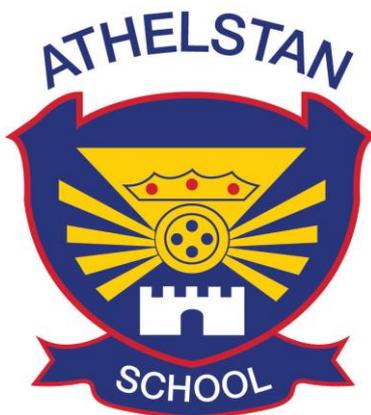


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## Newsletter Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

### School Council

Mrs Hutton has been working very hard with the School Council who raised with her the issue of what is sold for snack at playtimes to KS1 & KS2 over the last few weeks we have been trailing various options, this week and next week we have had melon slices 25p and cups of strawberries 25p as well as the normal apples at 20p (full) 10p(half). We hope that the work of the school council and the school's drive to listen to our children is improving the choices available for them on a break time.

### Mandarin Lessons from China

Y4/5 has had an exciting Friday morning working with a tutor in China, via live video conferencing. The children were enthralled by pictures of life in China and they all learned how to greet someone politely using their name in mandarin. Everyone is looking forward to next Friday for lesson 2.

"It was amazing to see China...now I've seen it I want to go."

"It was an amazing experience." "It was amazing to be in contact with someone half way around the world."

This programme is part of a British Council programme the school has signed up to.

### Events for next week

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June Mrs Whitehead is taking 26 KS1 children to an athletics Multi skills event at Tadcaster Grammar School. The children will be taking part in a series of activities led by the sports leaders from Tadcaster Grammar School.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June we will be taking part in the Yorkshire Schools Cycle Relay.

### Event Details

Children and young people from 95 schools across Yorkshire will be taking part in a cycling relay starting on 12th June 2017 to celebrate national Bike Week. The baton will travel 395km (245 miles) from the start in Sheffield to its final destination in Leeds on Tuesday 27th June 2017.

A baton will be passed by school children and young people from school to school and Local Authority to Local Authority along a pre-planned route across Yorkshire. In addition, there will be a variety of events planned at some of the schools taking part in the relay along the route and at historic locations.

The event starts in Sheffield and passes through Barnsley, Wakefield, Doncaster, East Riding, York, North Yorkshire, Leeds, Bradford and Calderdale before ultimately finishing in Leeds with a celebration event.

Miss Middlebrook/Mrs Barton's, Ms Burrough's, Mrs Hayton's and Miss Pugh's classes will be representing our school when the baton arrives at Athelstan.

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Miss Middlebrook/Mrs Barton's class and Ms Burrough's class will be taking part in a pro ride cycle work shop with the pro ride cyclist Phil Bateman. The children will need to bring a bike/scooter/balance bike to school on the day and helmet. The bikes will be stored in a coned area outside Mrs Hayton's classroom by the portakabin. Mrs Sampson will be there on the day to check the bikes in.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Mrs Hayton and Miss Pugh's class will be having the same workshop and will need to bring their bikes/scooters/balance bikes to school and they will need to be left outside Mrs Hayton's portakabin in the coned area. Mrs Sampson will check your child's bike in.

### **Y5/6 production Macbeth**

Tickets have already been sent out for the Wednesday and Thursday productions.

### **Friends Association**

The Friends would like to say a big thank you for all the support for the summer fair they raised £649.

The Friends have generously supported the end of year treat for the Year Six children, who will be going bowling and for a celebratory meal at Pizza Hut. And would like to wish the Y6 and all the Y6 families who are leaving Athelstan this. year all the best for the future.

And finally Allister Christie won the June's Lotto number 48

Yours sincerely

Miss Karen O'Donnell