



# Bramhope Primary School

## Newsletter

**09 November 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In a week when we have been focusing on what it means to remember, it has been wonderful to see so many children not only supporting the Poppy appeal, but also starting to see and understand the impact of the past on the present, and the importance of being thankful. Everyone observed the two minute silence in school this morning, poems were shared with children in key stage two and I was very proud to accompany some of our year six school Ambassadors as they laid their handmade wreath near the Bramhope war memorial. Prior to the two minute silence, the whole of KS2 were fortunate enough to hear John Hodgetts speak. John is a representative from the Royal British Legion whose father was a soldier from Bramhope who served in WW1 and was lucky enough to return home. John has written a book about his father's experiences and rather than relaying facts about the war, he told us his Dad's story which gave us all a fascinating insight into the impact of war on everyday people. A huge thank you to John for taking the time to come and talk to the children and to Mrs Stewart who worked hard to ensure today was a special day in school. Mrs Stewart is our History and Geography coordinator; she is passionate about making these subjects meaningful for children and I know that many of our children have been talking about the centenary of WW1 at home.



I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in last week's Spooctacular Discos and especially to Steve Woodhead who planned the event, DJ'd throughout and helped clear away at the end. Thanks to him and our many volunteers, the Discos raised £1044, all of which will go to our next exciting outdoor project!

As you may be aware, I am currently considering several outdoor objects as our next PTA project, including the installation of a running track, creation of a netball court, refurbishment of KS1 playground and even a MUGA. The idea is to start with the running track but consider all options and it would be great to hear parent views before the final decision is made.

If you are interested in seeing proposed plans, asking more about costs or installation, suggesting alternatives or asking questions from our potential provider, please do come along to our meeting for parents from **2:00pm till 3:00pm on 20 November**. It is really important that parents have their say as to how their money should be spent and where our priorities lie and I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Have a lovely weekend

*Rachel Colbourn*

This week saw the start of our first ever '*Bramhope Spelling Bee*'. The children were very enthusiastic and all made a fantastic effort. Approximately 10 children from each year group, with representation from each house, have made it through to round 2 which will take place next week.

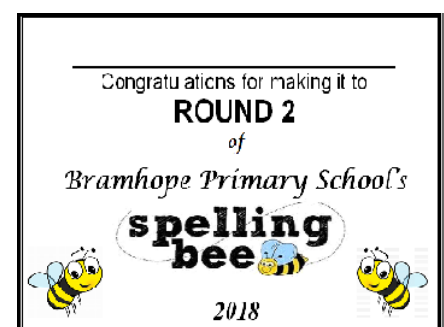
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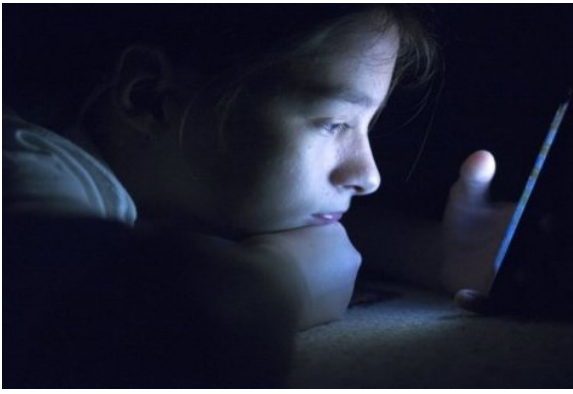
**Hepworth – 19 = 57pts**

**Burton – 21 = 63 pts**

**Wilberforce – 21 = 63pts**

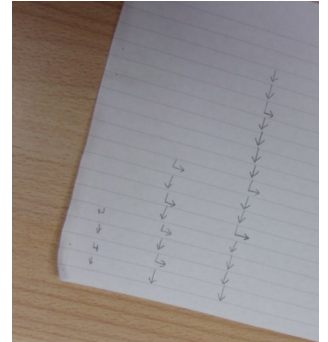
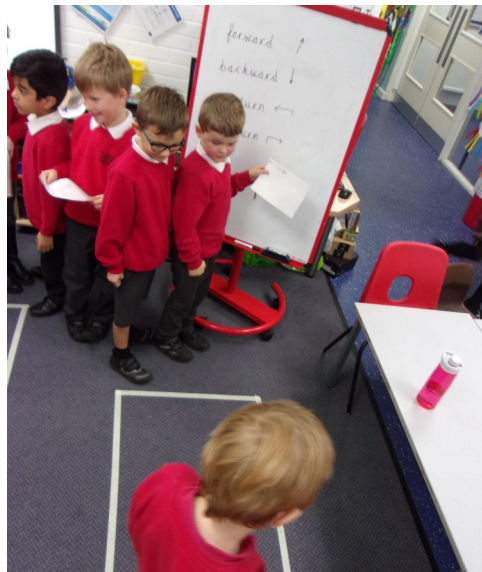
**Bronte – 22 = 66pts**





Over the next week, children will be learning about some of the dangers of online advertising and in app purchases. We would encourage you to talk to your children about some of the dangers and to discuss family rules relating to these areas. If you are interested in finding out more, the following website has helpful tips and advice. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

During ICT this half term KS1 are learning how to programme a 'Roamer' to follow a set of directional instructions. This week we practiced by directing a partner around a square and a rectangle on the floor. We had to think about which way to turn at each corner without falling off the shape! Year 2 wrote these commands as directions using the arrow symbols. Next week we will be ready to try out our new skills on the 'Roamer'!



### Year 5/6 Netball

Nine girls from Years 5 and 6 played a friendly fixture against Oatlands Junior School on Tuesday afternoon. Many of the Year 5 girls had never played competitively outside of school, however their playing skills were fantastic. 'The more experienced players gave their younger teammates helpful and supportive advice,' Isabelle Year 6.





First4Lawyers are running a nationwide competition for KS2 children to design a new Cycle Safety Helmet . They are aiming to help raise awareness about the importance of wearing a helmet when cycling, while having a little fun along the way. The competition is backed by Huddersfield University, Brake - The road safety charity & Lee White Design. Competition winners (one boy and one girl from each year group) will receive their helmet design 3D printed by the 3M Buckley Innovation Centre, part of Huddersfield University. But that's not all! Each winner will not only receive this amazing prize, but they will also receive a brand-new bike in time for Christmas, supplied by [First4Lawyers](#).

Enclosed is a link to an action pack which includes some guidance for talking about the importance of cycle safety and a template for children to use when designing their helmets.

Entries can either be posted to:

First4Lawyers – Cycle Safety Competition,  
Permanent House,  
Dundas Street,  
Huddersfield,  
West Yorkshire,  
HD1 2HE.



Alternatively, scanned images can be uploaded via the website at <https://cyclesafety.first4lawyers.com/submit-your-entry/> or packs can be downloaded here <https://cyclesafety.first4lawyers.com/>

Entries must be received by First4Lawyers no later than the **27 November**

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## Harrison Catering Services

It's great to be back at the start of this busy half term with the run up to Christmas fast approaching. We are really excited to inform you all that we have finally had our new, state of the art

Combination oven installed over half term. The benefit to the children will be that we can expand our repertoire of school meals and enhance the lunchtime experience for the children. To showcase some of the dishes we can now produce we will be offering some tasters on **Wednesday afternoon** at pick up in the lower school playground (weather permitting). So, if you're not sure about school meals, come along for a sample and sign up for a hot, healthy, nutritious school meal for your child this term.



This Wednesday Harrison Catering ran a "Chefs Adopt a School" bread making session with children in year 3/4.

The children learned about the different ingredients in bread, what yeast does and the different types of bread. They then had a go at making their very own loaf of bread from scratch... There were some interesting shapes and plaits made by the children. They then took their bread home to bake for tea!

# PTA NEWS

## Spooktaculars

Thanks to everyone who came along, helped out and supported us at the Pumpkin Party and Spooktacular Disco. We raised a massive **£1,044** towards PTA funds and improving our Outdoor Spaces at School. That takes the total raised this school year to over £3,000 - [see the latest on our website here](#). The children looked amazing and had a great time in our hall and the 'Bat Caves'. Big shout out to DJ Steve Woodhead for a great play list and organising the event.



## Christmas Shopping Evening - Thursday November 29, 7.00-9.30pm

Please support us at our next Fundraising event on the evening of **Thursday 29th November**.

Doors open at 7.00pm and the evening will finish 9.30pm so come along and join us. We have over 20 stalls at the event full of lovely Christmas gifts and treats.

Tickets are £6 for Adults and include a glass of Prosecco, Mulled Wine or a Soft Drink and a mince pie. **Children from Year 5 upwards can accompany their parents at the event for £2 and the ticket price includes a cookie and a soft drink.** The event is open to all so please bring along a friend, neighbour or relation. **Please support us buy**

**pre-booking your ticket** so that we get a good idea on numbers. We are also offering an option of two curries on the evening for £4.

Again, please pre-book if you can. We look forward to seeing you there for an evening of Christmas Shopping Fun! Tickets and food ordering available now at the PTA website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/bpspta>.

*Christmas Shopping Evening*

Come and buy some gorgeous gifts including ladies fashion and accessories, food gifts, Neals Yard, cards, decorations and much more...

£6 entry including mince pie & drink (prosecco, mulled wine or soft drink)  
£2 childs ticket (year 5 upwards) including cookie & soft drink

Buy your ticket and pre-order food at [www.pta-events.co.uk/bpspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bpspta)  
Tickets also available on the door

**BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL, LS16 9BR**  
**29 NOVEMBER 2018**  
**7:00-9:30PM**

## New Website

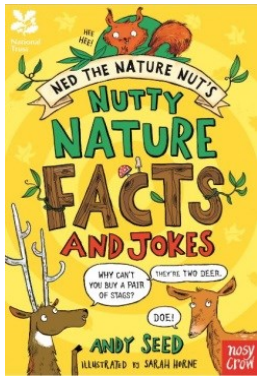
Mrs Stewart, Class 4/5 S teacher is our Geography and History subject coordinator. Find out more about [Geography](#) and [History](#) at Bramhope by visiting these pages on the website (click links in text).

Would you like to become more involved at Bramhope? We are really lucky to have so many parents and our extended community involved in School Life. Soon we'll be sending out a form that you can fill out and return to us if you'd like to become more involved however that may be. Read more about [getting involved here](#) or

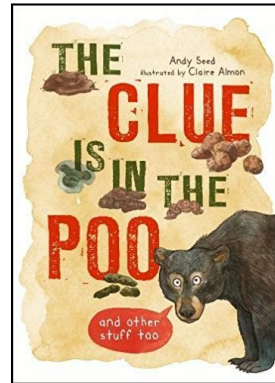


Blue Peter Book Award-winning author Andy Seed will be visiting on **Tuesday 27 November 2018**.

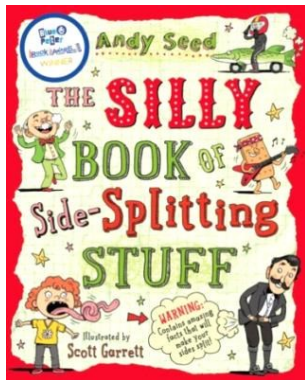
We will be sending a form out on Monday giving children chance to request a signed copy of one or more of his books (prices detailed below) Forms need to be handed in no later than Friday 16 November to ensure the books are ready in time for Andy's visit to school.



A collection of fantastic facts and wacky jokes all about animals and plants. Written for the National Trust, with extra-hilarious illustrations by Sarah Horne. **Chosen for the 2017 Summer Reading Challenge.** Giggles guaranteed!

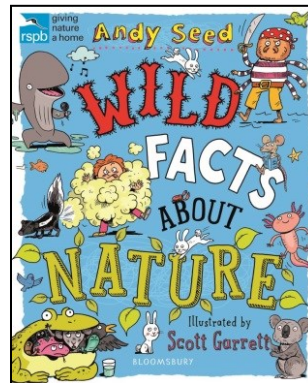


NEW this month... Become a nature detective! Andy's latest book is a detailed guide to animal tracks and signs including footprints, holes, nests, eggs, feeding clues, bones, pellets, feathers and poo! **£10 (RRP £12.99)** (Ages 7-11)



This laugh-out-loud book is bursting with lists, facts, jokes and true stories all about silly people, silly animals, silly inventions, silly names and much more. **£6.** (Ages 7-11)

**Winner of the 2015 Blue Peter Book**



New! Written for the RSPB this is not only a collection of amazing facts about animals but includes fun puzzles, jokes, challenges, quizzes, things to do and riddles, plus Scott Garrett's wonderfully wacky illustrations

**£7** (Ages 7-11)



Next week **16 November**, is children in Need Day and our school council are keen to make it Pyjama focused! All children are invited to wear their onesies, pyjamas, dressing gowns, even slippers if you'd like them to, although they will need a pair of outdoor shoes and a coat for playtime.

Children are also free to bring in a favourite 'bedtime story' for sharing as we intend to do some 'comfy reading' within the day.

Please could you also send in **£1 per child** which we will donate to this very worthwhile cause.





You can now find the e-mail addresses to contact Staff [here in our Staff Contact](#)

[Directory](#). If you want to get in touch with staff then use these e-mail addresses found via the 'Meet the Staff' page. You will find class e-mail addresses as well as subject ~coordinator e-mails to direct your questions to the right staff members. As ever, you can always pass a message through our admin team or pop into the office. We will always use Parentmail in the first instance to contact you about school.

Did you know that Bramhope Primary School now has the 'Primary Science Quality Mark' award? Find out more about [Science at Bramhope Primary School here](#).

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#### Christmas Dates for your diaries

- 29 November - PTA Christmas shopping evening (adults only)
- 12 December - KS1 Nativity **9:30am**
- 12 December - Reception Nativity **2:30pm**
- 13 December - KS1 Nativity **9:30am**
- 13 December - KS2 Christmas service at St Giles **1:00pm** (volunteers welcome to walk the children to and from Church)
- 15 December - Christmas fair
- 19 December - December Reception Nativity **9:00am** and Christmas Music Concert (timing TBC)
- 20 December - Christmas dinner (available for the whole school)

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#### Dates for your diaries

Robinwood residential meeting for Y5 parents - Tuesday 13 November  
6:00 - 7:00pm

Bikeability for year 6's 19 - 23 November

Christmas Shopping Evening - 29 November (adults only)

Christmas PTA dates as above

Parent Forum Meetings - Wednesday 20 March at 2:00pm

