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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No 2: Friday 15th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new families who have started at our school this week in foundation stage or joined our school over the holidays!

School uniform: The children have come wearing lots of lovely new uniform ~ **please make sure their name and class is written in or a name tag sewn inside.** If your child loses a piece of clothing in school, please inform class teachers as soon as possible and we will try to locate it in lost property. We are currently reviewing our uniform provider for best value against other competitors, if you have any feedback please pass this to class teachers to help this review.

The children have enjoyed a great week celebrating the work of author Roald Dahl, look at some of our outcomes!

Walker Morris Calendar Competition – 4 Year 6 pupils have won and 1 has been named as a runner up this year, the children will receive prizes at the awards ceremony in Leeds in November from Yorkshire Artist Ashley Jackson. We are really proud of them – well done Brendan K, Shayli M, Leo R, Brooke B and Maria A.



Home/school agreement, if you haven't done this already this is in your child's reading diary, please read through and sign at the bottom, this helps us work together to support your child and their learning.

Dinner money – as you will see from the school dinner money policy that school lunches are to be paid in advance. That if you pay for your child's lunch and you're not entitled to free school meals you owe £2 on a Monday for that day's meal or £10 for the week. The school budget cannot afford any dinner money debts as this has to be used for the children's learning needs. Dinners are payable in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

A big thank you to Humphries contractors who have re-built our roof over the summer and done a fantastic job, our whole school ceiling and lighting refurbishment will be completed 4 weeks ahead of schedule fingers crossed. This work could only be done once the roof works were completed for safety, thank you to our children and families who have been brilliant and supportive this week. The finished areas look great!

Visits~ Year 1 and 2 visits to Normanby Hall ~ **Tuesday 19th September Class 2 and Year 2 children from class 1/2 and on Wednesday 20th September Class 1 and year 1 children from class 1/2.**

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 – **6th October**. This will enhance the work they are developing around 'The Plague.'

Year 5 Kingswood Residential: Letters will be coming out for this visit soon, they will have an amazing time from Monday 27th February 2017 to Wednesday 1st March 2017. The deposit is due and is £30. To ensure your child gets a place please send this to school with the consent form. Deposit books will go out with letters to pay in small instalments.

Year 3 and Year 4 will be holding a 'Mighty Metal Madness' workshop (27th 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 28th September, James Nash, he has worked with us before and will be working with the children and staff that day, we can't wait.

Artist Emma Bairstow is coming to our school over the next 3 weeks to train staff in new techniques and to plan exciting new learning opportunities for the children linked to their topics. Watch this space for new creative learning.

Applications for full time reception places in FS2 for September 2018 ~ the closing date is in January 2018. Applications are being encouraged online this year; for children attending our Nursery, please make sure you get your application in on time. More details can be found online at: <http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions>

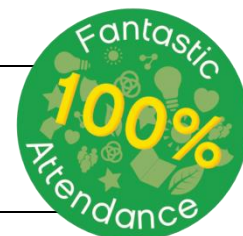
MacMillan Coffee morning on Monday 25th September: This is always a very special day for a very special cause, join us for a cuppa and toast or biscuits and cakes baked by the children and staff from 09:00.

Smoking ~ Can I politely request that parents DO NOT smoke (including electronic cigarettes) outside the school gates or within the school grounds as the children don't like it and we are a NO SMOKING SITE.

For our new parents/carers: The Superstar Awards are given to 4 children from each class in KS1 one week then KS2 the next week. They are children the staff and classmates have identified as showing one of our learning powers – teamwork, determination, trust, good talk, resilience, effort and kindness; and who have really stood out. The certificates are awarded in Celebration Assembly on Friday morning, their photograph is taken by Mrs Parish and put onto the school website and Twitter and is displayed in the front entrance of school each week. We also send out postcards home for good behaviour and great learning achievements and starting today each week a special group of children will be having hot choc Friday treat time. This is a special time together where we can celebrate our 'Always Children', those who are **always trying their best** and **always following our rules**.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

This week's class winners on 100% attendance were class 3/4



Dates for your diary: School Council Elections ~ next week Mrs Wilkinson will be inviting a representative from KS2 classes to apply, with interviews the following week.

- Monday 25th September MacMillan coffee morning
- Wednesday 27th September – Individual School photographs
- Half term: School closes on Friday 27th October at 15:15
- Remembrance week Monday 6th November, children will have a special remembrance service with Mr Grimley before half term.

There is one more INSET teacher training day this term on Friday 1st December school will be closed for children that day as teaching staff are training.

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

Mrs Faye Parish
Head Teacher