

Newsletter Friday 7th November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

On the last day of half term, children from Opal and Pearl LZ went to Crosshill Halloween event, here are a few snaps of their lovely afternoon:



Odd Sock Day

We would like our children and adults to wear Odd Socks on Monday 10th November in support of Anti-bullying week. Please note they should still be wearing school uniform – just with odd socks on – the brighter the better!

Gymnastics Festival-Ruby

On Monday, our Ruby Learning Zone will be attending a gymnastics festival at Deerness. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed for PE (under warmer clothes if necessary) because we need to leave promptly at 9am.

Loose change for Early Years

A heartfelt thank you to “The Grey Bull” pub, as they have a pot for their costumers to donate any loose change.

All proceeds will support the development of our EYFS outdoor area. Thank you very much!

Sara Cox’s Great Northern Marathon Challenge- Children in Need 2025

The planned route brings her down Crawleyside Bank at approximately 2.30pm on Tuesday afternoon. Our school have been invited to line the route from the bottom of Crawleyside along the main road to the Market Square to show our support. As such, our children can come to school in non-uniform next Tuesday with the theme of Spots. Our staff team are also dressing up for the event. We will take the children in classes down to line the main road. We would welcome parents/carers to come along and join us in supporting Sara if you are able to do so at 2.30pm.

Obviously, the timings are outside of our control but there will be a live tracker in place so we will know throughout the day if she is ahead or behind schedule and we will keep in touch with you via text to provide updates.

If she is so far behind schedule that it is after 3.15pm (for EYFS and Sapphire) or after 3.25pm (for KS2) then it is up to you whether you would like to take your child to line the road to support her.

Sara's team will be collecting donations as she runs along so if you would like to donate you can donate cash to the collection buckets on the day or make an online donation via Parent Pay.

We are all very excited about this amazing event and fantastic opportunity for our children.

Diamond Assembly for Parents

Please note that children in Diamond LZ will do an assembly on Thursday 13th November at 9:10am, all parents from Diamond are invited.

Poppy Appeal 2025

A payment item has been created on ParentPay for the Poppy Appeal, as we are aware that most people do not carry cash into school anymore. However, Mrs Cross will have a box for the next few days if you would like to donate directly.

Separated families

As our Trust is in the process of writing a new policy, please get in touch with the office if you do not receive yet individual information about your child.

Trip to York on ParentPay

For all the parents of the children going to York, please note that there was a mistake on the last payment for the trip. It should only be £20 instead of £35, as the price of the trip was reduced to £180. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

Dates for the Diary

10.11.25 – Gymnastics Festival for Ruby Learning Zone

13.11.25 Diamond Assembly

21.11.25- Diamond trip to Bishop Town Hall

25.11.25 Scholastics Fair in school

28.11.25- Pantomime (Empire Consett)

28.11.25-Light up the Dale

If there is anything you would like to discuss, do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,
Sofia Gurbillon
Business Manager