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# GRIMES DYKE NEWSLETTER



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Happy New Year Team GD



Welcome back to the Spring Term at Grimes Dyke, although it always feels strange calling it Spring when we're all checking the weather forecasts for snow! It's definitely been a cold week, but the children have made a great start to the new term in school getting on with new learning and discovering new topics. Staff have reminded the children all week about making sure they are dressed properly for outdoor play, making sure they have their coat, hat and gloves. At this time of year it's also a good idea to have an extra pair of socks they can wear inside their wellies.

## OPAL Schools' Event

We have been asked to host an event for all OPAL schools across the north of England in a few weeks time. This is an opportunity for staff at other schools to come and see what happens at lunchtimes at Grimes Dyke and we're very proud to have been asked. To ensure we make a good impression we need to make sure our resources are all topped up so we're once again asking you to search your cupboards and talk to any contacts you might have in industry to help us out. We would love any of the following items:

- Scooters and ride on toys
- Wooden spoons and kitchen utensils
- Plastic jugs and bottles for water play
- Drain pipe and guttering pieces
- Sturdy builders buckets
- Garden spades
- Sand toys (buckets, spades, sand moulds)
- Large wooden cable reels
- Large plastic pipes
- Tarpaulins
- Wheelbarrows
- And lots more....plumbers and builders are good people to ask!



# Apply for a place in reception!



Do you know anyone with a child due to start school in September? If so, applications for school places must be in by **Thursday** next week. This is still the case for children who come to our nursery, it is not automatic that children in our nursery will get a place in reception. **Apply now so you're not disappointed!**



## National Bean Day!

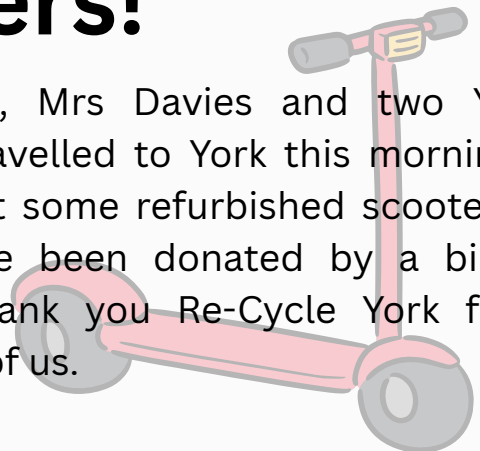


On Tuesday we celebrated National Bean Day by including a range of beans with our favourite chicken pie dinner. Lots of children tried different beans and the smiles say it all!

## New Scooters!



Miss Hill, Mrs Davies and two Y5 pupils travelled to York this morning to collect some refurbished scooters that have been donated by a bike shop. Thank you Re-Cycle York for thinking of us.



We are giving families advance notice that we will be running holiday clubs over February half term. This wouldn't normally happen in a shorter holiday but Miss Gilmartin has secured extra funding! Ros and Mrs Davies plan to run a week long club between 9 and 3 and are busy planning some amazing activities. The club will be free to all children on free school meals and available for a small charge for other children. We will give out more details about all opportunities over the next few weeks but it's going to be a fun week of activities.