



Cowling Community
Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 2nd October



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see some of our youngest pupils so busily engaged in Class 1 this afternoon (see photos below). It is a huge step for children starting school and our Reception pupils have adapted brilliantly to school life — it's like they have always been with us!

Next week is libraries week and North Yorkshire libraries are running a Super Hero competition which sounds great fun. They are asking children to produce super hero models and send them into Cross Hills library to create a display. This is a great opportunity for our talented artists to show their skills. You can find model making inspiration by clicking here <https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/what-makes-a-hero-super> Good luck!

Google Classroom update: Your child's teacher will be setting a class homework task for the children next week which we would like all the children to do if possible. Do not worry if you have already told us you cannot access Google Classroom, but if you can, then please log in and have a go. The task should appear in your child's Google Classroom next week. Thank you for your support as we all learn how to navigate virtual classrooms!

Like me, I am sure you are aware of the local lockdowns being introduced in different parts of the country. Should your child have to self-isolate, or we find ourselves once again in a lockdown situation, then Google Classroom will be our means of delivering remote education—not our school website which we used during the Spring lockdown. Our website served us well during this period but Google offers more and teachers are becoming increasingly impressed with what it offers. Mr James Hoyle, of Skipton Girls High School, spoke to me today about how technology can be used effectively to support teaching in both the real classroom as well as a means to provide remote learning. It does seem as if we are at a turning point in primary education where we are finding new ways of teaching. I would imagine many schools will never return to the way things have always been done before because there are now so much more efficient ways of managing resources in terms of managing spellings, handing in homework etc. Of course, absolutely nothing beats having a great teacher in front of a class of eager children and it is so lovely to have our school alive with our pupils voices once again.

With best wishes,

Susan Marshall
(Headteacher)



An Alternative Outward Bound Experience



**THE
OUTWARD
BOUND TRUST**

It was disappointing, but perhaps not surprising, this week to receive the news that the Outward Bound Trust has had to cancel our Y5/6 visit to Ullswater in March. I know the children will be very disappointed but hope you can understand why they have had to take this decision. Of course, any money paid towards the trip will be reimbursed.

We do believe the Outward Bound team offer children high quality outdoor learning and the opportunity to discover they can achieve so much more than they may have ever imagined. Although we cannot go to the Outward Bound Centre, we are hoping to bring an alternative Outward Bound experience to Cowling. We hope to plan a week of experiences, led by both our staff and visits to school by the Outward Bound instructors, where we will take our learning outside and replicate some of the experiences we would have had in the Lake District. We are fortunate in that we do live in a beautiful part of the world, and while this will not provide the overnight experience, we will aim to make the most of the landscape around us to deliver a really memorable week for the children. The date for these activities will be set later in the academic year.

Please see the message below from Nick Barrett, Chief Executive of the Outward Bound Trust:

It is with much regret that I must let you know that at Outward Bound we have taken the tough decision to decide now that we will not be able to offer residentials during January to the end of March. We have been following the national guidance continually and have been reviewing the possible further changes which might happen, including the DfE continuing to recommend no overnight residentials.

With current guidance in Scotland, England and Wales advising schools not to run residential programmes during the autumn, and with no clear advice on when this will be updated, or what it will say, we've made this decision now in order to give you and us some certainty around your planning for the new year. Should this guidance change and allow residentials to resume, we will review our decision. I am once again so very sorry we have had to take this decision and remain committed to working with you at one of our centres as soon as possible.

Pupils of the week awarded for super phonics, reading skills, attitude to learning, writing across the curriculum, handwriting, contribution to class discussion, effort and Maths.

Class 1: Hayden Robinson and Elsie Matthews.

Class 2: Riley Lister and Cole Wright.

Class 3: Sam Garlick and Jack Garlick.

Class 4: Phoebe Bairstow and Freddie Hay.

Class 5: Charlie Brear and Scarlett Garth



South Craven Transition 2021

South Craven school has placed a video and prospectus for prospective families to view online. The school is unable to hold the normal Open Evening to Y6 students and families due to Coronavirus restrictions. Please click the links below:

<https://youtu.be/0YWwwu4-Lk8> -Video
www.southcraven.org/prospectus Prospectus

If any parents wish to contact South Craven for more information please email [transi-
tion@southcraven.org](mailto:transition@southcraven.org)



Our Breakfast and After School Club runs every day at Cowling School. To book your child's place please register on the PALS website <https://pals.schoolipal.co.uk> which will allow you to book your sessions.

