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Happy Valentine's day! Hard to believe it is Spring Half Term already. It has been a varied and busy week at Melbourne. Class 2 and Class 3 welcomed a visitor from Askham Bryan Wildlife Outreach on Wednesday as part of their Mini Beast topic. The pupils handled a range of stick insects and other creepy crawlies. ☺

Today we have spotted a multitude of 'Wallys' around school celebrating our library launch. As the library is now official we look forward to the children getting a great deal of inspiration and use out of the resource in the future.

Staffing

As reported in last weeks' newsletter, Mrs Charlton leaves Melbourne School on Tuesday 5th March. Due to this vacancy we have decided to advertise for an **Office Manager** to start as soon as possible. This role is currently advertised on York City Council website <https://jobs.york.gov.uk> and on Recruit Eastriding <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk>. All applications should be done through these sites however, if anyone has any questions about the role or would like more information, please contact Mrs Charlton or Mrs Fielding.

Cleaner/Caretaker – we are also advertising for a cleaner/caretaker on the sites above. This role will be paid at point 11 (£17,007) - point 14 (£17,681) pro rata term time only plus 5 days - depending on experience. It will be a 20hr week working 3pm – 7pm. Any enquires to the office.

Shoes etc

Please can we ask that children bring spare shoes/wellies for outside at playtimes and lunchtimes. We are always keen to get pupils outside on the field as much as possible but conditions at the moment are quickly turning muddy so wellies are a good idea, if possible. An old pair of jogging bottoms/tops may also be brought in for Afterschool Club to keep school uniform clean.

Holiday Club

Please can we make you aware that Holiday Club is full tomorrow (15th) but spaces remain on 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st. If your child/ren are attending, please ensure you arrive for a prompt start at 10am. Please be aware that children will not be accepted into club without payment having been made in full. Bookings can be taken on the day (not Friday) – just make sure you arrive for 10am when the fun will begin. Please can we ask that children are picked up promptly at 3pm. All enquiries to lwelch@mcps.

Fish Friends

Our fishy friends in Reception have been well looked after by Mrs Fairy and the Friends of School over the past few years. As Mrs Fairy will have no reason to come back to Melbourne in the Summer ☺, we are looking for a willing volunteer to step into her shoes. It really is not too onerous a job and Mrs Fairy will give training if required. We would love to hear from anyone who has an interest in tropical fish and could give up maybe an hour a term to help us maintain this resource. The fish tank is a fantastic attraction in the office and is always a focal point of for all visitors, so we would love to be able to keep it. If you think you can help please let the office know as soon as possible.

Quiz night for Guides

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Guide Charity Quiz Night. As a result of your enthusiasm and generosity they raised an amazing £1120. Keep your eye out for information about next year's quiz! A couple of wine glasses were left after the quiz - please let the office know if they are yours and they can be reunited with their owners!

Red Nose Day

We will, once again, be selling red noses this year for Comic Relief from 4th March. They are all ready to go in their little packages and will no doubt cause great excitement! Please can we make you aware that the recommended price this year for a nose is **£1.25** – so please make sure your child brings in the correct money. We would prefer that every child only buy

1 nose in order to give all the children an opportunity to get one. All the money raised on the day will go directly to Comic Relief.

Meals

All our dishes are homemade. Fresh fruit and yoghurt are available every day. Vegetarians and all children with special dietary requirements will be catered for. If your child is having the sandwich options during the week please let us know at the office and we will be able to supply you with the information you require. School dinners are priced at £2.40.

School dinner menu - week commencing 25th February

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| Mon | Chicken Pie served with Creamed Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli
Vegetarian Country Vegetable Bake
Raspberry Mousse |
| Tues | Meat Feast Pizza served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
Vegetarian Margherita Pizza
Chocolate Crunch & Pink Custard |
| Weds | Roast Beef served with Yorkshire Pudding, Sweet Potato Mash, Cauliflower & Peas
Vegetarian Veggie Roast
Oaty Biscuit & Apple Wedges |
| Thurs | Chicken Pasta Bake served with Crusty Bread, Vegetable Medley & Summer Salad
Vegetarian Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake
Tutti Fruity Cake |
| Fri | Fish Fingers served with Chips &, Garden Peas,
Vegetarian Veggie Curry
Sultan Shortcake & Custard |

