

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents,

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday that there may be a potential opening of schools to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from 1st June, I want to start this week's newsletter by reassuring you that we are working closely with the City of York Council to see what this will look like in practice. We have a meeting for Headteachers tomorrow and I may find out more details then, but for now, nothing has changed and we are still working with Fishergate and St. Oswald's to provide care for vulnerable children and the children of key workers on the St. Oswald's site. Once the government has issued further details, we will be able to firm up our plans and let you know how we will proceed with opening our school in line with the guidance.

All three classes have held 'Zoom' sessions now and it was a very strange experience for me to join in with the Rowan one from the staff room at St Oswald's! It was lovely to see everyone's smiles and I know that is one thing we are all missing. On one of the sunny days on our long weekend I could hear giggling from the children who live next door to me and I suddenly realised that this is what I am missing – hearing the joy and laughter of our children (and teachers) in school. I realise Zoom has had a few technical issues but please persevere with it and let's hope we all get better at using it in the days and weeks to come.

In the meantime, please keep sharing your child's work and experiences on Seesaw and I will update social media with snippets of what is going on. You are all working very hard at home and for this we are all very grateful.

Reception New Starters

Many thanks to those who have sent in their memories of their first day at our school, for our New Starters video. We need more from children and parents, so please send in your contribution to the school email address or Seesaw. It would be good to capture the 'family' feel of our school as this is a real strength and something prospective families always comment on when they come for guided tours.

Contact with school

Please remember, the admin team and I can be contacted on the school email address and both this and the school telephone answer machine will be monitored daily on weekdays, even though our school site is closed. The teachers and I can also be messaged directly via Seesaw on weekdays, should you have any concerns. Don't forget to keep an eye on Twitter, Facebook and the school website for updates.

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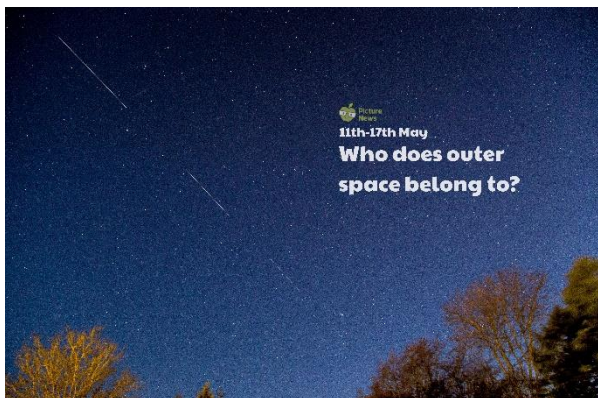
Picture News

Please find attached this week's 'Big Question' to discuss with your child, as we would usually do in Collective Worship. Here are this week's details:

Story: A new set of satellites will provide all corners of the world with internet access!

Question: Who does outer space belong to?

Virtual Assembly: Now live on the Picture News Vimeo channel!



Friday 22nd May 1-1.30pm – **Big Picture News Quiz**

The fun and interactive quiz will look at the recent Picture News stories! **You can take part in this at home with your family. To register, visit the events section of the Picture News website or follow this link:**

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yIPU2FZSRr2trPcQ-TQHUw

VE Day 75 Celebrations

I have already seen some photos of your VE Day 75 celebrations and it would be great to see some more and to put them on our website. Please send in photos of what you commemorated this special day, especially if you managed to visit the Queen, who made an appearance at The Blacksmith's Arms thanks to Anne Clark, our Vice Chair of Governors!



Keep safe everyone and a special mention to the Year 6 children who would have been starting their SATs today. I am aware this is a strange time for you and Miss Brett but look forward to seeing you all soon.

Brenda Christison, Headteacher