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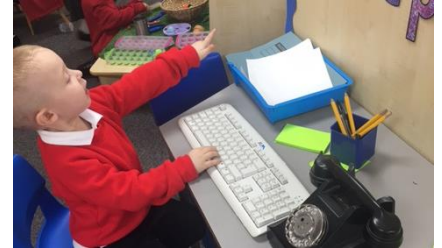


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## Newsletter No 1: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you've all had a good summer. Thank you from myself and all of the staff for your very generous presents, cards, thanks and good wishes at the end of the Summer Term, they are much appreciated.

A lot of work has taken place over the summer holidays we are pleased to say we have half our roof completely replaced with the other to be done hopefully at Easter, we are completing this week and next a whole school lighting and ceiling refurbishment too, thank you for working with us in this time. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard during the holidays to clean, decorate and then reset our learning environment to make it beautiful and exciting for the children.

The children have come back really well and ready to learn; they all look so smart in their new school uniforms! Thank you. A special welcome to our new children in the foundation stage, we hope they will all be very happy at Sheep Dip.

**School Attendance** ~ School starts at 8.55am, with children coming into school at 8.35am. It is really important that **your child attends school on time each day** unless they are ill or they have an authorised absence. If your child has a medical appointment, please bring their appointment card to the School Office to be photocopied for their records so that they may be given a medical mark. If your child is ill, please ring the School Office before 09:00am to tell us why they are absent and how long they are likely to be away from school. Thank you. Any child with attendance below 90% will now be classed as a persistent absentee under the latest Local Authority guidance. The gates will be closed at 9.00am, a child will be classed as late after that time.

**Holiday Requests** ~ Please note, following Government regulations, all holidays will be classed as unauthorised; we will not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances. If you go ahead with the holiday when unauthorised, you may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice issued through the Local Authority. Per child, this will be £60 if paid within 21 days; payment after this time but within 28 days is £120. If parents do not inform us, then a visit may be made to the home by the Education Welfare Officer to establish the reason for absence. The fine will go ahead if the house is unoccupied unless the parents have dated medical evidence for the period of absence.

**Parents are requested to seriously consider the effect that taking children out of school has on their education.**

Parents who wish to take children on holiday at times other than during school holidays must make their request in writing (via a Leave of Absence Request Form, available from Reception).

**Staff news:** A very warm welcome to our new staff Miss Cox in the Year 3/4 and Miss Brogan in Year 1. Also, a welcome back to Mrs Day in Foundation Stage and Mr Palmer our SENCO who will be team teaching in Y4/5 with Mrs Chowings.

**Visits** ~ Year 1 and 2 visits to Normanby Hall ~ **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September Y2 and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Y1.** The children set off at 08:30am and are due to return that afternoon by home time.

In KS2, **Class 5/6T and Year 6** will be attending a visit to Eyam in Derbyshire – **6<sup>th</sup> October.** This will enhance the work they are developing around 'The Plague.' Year 3 and Year 4 will be holding a 'Mighty Metal Madness' workshop ( 27<sup>th</sup> Oct) for parents to come and share fun times with their children. For visits you will receive trip letters from your class

teachers, please return consent slips as soon as possible. Thank you also for your support. We have a poet visiting school on 28<sup>th</sup> September, James Nash, he has worked with us before and will be working with the children and staff that day, we can't wait.

**Special Events** ~ We will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day on 13<sup>th</sup> September with fun activities with our children in their normal school uniform. We will have such fun sharing his books and activities throughout the school that day. We also have our annual MacMillan Coffee morning on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**PE Kit:** Please ensure that your child/ren has their PE kit on the following days:

Days	Class
<b>Monday</b>	Year 2 Mrs Parkhurst/ Miss Broxholme (indoor) Year 1/2 Miss Brogan (indoor) Year 3 Miss Pounder (outdoor) Year 3/4 Miss Cox (outdoor)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 1 Mrs Auld (indoor) Year 2 Mrs Parkhurst/ Miss Broxholme (outdoor) Year 5/6 Miss Barker (outdoor)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Foundation Stage 2 (indoor) Year 4/5 Mr Palmer (indoor) Year 1 Mrs Auld (outdoor) Year 1/2 Miss Brogan (outdoor)
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 3 Miss Pounder (indoor) Year 3/4 Miss Cox (indoor) Year 5/6 Mr Taylor (outdoor) Year 4/5 Mr Palmer (outdoor)
<b>Friday</b>	Year 5/6 Mr Taylor (indoor)

**Indoor PE kit:**

Girls Black leotard or white t shirt and black shorts/skirt.  
Boys White t shirt and black shorts.  
Bare feet or black plimsolls whilst working in the Hall

**Outdoor PE kit:** Clothing as above, with extra jumper/tracksuit depending on time of year. During winter months, please be aware that clothing may become muddy. Trainers / football boots are allowed.

**Jewellery – Please could the children only wear stud earrings to school and if they wish, a watch; all other jewellery should be kept safe at home, thank you.**

**Achievements, Rewards**

**Celebration Assemblies**~ We will continue to hold our assembly each Friday morning from 09:00a.m. where we celebrate attendance and learning achievement awards for KS1 and then KS2. Parents/carers will receive a secret text (please ensure telephone numbers are updated) from school if your child/ren have been nominated for an award due to excellent learning that week. We appreciate attendance at these events can be difficult due to work commitments, **if you require more notice please let admin know and we will arrange for the award at the following assembly to give two weeks' notice.**

**Thrive reward/golden time**~ As we are a Thrive ambassador school all our children have class based Thrive time daily as part of our personal, social and emotional curriculum. Raffle ticket rewards can be earned by all our children for following school rules, being successful learners and showing our school values, each Friday the children choose and use these to spend/save and join in Thrive fun activities.



**New this year**~ In addition to our golden time and Heads Awards we are starting a special event each Friday for a child from each class who is nominated as 'always' showing exemplary behaviour and learning success that week. **'Hot choc with the Head'** starts next week, look out for your child bringing home their **special invitation**. Good attendance termly will also be highlighted with certificates and a 'going for gold' wrist band award for our 100% attenders. By July 2018 new **Governors Academic Awards** will be presented to children who have shown hard work, dedication and who have tried their best to achieve learning success.

**Dogs on site** ~ Can we remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on site for health and safety, many thanks for supporting us to keep the children safe.

**Safety before and after school** ~ To keep the children safe before school and after collecting your child please don't allow them to climb on any equipment on our playground or swing on the football posts. For their safety they need to stay close to you. If your child comes on a scooter/bicycle to school they need to come in through the Broadwater Drive entrance or if they are in FS dismount at the gates and wheel their scooter or Bicycle to the racks. **No riding in the playgrounds!**

**PTA** ~ We are on the look out for any volunteers for our parent teacher group which support school events and fund raising for special resources for the children each year. If you are interested in joining please see the PTA Parent/Chair Mrs S Bradley or Miss Graham our admin manager for information.

With many thanks for your continued support and here's to another exciting year!

*Mrs Faye Parish*  
Head Teacher