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Mount Grace Federation

Over recent months, governors of Swainby and Potto, Osmotherley and Ingleby Arncliffe Primary Schools have been carefully considering how to secure the best possible educational deal for our children, and make our local village primary schools sustainable for the future.

The outcome of this work is a proposal, based on an exciting vision, to federate the three schools. We recognise that all communities involved will have lots of questions, and it's worth highlighting that a final decision has yet to be made. This is our proposed vision for the future, which we would like to share with parents, community members and other interested parties as part of a formal consultation process. Hopefully you had the chance to come along to the consultation meeting on the 18th March at East Harlsey. If not, you can still be part of this consultation by writing to the Chair of Governors of any of the schools. Simply dropping off your feedback in an envelope addressed to the Chair of Governors at any of the school offices will ensure your response is taken into consideration.

Below you will find our priorities and a few of the benefits we believe the federation will bring to our schools. A Mount Grace Presentation is available on the Osmotherley and Swainby and Potto School Websites for more information.

Our two key priorities for our schools are:

- to ensure the best possible educational deal for our children:
- to make our local village primary schools as viable and sustainable as possible.

Each school would keep its name, identity, values and ethos. Each school would, however, be part of a new entity offering increased opportunities and potential for all stakeholders. We believe that Mount Grace Federation will grow our three precious schools by meeting both our key priorities and by an extended pre-school provision and activity-based wrap-around care.

The benefits:

- best educational deal;
- larger cohorts of children will increase challenge and support;
- an increased social circle is beneficial for all children;
- shared projects and resources;
- wider staff expertise;
- larger staff group means that staff can focus on one subject leadership role;
- new opportunities for staff development, enhancing recruitment and retention;
- extending the already successful sports model at Swainby and Potto and Osmotherley to Ingleby Arncliffe;
- opportunities for pre-school/nursery provision on sites other than Osmotherley (we already work very closely with Osmotherley Pre-school);
- the distinctive Christian character of the two church schools will be enhanced through collaboration;
- increased wrap-around care provision (care before and after the usual school hours, with directed activities during this time – eg home work clubs, bush craft clubs).

David Sims, Headteacher

HEALTH WITH HAWTHORN

One-to-one support and exercise sessions in your own home.

Classes in the Quaker Meeting House from 7th April -

Matwork Tuesdays 8-9 pm

Moving Wisely Fridays 9.30-10.30 am

Contact me on 883668,
07718 315893,
healthwithhawthorn@gmail.com
Find me on Facebook: Health with Hawthorn

Parish Council

The Police report included one instance of antisocial behaviour as well as an attempted break-in to a livestock building. In addition the Police had recently stopped a vehicle on the A19 in relation to a drugs offence. A Community Speed Watch campaign is being put into operation across the County where residents with the necessary training will be able to monitor speeds and then forward the details which will be used to generate letters to offenders.

The National Park are to introduce changes to their tariffs for many aspects of planning including pre-planning advice as well as for applications. Plans discussed included internal alterations to Drovers House at Chequers, an application to replace a conservatory on South End and also the demolition of outbuildings at Woodlands Farm Thimbleby to be replaced by a new B&B unit - all were supported. The planning enforcement officer has visited to assess the condition of a house on the corner of South End, she also looked at the heat source pump at the rear of a property and which is visible from within the Churchyard.

Tenders are being received for works to refurbish the Toilets and also a Church Faculty is being prepared before work can start to repoint the Churchyard Wall, it is hoped that funding from other sources can be obtained to offset the costs involved in these major works.

Anyone wanting further nomination packs for the forthcoming Elections is now advised to obtain them from Stone Cross, it is advisable to ring in advance because these documents will be pre printed and can then be made ready for collection: closing date for returns is 9th April.

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Osmotherley Pre-School

Pre-school Fundraising Calendar Prize Winners

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wine at The Three Tuns** -
Tom Hatfield

**Meal for 4 at The Golden
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Janine Hartley

**Barker & Stonehouse
Photograph Frame** - Syd
Howlett

Basket of Vouchers - Cecil
Dennis

The Ossy Stomp is back this year – 16th May in aid of Osmotherley Primary School. The Stomp is a 4.5mile circular walk from Osmotherley Village Hall. Registration will be from 12.30pm and the walk will start at 1.30pm. Entry is £2.50 per person and for those who wish to raise extra funds then Sponsor Forms will be available from school or the Top Shop. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. Everyone is welcome so please bring your friends and family along to the great community event and help us raise some funds for our school.

Summer Games – Race Night Friday 8th May

Do you know your tote from your sure-thing or will you be an also-ran? Come along to the Osmotherley Summer Games Race Night on Friday 8th May in the Village Hall to find out. We have a fun evening planned with plenty of opportunities to sponsor horses, races etc. and to test your racing know-how. All proceeds go to Osmotherley Village Hall. Tickets - £10 each or Tables of 6 - £50 (includes wine, cheese and nibbles), available from TopShop or Clare Scott (883 373).

Summer Games Update – 4th July What is new/coming back this year: Craft Stalls in the Village Hall, Village Line Dancing display, return of the Welly Toss! Watch this space.....

Top Shop Meat -

Thompson Butchers
In stock, or order and
collect next day

Bread - Danby Bakery
Veg- JM&S Greengrocers

Brymor Ice cream
Local Yorkshire Honey
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**Laundry by Green Earth
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Tel-883251

Osmotherley Area Welcome Pack update

CALLING ALL RESIDENTS. The Welcome Pack (an action from the Parish Plan) is now 6+ years old and to date has been delivered to 70+ newcomers to the Osmotherley Area. We are in the process of updating the information contained on the Welcome Pack information sheets. If you have any relevant

information which you think should be included in the pack, please get in touch by Monday 13th April 2015. Updated sheets will then be distributed with the next copy of the Osmotherley Messenger. The information sheets can be accessed on the village website at: www.osmotherley.org.uk/Newsletter/WelcomePack.

In addition hard copies are available to view at the Top Shop & St Peter's Church.

If someone moves in near you, call or email one of us and a Welcome Pack will be delivered to the newcomer; or alternatively to you, to pass on to your new neighbour.

Angelina Hunter
afua.hunter@gmail.com
(883955), Fiona (883745), Janet (883182).



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CLASSES

Osmotherley Village Hall
Tuesday & Thursday 6-7pm
Thursdays 2-3pm
Friends Meeting House
24 Kirkgate Thirsk
Tuesdays 8 - 9pm
The Forum Northallerton
Tuesdays 12 - 1pm
Methodist Hall Northallerton
Wednesdays 6.15- 7.15pm
To book contact: Helen
Cameron 01609 883293,
07990784081
northyorkshireyoga@gmail.com

OSMOTHERLEY COMMUNITY TRUST COMMUNITY BUS.

This vehicle is available to ALL the community. Prior booking to James 883089 on a first come basis. Own driver allowed subject to correct licence (insurance included). Available for all social events: weddings, parties, sports clubs, shopping trips, airport/ferry runs, evenings out to local restaurants. Bus accommodates 16 plus driver. Costings and other information please telephone James 883089

THIS IS YOUR BUS PLEASE USE AND SUPPORT IT.

Community Coffee Morning - St Peter's Church Tues 14th April, 9-11.30am

On 14th April we will be supporting two good causes: 'Osmotherley Grasshoppers' and 'The John Paul Centre' in Middlesbrough. The Centre helps a range of vulnerable people including those who are homeless, ex-offenders, people in extreme poverty and refugees and asylum seekers. We do hope you can join us for coffee and cake (or tea if your prefer) — you will be assured of a

warm welcome.

Magnificent March:
Community Coffee Morning Raised £300 for Marie Curie Thank you to everyone who supported this event - the money raised is a record amount from any single Community Coffee Morning

The Winter Soup Lunches raised £850 towards the Community Bus Appeal. A cheque for £850 will be presented to Tim Swales on

behalf of the Osmotherley Community Trust, at the Community Coffee Morning on 14th April at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

The Community Bus will be 'on the road' taking a village group on a visit - leaving Osmotherley at 10 30am - on the morning of April 14th. If you are involved in the visit do join us for the presentation and enjoy a coffee before you set off!

Membership information, contact 883237, 883518, 883096, or email: osmotherleyfilm@yahoo.co.uk



Our current season continues to prove popular.

This month's film has been selected directly by our members, as part of our season's programme:

**Friday 17th April
THE LADY(2011)**

2hrs 12mins
12A - Drama Biography
The story of Aung San Suu Kyi as she becomes the core of Burma's democracy movement, and her

relationship with her husband, writer Michael Aris. Doors open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm.

Guests welcome (must be 16+ years of age): guest fee £5.00 For further information, see our website.

50s+ Club

First draw was on the 4th March.- £25 Lucky winner ... Di Foster
£12.50 Lucky Winner ... A Mawby. Next 2 draws Wednesday 1st April.



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Dates for your Diary

April

Wed 1st - 7:30pm - Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting followed by bingo.

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April - 7.30pm - St Peter's Church, Tenebrae Service

Good Friday 3rd April - 11.30am - St Peter's Church. Service/Stations of the Cross

Sunday 5th, 10.45am—St Peter's Church. Easter Service

Tues 7th - 7.30pm - Village Hall. Garden Club - Dwarf Bulbs throughout the Year.

Tues 14th - 9-11.30am - St Peter's Church. Community Coffee Morning.

Fri 17th - doors open 7.30pm - Village Hall. Osmotherley Film 'The Lady'.

Sunday 19th - 4-5 pm - Quakers Meeting House, Meeting for Worship (3pm poetry reading)

May

Wed 6th - 7:30pm - Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting followed by bingo.

Fri 8th - 12am - Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion gathering to celebrate 70th Anniversary of VE Day.

Fri 8th - Queen Catherine Hotel. Summer Games Race Night

Sat 16th - 12.30pm Registration -Village Hall. Osmotherley Stomp

Sat 23rd - 2.30 - 4.00pm Village Hall Garden Club Plant & Produce Sale

St Peter's Church

The Church's Annual

Meeting was held on Sunday
22nd March. At this meeting
the Parochial Church

Council and the

Churchwardens are

elected. David Owst who
has been Churchwarden for
many years retired from the
post. Everyone expressed
their warm thanks to him for
all his work but we are glad
to say we shall still benefit
from his help and counsel as
on Easter Sunday he will be
installed as a Recognised
Parish Assistant with a view
to developing the pastoral
work of the Church.

Meanwhile Daphne
Brown will remain as a single
handed Churchwarden and
all relevant enquiries should
be addressed to her (tel:
883341,
email janddbrown@btintern
et.com). She is looking for

some willing helpers to share
the duties and hopes to find a
second warden in time for
2016.

Next Sunday 29th March is
Palm Sunday when we will all
meet at the Market
Cross 10.45am for a short
service of Blessing the Palms
and then move to St Peter's
for the normal
Service. During Holy Week
there is a Tenebrae Service on
Maundy Thursday (2nd April)
at 7.30pm. After the service
the Chancel will be stripped
followed by an hour's
devotion. On Good Friday
3rd April at 11.30am there
will be a service including the
Stations of the Cross and
at 12.00 noon there will a
three hour devotion with
music and readings
interspersed. On
Easter Sunday we shall

celebrate the Risen Christ
and the Service will be
at 10.45am when a new
pascal candle will be lit. This
is a day of celebration and we
wish you all a Happy Easter.

The Archbishop of York
will be making the first
"Cleveland Matters" address
on Friday 25th April
at 7.30pm at St Barnabas'
Church, Linthorpe Road,
Middlesbrough. We are all
invited to this public event,
so we hope you can come
along.

Quakers: Tuesdays 6.30-
7.30 pm Meeting for Wor-
ship; Sunday 19th April
Meeting for Worship 4-5
pm preceded by poetry read-
ing at 3 pm with Carol
Rowntree Jones

The National Plant Monitoring Scheme

This government backed scheme is being delivered by a partnership comprising Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland; Centre for Ecology; Joint Nature Conservation Committee and Plantlife. It is the first of its kind and is asking for volunteers across the United Kingdom to visit a kilometre square local to them and record the plants they find there in several different plots.

If you would like to volunteer- visit the website www.npms.org.uk or contact
Katie Cameron Communications & Outreach Support Officer on 01722 342759