

# Weetwood Primary School

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FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY

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## School News

Dear Parents / Carers,

Belated Happy New Year. We have had a very calm and settled start to the new term and it has been pleasing to see the children embrace their new topics and demonstrate a thirst for learning. As ever with school, there will be some amazing opportunities and activities on offer to the children this term. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will watch an Opera North production of Green Eggs and Ham in March, Year 4 have their residential to Lineham Farm in March, the PTA have organised a Lego technology workshop for the school and Key Stage 2 will be polishing up their Beatboxing skills next week! I shall keep you posted with an update on events over the next few weeks.

## School Council - Zarach

On Wednesday afternoon, the school council met with a local charity called Zarach. Zarach work to provide children with bed bundles, food and clothing when it is needed. In collaboration with Zarach and the School Council, we are going to have a pyjama day on Friday 14th February. More details will follow.



## Drama Workshops

Year 5 and 6 have begun a series of drama lessons with Pavla Beier to explore the themes of 'Greenling' by Levi Pinfold. The story centres around a couple who find a 'greenling' on their land. But why is it there? Who left it? We reenacted a scene from the story where Mrs. Barleycorn dreams of what the greenling will become. We will write a balanced argument showing the differing viewpoints of this interesting couple.



## Inclement Weather

### **In preparation for any adverse weather:**

It will always be my intention to keep the school open, albeit we will have a delayed start to the day. If such a day occurs, school will open at 10.00. This is to allow members of staff additional time to get to school and to ensure that the playground is safe to use.

On such days, I shall post a message on Class Dojo and use the school's text message system to contact you on your mobile phones at the earliest opportunity. I will then contact Leeds City Council so that the information appears on their website. If you have changed your number recently, please could you come to the office so that we can update your records.

WOOSC will open at the normal opening time of 7.30.

## Key Stage 2 Cross Country

### GSAL Cross Country

12 children and their parents had an early and windy start on Saturday for the GSAL Cross Country Races. Unusually races were mixed at this event and distances were longer - nearly 2K for Y3/4 and nearly 2.5K for Y5 and 6. We had 2 teams in the Y3/4 race and our top team placed 5th out of at least 10 teams. Our best results came from Eifur in a fantastic 10th and Zoe in 28th (8th girl back) in the Y3/4 race. Well done to all the children who took part and especially Irina and Sariyah who braved the long Y5 race to finish 31st and 33rd. All the children finished the course.



The next race open to all who want to take part is the Richmond House Cross Country on the 29th February (Sat morning). This will be open to Years 1 to 6. Please look out for letters and information on Dojo if your child is interested.

## Year 1 - Leeds Rhinos Foundation

This term, Year 1 children are developing their rugby skills with Luke from the Leeds Rhinos Federation on a Friday morning. They have learnt how to handle a rugby ball correctly and how to run with it. They will be developing their passing skills and playing short games of 'tag rugby' All the children are thoroughly enjoying the sessions and join in with great enthusiasm.



## Diary Dates:

Tuesday 21st January - PTA Meeting@7.30 in the school staffroom.

Tuesday 28th January - KS2 Beatboxing sessions

Monday 10th - 12th February - Year 4 residential to Lineham Farm

Friday 14th February - Zarach pyjama day

