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Newsletter 3 Monday 16th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have enjoyed reading 'The Gruffalo' and acting out the story.

Y1 – This week we have been learning about Fergal the dragon and how he managed his emotions.

Y2 – This week we have been comparing numbers and partitioning them.

Y3/4 – This week we have started our whole class reading book, 'The Secret of Platform 13'. We can't wait to find out even more about it!

Y5/6 – This week we have been looking at rounding numbers in maths. We have been tackling some tricky reasoning and problem solving questions!

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Michael and Harry May who have joined us in Year 4 and Year 2 respectively.

Online Safety Newsletter – September

Attached with this week's newsletter is the online safety newsletter for parents for September which school has subscribed to in order to support parents in ensuring they are up to date with issues surrounding online safety and recommendations around games.

There is also an additional Online Safety booklet which includes an overview of key parental controls, which can be accessed via the following web link:

<http://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Parental-Controls-booklet.pdf>

Reading Information Session for EYFS parents – Wednesday 18th September

On Wednesday Mrs Dixon will be holding a reading information session specifically for Reception parents. This session will explain how we teach reading in school and will provide some ideas for parents to enable them to support new readers at home. The session will be held in the EYFS classroom and will start at 2.45. All are welcome, please see Mrs Dixon for further details.

New School Library – request for family reading photos

We are pleased to announce that our new school library is almost ready! Staff have been very busy labelling the books and scanning them in to our new lending system. We are just putting the finishing touches to it before we open it to all the children. We would love to get a photo of each child sharing a story with someone to put on our 'share a story' display. This could be a picture of a family member reading a story to your child or it could be a picture of your child sharing a story with younger siblings. Please could you email photos to office@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk or give them to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.



Aldi Stickers

We are collecting the Aldi's Kit for Schools stickers so if you have any please send them in!

Mrs Luke- charity walk

This weekend Mrs Luke is going to be raising money for The Gurkha Welfare Trust by taking part in the Trailwalker challenge. This is a 100km walk across the South Downs starting in Portsmouth and finishing in Brighton. Mrs Luke will be demonstrating our school values of commitment and resilience as the walk is due to take 30 hours through the night!

Virtual Reality

On Friday 11th October, all children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in a virtual reality workshop run by a company called Prime VR. This is a really exciting and different way of delivering aspects of our topic curriculum where the children get the opportunity to experience different periods of history through virtual reality software. School will contribute to part of the payment for this and we will be asking key stage 2 parents for a small contribution of £2.50 as well. Year 3/4 will be taking part in a Roman virtual reality and Year 5/6 will be taking part in a Vikings virtual reality. We know the children will be really excited to tell you all about it!



Keeping our environment clean and safe

At this time of year, there are a lot of wasps around so we have covered up the bins outside in an effort to minimise the numbers of wasps in the playground. During school time, we collect up rubbish and fruit peelings/skins and dispose of them in our bins in school.

Please can we ask that if children have any snacks or drinks on the way to or from school that they either put the rubbish in the bins in school or take it home with them - not only will this hopefully reduce the numbers of wasps, it keeps our environment safe and clean.

Buzz and Trim Trail

The Trim Trail and Buzz tower are only to be used at playtimes and lunchtimes when staff are supervising. Please can I politely remind families that they are not to be used before and after school. The Trim Trail is designed for children in year 1 and above and is not open to children below this age.

Clubs

Letters will go out this week confirming which clubs children are in. Clubs begin **week commencing 23rd September and will finish week ending the 29th November.**

Swimming - September



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 children start on Wednesday 11th September.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have

questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon.

After Christmas children in Years 1, 3 and 4 will go swimming.

The cost of swimming will remain at **£3.50 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account.

Bikes & Scooters

Children are welcome to ride these to school in a safe, considerate manner wearing a helmet. Once they arrive at the school gate, we ask that they dismount at the first gate and then park them in the cycle/scooter rack provided. ***They are not to ride them in the school drive or playground at any time for safety reasons – thank you.***

Collecting children at 3.15pm

If you have arranged for another person to collect your child / children from school, then please ensure you have communicated this to the class teacher and / or the office staff otherwise we won't let them leave school!

PE

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR PE KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY WITH A PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT, NAVY / BLACK SHORTS AND TRAINERS. As the weather turns colder, a plain navy or black tracksuit can be worn and I would also recommend a lightweight waterproof jacket. PE can take place in most weathers outside if children have the correct clothing!

FS2 (Reception) – please have PE kit every day. Monday and Friday are focused sessions.

Year 1 – Tuesday (PE), Thursday (dance)

Year 2 – Wednesday (swimming) and Thursday (PE - dance)

Year 3 / 4 – Tuesday (PE) and Friday (PE)

Year 5 / 6 – Wednesday (swimming) and Friday (PE)

School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of September is £55.00 (for 20 meals). Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date and we advise that credit is put onto the account at the start of each month. An autumn term menu is on the back of this newsletter for your information.

Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

Music Service – Instrumental Information

There are leaflets available in school Reception providing information about instrumental and vocal tuition and how to apply for lessons.

Parents can also go direct to the North Yorkshire Music Hub website to find out about the lessons that can be provided and use the online form to apply for lessons.

www.northyorkshireremusic.co.uk

The website includes details of the tuition fees and information about benefits which will qualify for remissions.

School Uniform

Just a reminder about full school uniform: navy blue jumper, red or white polo shirt, dark grey or black trousers or skirts and school shoes – **no trainers of any kind to be worn in school**. Jewellery is not allowed in school except for watches. **Ear-rings must be studs or small sleepers and they must be removed for P.E. and swimming or covered with a plaster. Please label all uniform and PE kits.**

Playtime Snack

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive a free fruit snack every day which is Government funded. Children in Year 3-6 can bring a piece of fruit in from home to keep in the classroom for playtime. **I strongly recommend that you send fruit in for children in Year 3-6 as they have a long morning and often need a snack. Please can this be put in their book bag and not their packed lunch box as it is easier for them to access at break time – thank you.**

Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to Free Milk. Older children can also receive milk (at a charge) and orders are needed by yourself through the Cool Milk website. Forms are available outside the office in the foyer.

Parent Volunteers

We always welcome parental support and help in school. If you feel that you may be able to help in school in any way such as: hearing readers, making resources, taking a small group for sewing or craft activities, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Free Family Story Sacks Course for Nursery Children

NYCC will be running a set of exciting and fun family learning courses at school during the Autumn Term. The course is free and is a fun way of parents and children to spend time together learning a new skill or just having fun.

The Story Sack course will run from Tuesday **17th September 2019 for 5 weeks** and your child can take part in class activities and create resources to add to a story sack featuring their favourite book. If you are interested in coming along to this course, please let the office know and we will register your interest.

Makaton in school

We have a growing number of children in school who are using Makaton to support their communication. During assemblies, we are continuing on developing some basic signs.

This week's sign is Please

Here is a link to the sign of the week. <https://wetalkmakaton.org/>



Parent Away

Please do let your child's class teacher know if a parent is away from home so that we can offer additional support. Parent Away Club is run by Mrs Cunane on Thursday lunchtime and is available to children if they wish to attend.

Dandelions - Advance Notice

Due to staff training, Dandelions afterschool club will be closed on Wednesday **13th November due to whole staff Safeguarding training**. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Diary Dates

September	
18/9/19	Reading information session for EYFS parents with Mrs Dixon at 2.45pm in the EYFS classroom
w/b 23/9/19	Clubs start
October	
4/10/19	Red, white and blue day – non-uniform £1 donation
10/10/19	Fiji Day
11/10/19	Virtual Reality workshop for children in Years 3-6
17/10/19	Harvest Festivals (TBC) KS1 and EYFS in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon
22/10/19	Parent / Child / Teacher consultations
25/10/19	Break-up for October half term at 3.15pm
November	
4/11/19	School open

5/11/19	NSPCC talks to KS1 then KS2 followed by a workshop for Year 5/6 children
8/11/19	Year 5 and 6 children to Ripon Cathedral for Service children service
13/11/19	Dandelions after school club will be closed due to staff training
w/e 29/11/19	Clubs finish
December	
5/12/19	EYFS Nativity (TBC)
10/12/19	KS1 Nativity (TBC)
12/12/19	Whole school trip to The Rainbow Factory in Leeds
16/12/19	School Christingle
18/12/19	Last swim for Y2, 5 and 6 Christmas School Dinner
19/12/19	Christmas Parties
20/12/19	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2020	
6/1/20	Training Day
7/1/20	School open for the spring term
8/1/20	Swimming for children in Years 1, 3 and 4

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday afternoon, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

Celebration Cup

The cup this week goes to someone who has an excellent learning attitude. They are a complete pleasure to teach and a fantastic role model to their peers. She approaches everything she does with confidence, determination and resilience.

Well done, Violet Qica!



Ribbons



FS1 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown great enthusiasm for our story, 'The Gruffalo'. Well done, Chloe Norton!

FS2 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has been a very caring and considerate friend. She has been trying really hard in all areas of learning. Well done, Leonie Clarke!

Year 1 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has demonstrated a fantastic learning attitude to every part of their learning. They are a fantastic member of our class. Well done, Eliza-Marie Fuller!

Year 2 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who is demonstrating such a positive attitude to learning and a real drive to succeed! Well done, Harry Kelsey.

Year 3 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has worked incredibly hard in maths to recognise the place value of three digit numbers. Well done Oscar Miles!

Year 4 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has shown great resilience in maths whilst learning Roman Numerals to 100! Well done, Shreya Rozario.

Year 5 – The Ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their rounding skills. Well done, Jacob Gough!

Year 6 – This week the Ribbon goes to someone who has been working hard in maths to remember his written methods, in particular long multiplication. Well done, James Tavo!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Keera who was nominated by Awa.

Keera is a nice respectful friend. She is resilient with her maths and never gives up. This shows Resilience, Respect and Co-operation.

Well done, Keera.



Attendance

Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.

Week Commencing 9th September 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
100%	89%	96%	99%	99%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher