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Newsletter 1 Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! The children have come to school looking very smart and ready for the new academic year. A newsletter is published every week throughout the school year. These are e-mailed via Parent Pay or a hard copy if you request it through the School Office. They are also always on our school website and in the playground in the display case. Please ensure that you read them every week as they contain essential up-to-date information. At the end of the newsletter there are diary dates which also may change so please do check. As this is the first newsletter of the year, we have sent it out in hard copy to every family and on the back of it there is an autumn term menu for school dinners. The newsletter is quite long, so I suggest you make yourself a drink, sit down with a calendar or diary and read on!!

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all the children and families who have joined us over the summer holidays:

Nursery (FS1) – Daisy-May Broxham, Amelia-Mai Lucas, Chloe Norton, Jake Nosworthy, Layla Robinson

Reception (FS2) – Jay Collier-Figg

Year 2 – Maddison Cane

Year 5 – Maizie Howes, Viliame Tagicakibau

Classes for September

EYFS – Nursery and Reception is taught by Mrs Dixon (formerly Miss York who got married over the summer)

Year 1 – is taught by Mrs Kestell and Mrs O'Connell

Year 2 – is taught by Mrs Luke

Year 3 and 4 – is taught by Miss Bosomworth

Year 5 and 6 – is taught by Miss Newton

Music will be taught to children in Years 1-4 by Mr Oliver Whawell and by Mrs Sue Evans in Y5/6.

Homework

Reading books will be prioritised this week in school and homework will commence next week. Please refer to the table below regarding homework for each class.

Class	Homework	Homework Given	Collected and Tested
EYFS: FS2 Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Sight words to learn when appropriate • Mental Maths when appropriate 	Mrs Dixon will send information separately to parents.	
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading • Extended Task • Year 1 spellings • Year 1 mental maths (Space Mission Instant Recall Facts) 	Friday	Wednesday
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading • Spellings • Mental Maths 	Friday – spellings and mental maths	Friday –spellings and mental maths
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One other piece • Extended task – see below 	Friday	Wednesday
Year 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading • Spellings • Mental Maths 	Friday – Spellings and Mental Maths	Friday – Spellings and Mental Maths
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One other piece • Extended task – see below 	Friday	Wednesday
Year 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Reading • Spellings • Mental Maths 	Friday- spellings and mental maths	Friday- spellings and mental maths
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths and reading comprehension • Extended Task – see below 	Friday	Wednesday

EXTENDED TASKS

Extended tasks are set every half-term, not weekly. These tasks are designed to incorporate many skills and aim for high quality pieces of work throughout the year. **The class teacher will always ensure the hand in time for the extended task is made clear.**

Year 6

In addition to the homework above, Year 6 children will also have a piece of grammar / spelling homework. Hand-in dates will be made clear by Miss Newton.

Reading

All children need to read at home every day. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures – there are bookmarks from school with the type of questions to ask – if you have not got a bookmark then please see your child’s teacher. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

Reward System

Our reward system in school is that each class has a jar that will be filled with marbles in Year 1-6 and bugs in the jug in EYFS. Children can be awarded marbles or bugs working hard and showing good manners and kindness. When the jar is full, the class can then decide with their teacher which reward they would like.

Celebration Assembly

Every Friday afternoon the school gathers together for a Celebration Assembly. This is an opportunity for the classes to share something which they have worked on during the week. We also share birthday celebrations, award a ribbon to one child in each class for hard work and hand out a cup to a pupil who has impressed the staff at the school either for their work, attitude or behaviour. The awarding of the cup is decided by the staff on a Friday lunchtime and is kept secret until the end of the assembly (the cup is to be returned the following Friday for the next assembly, the ribbons can be kept). I will publish who has been awarded the cup and ribbon in each newsletter and we will ensure that there are opportunities for parents to come and see a variety of presentations and performances throughout the school year. We very much value our relationships with parents and we are very keen to get you into school as much as we can.

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)

Autumn Term Curriculum Topic

Our whole school topic this term is called 'Once upon a time ..'. Your child will be bringing home a class curriculum letter later this week which will outline what they will be learning about throughout the Autumn Term. The topic will culminate in a whole school trip to The Rainbow Factory in Leeds in December.

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.

Circus Fundraiser

A huge thank you to 6RRLC and particularly Captain Collins for the support the school has received through the circus fundraising event in July.

Captain Collins came into school to present a cheque for £779.16 and when this was added to the £361 the school raised on the day, overall £1140.16 has been collected for the school.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event.



Year 3 and 4 Mini Enterprise

On Wednesday 17th July, Miss Bosomworth's class carried out a range of fun enterprising activities that children paid to take part in. In total, the children raised just short of £80. They are intending on using this money to buy wet playtime games and activities to be used in school. Well done!

Summer reading challenge

Nearly 2500 children across the Harrogate area signed up to take part in the summer reading challenge this summer.

With just over a week left to go before the challenge finishes on **Saturday 7th September**, this is a reminder that there is still time to complete the challenge. All they need to do is read the last few books and pop in to Boroughbridge library to collect their medal and rewards before it is too late.

Certificates for completers will be collated over the next few weeks and sent to school for presentation in assembly.

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.

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.org.uk

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

Clubs

A separate club letter will go out next week after the children have had a discussion about the clubs they would like the school to offer. When you receive the club letter you will need to return it as soon as possible as there will be limited spaces available. Not all clubs will be available to all ages of children. A range of clubs will take place either at lunch-time or after school and they will begin **week commencing 23rd September. Clubs will finish week ending the 29th November.**

School Uniform

The children look very smart in school wearing their uniform – a lot of shiny shoes! 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.

Water Bottles

We have provided, free of charge, a water bottle for every child in the school so that all children can have access to water throughout the day. We will be responsible for cleaning the bottles and filling them each day so your child does not need to bring one in from home.

Absence and Punctuality

If your child is absent from school through illness or appointments, please can you phone the school as early as possible each day they are absent. It is important that we keep our records accurate. School starts at 8.50am – **please can you make sure your child is on the school yard by 8.40am in time for the bell ringing at 8.45am so that we have a prompt start to the school day – lateness will be recorded.**

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, they are classed as a persistent absentee.

Holidays in Term Time

The Government implemented amendments to the regulations regarding holidays in term time a few years ago. The amendments remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the threshold of ten school days. Therefore, Head Teachers will only be able to grant leave of absence in **exceptional circumstances. There will be no 'Holiday' code for absences at any school. Please refer to the leave of absence forms which are located next to the school office for full details.**

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 **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.

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.

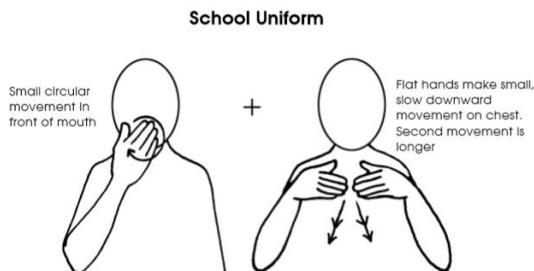
Makaton Friendly Status



We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded Makaton Friendly Status – all staff and children due to all the hard work and effort put this in. We hope you are enjoying learning the signs and songs at home too.

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 uniform.

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

Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny – September can be a warm month.

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.

Reading Information session for EYFS parents

On Wednesday 18th September 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.

Diary Dates

September	
2/9/19	Training Day for staff
3/9/19	School open for the new academic year
11/9/19	First swim to Thirsk for Years 2, 5 and 6
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

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon

Head Teacher