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Dear Parents/Carers,

A big thank you to everyone who has entered our shield design competition this week. We have had so many wonderful entries so it will be a very difficult decision to make. The overall winner for each house will receive a science lab kit and the runner up will receive a pack of art materials. We will also announce the house captains and vice captains on Monday. Well done to all who entered, the standard has been very impressive!

Harvest Festival

As part of our harvest festival this year, we are collecting donations for a local charity. We encourage families to contribute non-perishable food items or toiletries to support Ryedale Food Bank. Please could all donations be brought to classrooms on Monday 21st October or Tuesday 22nd October. Our harvest assemblies will take place on Wednesday 23rd October. Thank you for your generosity in helping make a positive impact in our community.

PTA Events

The PTA have been busy organising lots of social events and fundraisers this year. This term we have our AGM and quiz night as well as new events such as the film nights. I know these will be a popular event in school so more details to follow soon. As usual, we will also have our end of term bake sale and non-uniform day. I'm always impressed with the support you show at these events and your generosity is much appreciated.

Musical Evenings

As well as our usual key stage one nativity this year we are also planning a couple of musical opportunities for KS2 children to join in with. Our choir 'Amotherby Singing Stars' will perform a selection of songs from musicals and movies on Wednesday 6th November at 2.30pm in the school hall. We will also perform again at our evening performance 'Sparkle & Song' on Thursday 5th December at 6.30pm. This will be a chance to come along and enjoy a

mince pie and refreshments as you enjoy the choir, instrumental performances as well as Rock the School Bands. There will be no charge although tickets will be allocated so that we know how many people to expect on the night.

School Library

We have recently improved our school library by increasing the number of non-fiction books available to the children. We now have a full range of books to support our curriculum foundation subjects. We have also added to our stock of early chapter books for younger readers in Key Stage 2. A big thank you to The Amotherby Village Fund who kindly gave us £650 to buy new shelving and the PTA who donated £500 towards the new books. If anyone has any good quality fiction books for KS2 that they would like to donate to our library then we would be very grateful. No donations of picture books please as we have a lot of these in school. As you can see we also have a lovely storytelling arm chair too!



TT Rockstars

We are relaunching TT Rockstars in school and invite the children to dress as a Rockstar for the day! This will take place on Friday 18th October. We will start the day with a special maths themed assembly where we will launch the first Rockstar battle between our 4 houses. We will display the 'leader board' in the school hall so that children can see the results. We hope this will encourage the children to practice their times tables at home whilst having fun playing the game.

Parent Focus Group meeting - Tuesday 5th November at 2.15pm

This is a very informal meeting where I get a chance to seek the views of parents and chat through any of the issues or suggestions you may have about the school. Please come along and share your views. If you are interested then please let the school office know that you will attend the meeting.

Termly Dates

As you can see we have a very busy term ahead of us! All these dates are now on our new website calendar. This will be kept up to date with the latest events so please check if you are unsure of a date. Termly dates are also displayed on the notice board at the front of the school.

Event	Date
Family Learning Session 9am – 10.30am	Thursday 17 th October 9.00am – 10.30am
Artist in Residence (yr. 4 this term)	Thursday 10 th October /Thursday 24 th October
TT Rockstars - Dress like a Rockstar	Friday 18 th October
Harvest Festival Donations	Monday 21 st October/Tuesday 22 nd October
PTA Bake sale & Non-Uniform Day	Friday 25 th October
Half Term	
Parent Focus Group	Tuesday 5 th November at 2.15pm
Choir Showcase 'Movies & Magic'	Wednesday 6 th November at 2.30pm
PTA AGM & Quiz Night	Friday 8 th November
Odd Socks Day	Tuesday 12 th November
Parents Evenings	Wednesday 13 th November/Thursday 14 th November
Children in Need Day	Friday 15 th November
Flu Immunisation (whole school)	Monday 18 th November
PTA Xmas Film Nights	10 th December & 11 th December
Family Learning Session (Xmas Crafts)	Friday 13 th December at 2.15pm
Sparkle & Song: A Christmas Showcase	Thursday 5 th December at 6.30pm
EYFS & KS1 Xmas Nativity	Tuesday 10 th December at 2.15pm Wednesday 11 th December at 2.15pm
End of Term PTA Bake Sale & Non-Uniform Day	Friday 20 th December

Whole School Attendance

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Yours Sincerely,

Mrs L Brazier

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