including neighbouring councils in Leeds and West Yorkshire.

If you would prefer, you can pick up a paper copy from your local library and return it in the envelope provided.

You can also email [letstalk@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:letstalk@northyorks.gov.uk) or call 0300 131 2 131 (please say 'Let's Talk' when prompted) to request a survey.

## Weekly Attendance Figures

[Reception – 98.15%](#)

[Class 1 – 97.70%](#)

[Class 2 – 94.91%](#)

[Class 3 – 96.09%](#)

**Well done to Reception who achieved the highest attendance again this week!** The expectation is that schools maintain an attendance level of **at least 97%**. This is the measure that schools are subject to during both local and national inspections. Figures below that level will be heavily criticized. We appreciate your support with this. It is also a legal requirement for children to attend school regularly. Please ensure that children are in school and on time every day and please avoid term time holidays. We are aware that there are lots of illnesses going around at the moment, please refer to the NHS guidance [here](#) when determining whether or not to keep your child off school.

Over 97%

90 – 97%

Under 90%

### DID YOU KNOW?

Whilst 95% attendance doesn't sound too bad, across a year it means your child would have missed 9 days of school, or 45 lessons. Over 7 years of primary school, 95% attendance each year would add up to 12.5 weeks or 3 months or one whole term of missed school.

## Diary Dates – Subject to Change

### March 2024

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** – Class 2 Swimming 8/9 / Reception & Class 1 Dance Festival

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>** – Our (Unofficial) World Book Day

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** – Red Nose Day / Reception & Class 1 Trip to Flamingo Land

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** – Class 2 Swimming 9/9 / Class 2 Performance at Scotton Village Hall

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>** – Class 2 Trip to Stump Cross Caverns

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** – **School closes at 2.30pm for Easter – no wraparound after school club today**

### April 2024

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>** – Staff Training Day

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup>** – **School re-opens**