



Dates for your diary 2020

- 23rd October School closes for Half Term
- 2nd November School reopens
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th November -Yrs 5 & 6 Carlton Lodge Adventure Days
- 2nd and 4th November -'Skip to be Fit'
- 9th November FOS Virtual AGM at 7.30pm via Zoom
- 17th and 18th November
 Parent Consultations
- 10th December Virtual Reality Experience

Stone Age

The Yr 3 and Yr 4 Classes have been learning about the Stone Age this term. Class 3 have been building their own Stonehenge. Here are some pictures of them at work:-



Virtual Reality Experience

A big thank you to Friends of School who have funded a return of the Virtual Reality Experience for our KS2 children. This will take place on Thursday 10th December.





Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be held on the 17th and 18th November. These consultations will be held virtually.

We are going to be trialling a new system called 'schoolcloud'.

You will be able to sign up on line and you will receive an e-mail with details of how to log on and connect with your child's teacher. The system is web based so you will be able to access the meeting from any device with internet access. There is an information sheet attached detailing how to book an appointment. Appointments will be able to be booked from 9am on Thursday 22nd October until 4pm on Monday 9th November. If you have any problems making a booking please contact the school office.

Catch-Up Funding

The Government have provided us with a little extra funding to be able to support the children to catch up with the learning they missed during lockdown. We have decided to spend the money in the following ways:-

- To employ another teacher to team teach in Years 3 and 4 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to enable more focussed teaching in English and Maths
- To employ a TA four afternoons a week to do 1 to 1 and small group teaching to support identified children to catch up
- To buy Reading Plus for all Year 5 children to enable them to make quick progress with their reading
- To buy English and Spelling software to support staff and parents with this area of the curriculum.

Therefore after half-term Mr Stevenson will be working with the Year 3 children and Mrs Garthwaite will be working with the Year 4 children.





Lunchtimes

Please can I ask that you work with your child when choosing their school dinners. We have had a few upset children recently who have been ordered meals that they do not like and we have limited flexibility to swap meals around. Thank you.

Thirsk Community Library

The Thirsk Community Library opening times are:-

Monday 10am-1pm, 1.30-4.30pm, Tuesday 1.30-4.30pm, Wednesday - Closed, Thursday 10am-1pm, 1.30-4.30pm, Friday 10am-1pm, 1.30-4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am-1pm.

Mrs Ashworth, from the Library, will be contacting schools soon to introduce herself and tell us about events they are hoping to host. These will include a Christmas Reading Challenge which is being organised through North Yorkshire Libraries to encourage children to continue reading and support schools with this vital life skill.

Thirsk Community Library welcomes families and they look forward to seeing you.

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who brought bags of unwanted clothes and textiles to contribute towards the Bag2School collection. We are pleased to let you know that £184.80 was raised for the Friends of School.

Watch Found

A FitBit type watch has been handed in to the school office. Please contact us if you think it might be yours.





Half Term

Next week is half term holiday, I hope you all have a good break. The children have worked really hard this half term and we are really pleased with what they have achieved.

School will re-open on Monday 2nd November.

Years 5 and 6 will be having their Adventure Days at Carlton Lodge on the Monday to Wednesday of this week. Payment for these sessions is to be paid on ParentPay, before we break up for half-term, in order to enable your child to take part. Please note as this is not a voluntary contribution it will need to be paid for in full before your child is able to attend. Please ensure the children come to school prepared for taking part in the activities.

We will also be having 'Skip to be Fit' in school to do fitness workshops with the children, this first week back, so please make sure they have their PE Kits in school on the Monday and Wednesday as well as their normal PE lesson days.

Happy Halloween at Hambleton Grange

Please see attached poster with information about the Pumpkin Trail being organised at Hambleton Grange, there is a morning session between 10am and 12 noon and the afternoon session is between the hours of 2 and 4pm.

You are very welcome to take part at any time during these 2 sessions and there will be goodies at the end. The residents would love to see you all in your scariest spookiest outfits, although you can't enter the building they will be able to see you through the big windows.

More information can be found on the school website:www.carltonminiottacademy.org

Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments



Browse to https://carltonminiott.schoolcloud.co.uk/



Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the Log In button.

A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.



Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click I'm unable to attend.



Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.



Step 4: Choose Teachers

If you chose the automatic booking mode, drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.



Step 5a (Automatic): Book Appointments

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose Accept at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode (Step 5b).



Step 5b (Manual): Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

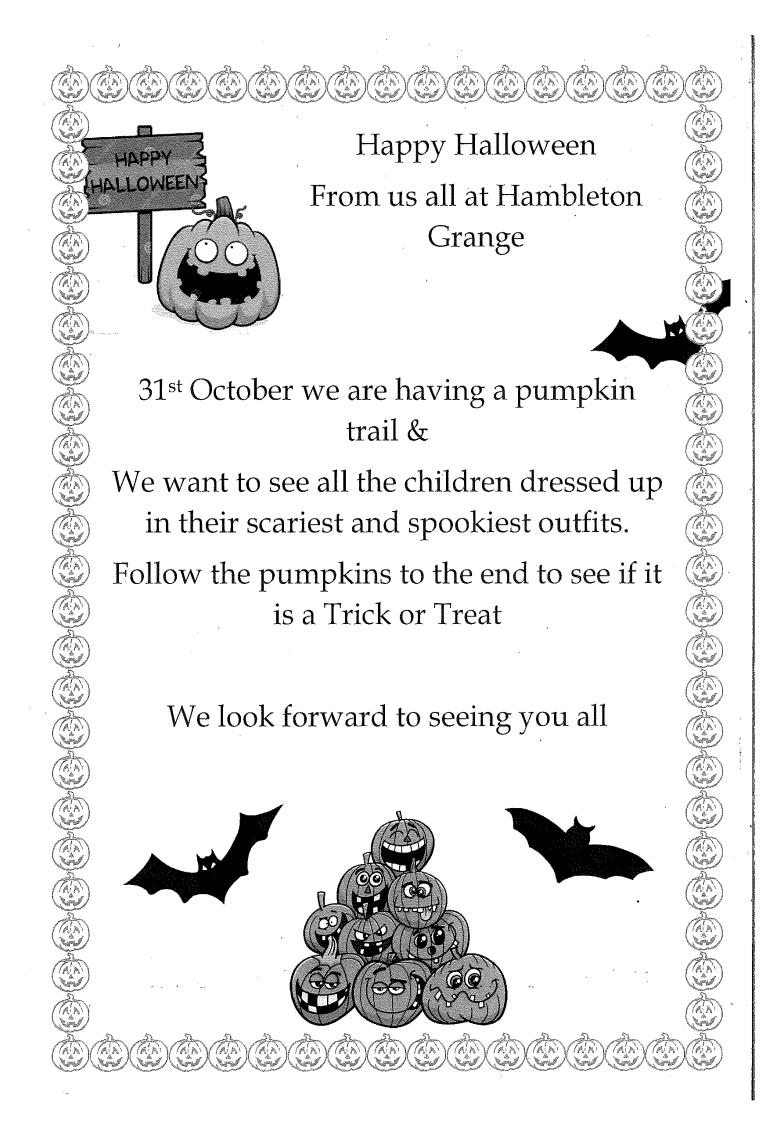
Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.



Step 6: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the My Bookings page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on Amend Bookings.





Is Your Son or Daughter Looking To Take Their First Steps Into Football?

York City FC Foundation In Partnership with Thirsk Falcons Are Running Sessions Designed To Help Develop Girls & Boys Aged 4+ To Learn, Develop & Adapt Football Skills In A Safe Fun & Secure Environment. Sessions Allow All Young People To Discover The Beautiful Game, Meet New People & Play A Sport Loved By So Many.

Boys Only Fledglings Sessions

Day - Thursday 5th Nov - Thursday 10th December Time - 5:30 - 6:15pm Age - 4 to 7 Years Old Venue - Queen Marys School Cost - £24 (6 Weeks) Booking Available On The Below Link: https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/thirsk -falcons-fledglings-summer-4-7.html

Girls Only Wildcats Sessions

Day - Thursday 5th Nov - Thursday 10th December Time - 6:15 - 7pm Age - 5 to 12 Years Old Venue: Queen Marys School Cost - £24 (6 Weeks) Booking Available On The Below Link: https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/thirsk-

falcons-wildcats-summer-5-11.html