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Headteacher's news:

Monday provided us with some challenges as the heavy snow caused disruption to the morning commute. It impacted on many of the teachers and staff but we all made it in and by mid to late morning we were up to full capacity. The children were all very excited as they came into school and in my extended assembly we looked at the weather forecast and the imminent thaw that was about to begin. The snow melted quite rapidly which led to some leakage into our PE cupboard and we had to spend a few hours collecting and pushing water out. The problem has now been resolved and I am thankful to Pinnacle staff for their efforts. It is unusual for schools to close and where possible we will make every effort to remain open. If we do ever close or need to have a later start then we will alert you by text but you can also check on LEEDS.GOV.UK - a website that is constantly updated on occasions like these.

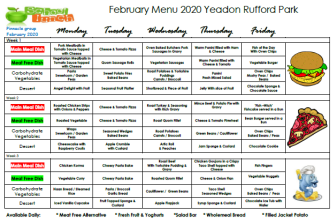
Attendance was good on Monday - given the circumstances - and it has been good this week too. This is timely as we introduced a new trophy in assembly this afternoon which will be awarded to the class with the highest attendance on a weekly basis. As a school we are monitoring attendance closely and your ongoing support with this is appreciated.
Have a good weekend.

COVID-19 We received advice from Public Health England about Coronavirus earlier in the week which prompted a text from us as well as a short letter. There is information / guidance for the public as well as advice for educational settings which you are strongly encouraged to read. You might want to discuss this with your child. I will be raising further awareness amongst the pupils (sensitively and at an age appropriate level) on Monday and we will be following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' moto we give to stop the spread of germs for all types of colds, bugs and flus.

This week in assembly we discussed Lent and how this is an important time for Christians in the 6 weeks preceding Easter. We discussed Shrove Tuesday (although the children definitely had a different name for this day) as well as Ash Wednesday as part of the assembly.

New Lunchtime Menu

The new lunchtime menu started this week. If you haven't had a chance to look at it, you can do so by going on the website or clicking here.



Mini Eco Egg Incubator

Something Eggciting* happened in Nursery earlier this week as they took receipt of an incubator and 7 eggs. The eggs will stay in their home until hatching which we Eggspect* to be in 3 weeks time.

*Apologies in advance for the poor humour used in this piece of news.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WORLD BOOK DAY:
THURS 5th MARCH
Author visits:
Mon 2nd March: Nursery, Reception and Y1
Tues 3rd March: Y2 - Y6

Y4 PARENTS' MEETING:
MON 2nd MARCH 6pm in Y3/4 Cedar
This meeting is regarding the Nell Bank Residential and the Multiplication Tables Check assessment.

TEACHER TRAINING DAY:
FRI 13th MARCH
We will be using this time to review the History, Geography and Science curriculum.