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## Dates for your diary:

### January

13 - School Bank  
19 - Parents' Forum [7-9]  
23 - Maths Week  
24 - Maths Workshop [7-9]  
27 - School Bank  
27 - Maths Open Day

### February

13 - Half Term

### March

12-16 - National Science and Engineering Week  
[*Our World in Motion*]  
13-16 - Y5 in York  
29 - Parents' Evening

### April

2 / 3 - Y4 Performance  
5 - Coffee Morning  
5 - Term Ends  
23 - INSET Day  
[Subject TBC]  
24 - Children return to school  
30 - New Curricular Targets shared

### May

3 - INSET Day [Subject TBC]/ Polling  
4 - Coffee Morning  
24 - Parents' Forum [7-8pm]

### June

1 - Coffee Morning [Y6]  
4-8 - Half Term  
11-15 - Y6 at Red Ridge  
28 - New Intake Evening [7-8pm]  
30 - Summer Fair [12.30-3.30pm]

### July

12 - Open Evening  
19 - School Olympics [Sports Day!]  
25 - School Year Ends

Happy New Year, *i Feliz Año Nuevo!*, and welcome back to a new term! I hope that you all had a good Festive season and that 2012 brings you all that you need and most of what you want.

It promises to be another exciting year in school, with new staff, new projects and some exciting events. I am really pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Afzal, Y4, and Miss Smith, Y3, to the school officially. I am sure that they will both bring much to their classes and the school as a whole over the coming months and that they will receive the usual support from our fantastic community.

You will no doubt have noticed from our diary dates, *left*, the notices about a Maths Week and a Science and Engineering week in school this term. We are also going to add to those an Olympic celebrations fortnight, probably in June to coincide with national events, to mark this momentous year in British history as we prepare to host the summer games.

In all three special events we will be inviting yourselves into school to take part in and contribute to the children's learning. Mr Hyde is sending out a letter outlining Maths Week alongside this newsletter, but in essence two events in the week are critical to you. Firstly we are hosting a parents' workshop that looks at how we teach and develop the four rules of number in school and secondly an Open Day where we hope that you can join us for some maths investigations in and around the school with your children. Given the national perceptions about gender and maths, we are hoping especially that mom's will join us to work alongside their sons and daughters.

Finally can I congratulate Miss Jeffries and 16 of our pupils who are about to have their work published in a national anthology of children's poetry. Miss Jeffries organized and collated the event in school. The names of those children successful are on the back, but we would also like to congratulate and thank all of the children who entered. We are extremely proud of all 40 of you!

Have a good weekend!

Mark

## Academic Year 2012-2013

### Autumn Term 2012



Term Starts Monday 3rd September 2012  
Half Term Monday 29th October 2012- Friday 2nd November 2012  
Term Ends Wednesday 19th December 2012

### Spring Term 2013



Term Starts Thursday 3rd January 2013  
Half Term Monday 18th February 2013- Friday 22nd February 2013  
Term Ends Wednesday 27th March 2013

### Summer Term 2013



Term Starts Monday 15th April 2013  
Half Term Monday 27th May 2013- Friday 31st May 2013  
Term Ends Wednesday 24th July 2013

**3 September 2012      Inset day to be confirmed**

**3 January 2013 Inset day to be confirmed**

## Our published poets!

Ana Grana; Rebecca Xia; Anna Farwah; Shannon Kernick; Jaedon Khan;  
Reiss Mooney ; Lauren Stevenson; Han Kang; Gabrielle Homer; Evie Hartwell;  
Molly Leitch; Oscar Whitehouse; Megan Stanners; Sarah Russell; Aisha Reza;  
Jagvi Patel

## Eco News

We are committing ourselves to making our school more sustainable and are starting with targeting the people who can make the most impact- our school family! When we realised the amount of money per child we were wasting with the excess energy that we use, the Eco committee were called in to save the day! If we could reduce our usage, we could save our school money and help the environment in the process.

We have taken an active role in reducing the amount of energy we use. As well as working towards gaining our Eco award, we have focussed in on our energy consumption and are determined to make a difference.

The Eco committee decided that classroom lights, projectors and monitors were being left on far too much and although posters had been put up by last year's committee, people weren't taking as much notice as they should. The Eco team set to work and came up with a plan. Each classroom will gain points for turning off the electrical equipment that is not needed when there is no one in the room. The committee act as monitors. There is an eco board in the school hall and each week the classes can see how they are doing and who is in the lead. Even the teachers want to be the most Eco friendly class as there is a prize at the end of term! One teacher has been heard saying that she thinks twice before she leaves lights on in her own home - proof that we really are making a difference!