



## NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

**“AT ALL SAINTS WE ALL FLOURISH AND ACHIEVE AS A CHILD OF GOD”**

On Tuesday it was World Autism Day. Lynn Westermann Holt, a representative from The Unity, visited school to talk to all the teachers and teaching assistants from both All Saints and North Rigton about Autism Awareness and how we can further support our autistic children. Lynn spoke at length about the difficulties that autistic children can encounter, when attending school, and had lots of ideas about how we can ensure that our school is as ‘Autism friendly’ as it can possibly be.

Some facts that Lynn shared:

- Autism is a lifelong, developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people and how they experience the world around them.
- There are around 700,000 autistic people in the UK – that’s more than 1 in 100.
- The Maori word for autism is ‘takiwatanga’ which means ‘in his/her own time and space’.
- Autism isn’t an illness. It’s a different way of being human. To help our autistic children we don’t need to change them or fix them. The best way to help a person with autism change for the better is to change ourselves – our attitudes, our behaviour and the types of support we provide.
- We are all different and that is what makes the world such an interesting and wonderful place.

With every blessing

Amber Andrews  
Headteacher

### **FORD CASTLE INFORMATION MEETING FOR YR5/6 PARENTS – TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 3PM**

There will be an information meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm for Year 5 and 6 parents about the upcoming trip to Ford Castle.

### **JUPITER CLASS EASTER PLAY – THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 9.30AM, ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Jupiter class will be performing their Easter play at 9.30am on Thursday 11th April in Church. All welcome.

### **PTA/FRIENDS EASTER EGG HUNT – THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Our PTA/Friends will be holding an Easter Egg hunt and games on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April after school. Please see the letter in your red folders for more details!

### **LAST DAY OF TERM – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Our last day of term will be a non-uniform day in return for a £1 donation to our PTA. School will finish for the Easter holidays at **2pm** on this day.

### **VILLAGE LITTER PICK – SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 10.30AM**

Do you and your children want to help us look after the village and the local wildlife?

**Please join the Village Litter Pick On Sunday 28th April 2019 from 10.30am onwards.**

All luminous tabards, litter pickers and bin bags will be provided. Please bring your own gloves. Please give half an hour of your time to help Kirkby Overblow village tidy up the hedgerows. Please text us to let us know you are coming and how many people will be with you and we will meet outside school. Call Ruth Denwood on 07887 935206 or Kerry Pickard on 07876 525589

Thank you

### **SUPPORT THE GANG SHOW**

A number of children in school are taking part in the Gang Show with the Guides, Brownies and Scouts. This is a great show full of singing, dancing and comedy sketches and is at the Royal hall on **Friday 5th April and Saturday 6th April at 7.15pm and Saturday matinee at 2pm.** Tickets are available at Harrogate Theatre [www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk) Tel. 01423 502116 – come along if you can, it is always a great performance!

### **MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Peta Kendall emailed out a letter yesterday about the various musical opportunities available for your children and just wanted to remind parents to please register any interest via her email (included in the letter) ASAP.