



**Embsay
School**

Embsay Echo

Spring Term 2024

Friday 23rd February

LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the second half term of the Spring term. It will be another short half term packed with exciting learning activities and opportunities for the children. Although, we have passed Shrove Tuesday, the whole school enjoyed making pancakes today. You may have chosen to mark Lent in some way this year. It is a good opportunity not only to think about what we can 'give up' but what we can 'give back' or do to change ourselves in some small way. We will be exploring this theme within our daily act of worship in school.

Have a fantastic weekend ahead!

Mr T. Whitehead

Interim Executive Headteacher

Keighley & Craven Schools Cross Country Series 2023-2024

I am inviting KS2 Embsay pupils to take part in final Keighley and Craven Schools Cross Country event this year. The final event is taking place on the following date and at the following location.

Weds 28th February 2023 Marley Playing Fields - 3.45pm primary

Please see separate letter sent for further details.



Neurodiversity



Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2024

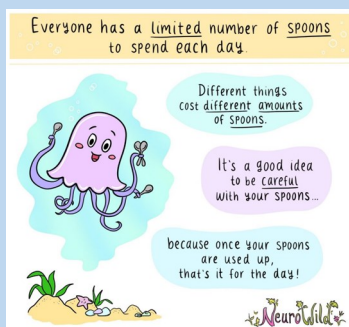
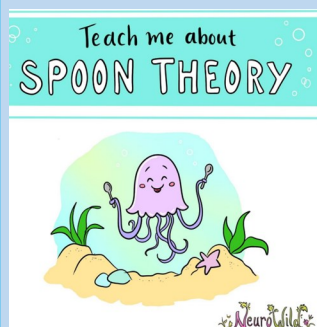
This half term we will be celebrating Neurodiversity week. Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported, by providing schools with the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual.

We will spend the week learning, talking and celebrating neurodiversity. If there are any parents, carers, family or friends of children and families in school who would like to share their experiences of neurodiversity you would be very welcome!

The school is putting in place an ongoing rolling programme of training around neurodiversity and so far this academic year have had training in ADHD and classroom and learning adaptations for Key Stage 2 children. We will be receiving training in sensory circuits, attachment and trauma, selective mutism and Zones of Regulation.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email Ms Sanderson via the school office or sendco@embsay.n-yorks.sch.uk

Even if your own child does not have a neurodivergent brain, please take the time to learn and understand your children's friends. We celebrate neurodiversity at Embsay CE VC School!



Parent Forum – Wednesday 13th March

At Embsay Primary School, we value parental feedback and engagement with the provision and issues affecting SEND across the school. Given the recent changes in SEND Leadership this year, we also feel it is vital that we reach out to the wider school community, building new bridges and affording parents and carers the opportunity to meet staff and understand who is responsible for the SEND provision at Embsay.

As I am currently in the process of updating our school SEN Information Report, I would also very much appreciate your feedback and opinions on our current SEND provision and related topics, as well as give you the opportunity to ask questions relating to SEND provision that you may have.

To do this, I have organised a SEND Parent Forum on Wednesday 13th March at 9am – following school drop off. This will give you the opportunity to ask those questions and provide feedback on our SEND Provision. I would like to add that this is regarding general provision and is not an opportunity for direct questions relating to your child's provision. If you would like to discuss your own child, we can organise an individual meeting to do so.

I appreciate not everyone will be able to attend at that time, however I have created a Microsoft Forms link which will allow you to submit your questions and comments, detailing whether you will be able to attend or not:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SByT4P0mWE>



A summary and feedback of the Parent Forum will be created after the meeting, so you are able to see responses to your questions and feedback and understand how we have addressed those items.

In the interim, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Kindest Regards,
Julia Sanderson (SENDCo)

Comic Relief

For Comic Relief the children will be selling cakes and buns on the playground at the end of the school day (Friday 15th March).

They would really appreciate donations of buns to sell! Please bring into school on the morning of the 15th March)

If you would like to buy a bun from the children you can make payment directly to Comic Relief here. [Comic Relief 2024 \(parentpay.com\)](https://www.comicrelief.org/parentpay)



World Book Day: Thursday 7th March — Cosy Up With A Book

This year the theme of World Book Day is "Read Your Way". We are inviting children and staff to come to school dressed in their pyjamas or comfy clothes and bring in their favourite book. Throughout the day the children will be able to share their books with classmates and children in other year group. Reverend Marion will also be visiting each class to share her favourite book and spend some time with each year group. Other activities will include a Live Book Day webinar, footy and book quiz and other book related class activities. Each child will bring home a £1 book token which can be used to get one of 12 new £1 books for free or get £1 off a full-price book, with bookshops and major supermarkets taking part.



Parent / Carer Consultations

Monday 18th March & Wednesday 20th March

This half term we will be holding parent and carer consultations in school. We will send out details for booking slots in the coming weeks. Please be aware it is difficult for teachers to accommodate slots outside of these times due to their teaching and training commitments before and after school. If you are unable to attend at the allocated times you will be offered a telephone call with your child's teacher. Thank you for your support and co-operation with this.

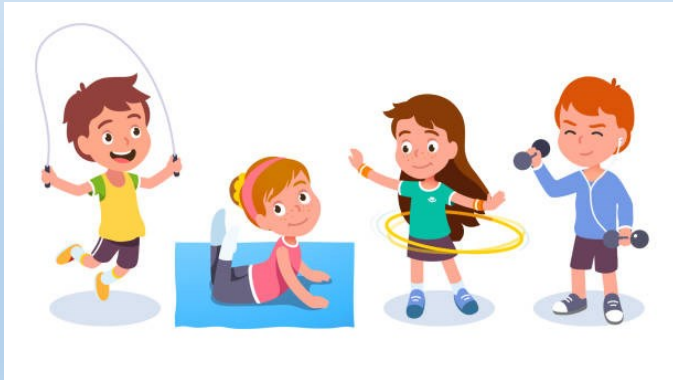
Parents and carers of children with an IEP will be offered a double appointment or alternative appointment on a different day. This is to allow time to talk through targets on the plan.

A yellow sticky note with a white border, featuring the handwritten text: 'Don't forget parents' evening!' in black ink.

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Year One PE

Year 1 PE day will change from a Thursday to a **Monday** starting next week 26.2.24. Please can the children come in PE kit each Monday and Friday.

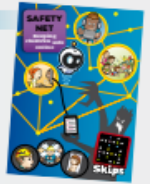
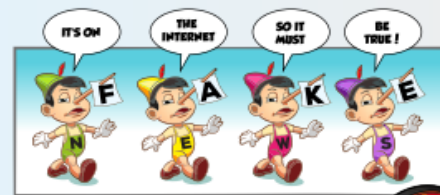


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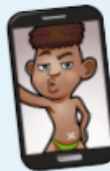
Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Fake News



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online.



Don't believe everything you see online!

Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Communication from NYCC

We have been asked to share the following:

The Council have commissioned a consultation on proposed changes to the Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

The necessary information can be found here on the Council's website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation>, together with an online survey form for your responses to the consultation and details of engagement events that will be held during the course of the consultation period.

The consultation closing date is **Friday 12th April**.



**NORTH
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Spring Term 2024

There will be other dates that will be added to the diary as the term progresses, please keep an eye on emails and Newsletters.

Monday 19th February—First Day of Spring 2 half term

Tuesday 20th February—Swimming Starts—Year 3

Thursday 29th February—Year 2 Open Classroom—2.40pm

Thursday 29th February—PTA meeting—Elm Tree—7pm

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day—Children are invited to bring their favourite book into school and come to school in pyjamas for our "cosy up with a book" - more details to follow

Monday 11th March—Reception Open Classroom—2.40pm

Tuesday 12th March—Year 4 Open Classroom—2.40pm

Wednesday 13th March—Y5 Open Classroom—2.40pm

Wednesday 13th March—Y6 Grow A Pound Open Classroom—3.20pm

Thursday 14th March—Crucial Crew—Y6

Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day—Non Uniform—Wear an item of red

Friday 15th March—Y3/Y4—Sports Trilogy—Sandylands

Friday 15th March – Easter Eggstravaganza (PTA event)

Monday 18th March—Whole school Easter Service @ St Mary's Church— AM

Monday 18th March—Parent Consultations—3-7pm

Wednesday 20th March—Parent Consultations—3-7pm

Friday 22nd March—End of Spring Term

Friday 28th June – Summer Fayre (PTA event)



Stars of the Week...



Reception	<i>Respect Award — Florence E</i> <i>Achievement Award — Lilly R, Dominic</i>
Year 1	<i>Respect Award — Wilf H</i> <i>Achievement Award — Jesse A, Asha P</i>
Year 2	<i>Respect Award - Ava W</i> <i>Achievement Award — Sam R, Henry L</i>
Year 3	<i>Respect Award — Layla D</i> <i>Achievement Award — George C</i>
Year 4	<i>Respect Award — Leo</i> <i>Achievement Award — Ava / Hugo G</i>
Year 5	<i>Respect Award — Alex G</i> <i>Achievement Award — Cameron / Reuben</i>
Year 6	<i>Respect Award — Imogen</i> <i>Achievement Award — Aleena, Theo</i>

Extra Curricular Clubs this week

Monday	
Tuesday	Taekwondo—3.20– 4.20pm
Wednesday	Coding Club—3.20-4.30pm
Thursday	Kanga KS1 —3.20-4.20



Our end of half term newsletter will be
Friday 22nd March 2024



Embsey Cricket Club

Welcomes New Junior Cricketers
For School Years 5 to 8 (inclusive)

Weekly Training Starts

Monday 26th February to 29th April

6.30 - 7.30pm at Ermysted's Grammar School

No kit required - just wear sports clothes
and bring a drink!

Come along or, for more information, contact:

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