



NEWSLETTER

07.09.18



Welcome to the start of another school year. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and that you and your child/ren are ready for this busy time. As ever, the term will be packed with exciting activities and learning experiences. I am excited to be taking responsibility of three amazing schools and with your continued support the schools will continue to thrive. We all want the children to have the best opportunities and working together with families helps us to do this. Please remember that staff and I are available to discuss any issues or concerns you may have. I look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks. Please introduce yourself if you have not already done so.

Mrs Helen Ward

News from the Classes

KS1: Welcome back everyone and a huge welcome to our new Reception who have settled in so well.

Our topic for this term is "Our Yorkshire" and we are focusing on Castles and will be exploring Henry VIII and Tudors. Any information about the Castle that used to be in Castleton is welcome as the children have lots of questions. This week we have been reading "Town Mouse and Country Mouse" and looking at life in the town and life in the country

Please can everyone get back into the routine of daily reading at home as it is so valuable and helps reading development. Homework and spellings for years 1 and 2 will be given out/start next Friday.

PE will be on a Friday and children will need their PE kits in school.

Forest Schools will start next Thursday with Mrs Barber and, again, be every other week. Children can come in their Forest School clothes on these days and don't need their uniform.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us with any questions.

KS1 Phonics Meeting for Parents on Monday

There will be a Phonics meeting in the KS1 class straight after school on **Monday, 10th September** to introduce and recap our Read Write Inc scheme. It is important that Reception parents attend and anyone else who would like a reminder. If you cannot attend, let Miss Garbutt know and she can arrange another time for you.

KS2: Welcome to Mr Wadley our new full time Teaching Assistant in KS2. We are extremely lucky as Mr Wadley is a Science expert and has already worked with the year 6's in prisms and splitting light (please ask).

Welcome back everyone else, it is really lovely seeing everyone "bright eyed and bushy tailed" ready for a new academic year. We have made a start on the routines and years 3's, in particular, have been learning rapidly how the classroom works. Well done to them, what a great start.

Thank you to everyone who has already started the reading at home in the diaries. The more the merrier and it really helps with the children's understanding.

Our topic for a few weeks is light – while we still have some sun! Then the topic will be about learning more about Castleton and Yorkshire. If you have any information or are a secret History expert we would love to hear from you.

PE will be on Wednesday and Thursday and children will need their PE kits in school on these days.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

We have all set ourselves goals to reach by half term and are using our 5 "R's" (Resilience, Reasoning, Responsibility, Reflection, and Resourcefulness) to help us achieve them

Parental Consent Form for School Visits and Trips 2018/19

Please find enclosed a Form which **must** be completed for every child so that we have up to date medical and contact details for when they are out of the school on trips this school year. It is important that you notify us of any changes to these details throughout the year. **Please complete and return the Forms early next week.**

After School Clubs

Please be on the lookout for a letter about Clubs next week, which will start week commencing 17th September. There will be a Homework Club for KS2 starting on Wednesday, 19th September. The letter will include a permission slip for you to complete indicating which Clubs your children want to attend. Adults in charge of the Clubs will need to know that the children are attending and who is picking them up.

Mr Cross - Music Lessons

Mr Cross will continue coming on a Friday morning to teach Music, starting next Friday (14th September). If there are any pupils from year 2 upwards who are interested in learning an instrument please let us know. The cost of these lessons is dependent on the number of children in the group which is usually 4/5 children. The cost last school year worked out at £5 per lesson per child.

Flu Vaccinations

All children in Reception, up to and including year 5 from September, should have received a letter before summer about the Flu Vaccinations which will take place in school on Friday, 16th November at 9am. **Please ensure you follow the instructions about completing the online form.**

Breaktime Fruit/Drinks

Fruit is available free every breaktime (this is really just for KS1 but we usually have enough to give KS2 some as well!) Milk is always available and costs 15p (supplied by school). Juice cartons are 25p, they are provided by County Caterers and that is what we have to charge. During the winter months Hot Chocolate is also available and this also costs 25p as it is provided by the Caterers.

Gaby keeps a record of the money that each child brings in, so the correct amount will be deducted each day depending on what drink is taken. Unfortunately she is not able to give a drink if money has not been paid. Some children pay for a drink as and when they get one but if you send money in to cover a week or more it would be advisable if this was put in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the child's name and amount. Thank you.

School Holiday Dates

Please find enclosed a list of this school year's holiday dates, for your information.

Autumn Term Menu Changes

Please also find enclosed an amended school dinner Menu for this term

Northumberland Theatre Company - Saturday, 22nd September at Glaisdale

Northumberland Theatre Company presents 'Heartspur', on Saturday 22 September, at the Robinson Institute, Glaisdale, 7.30 pm. A medieval/sixties mash up. An evening of hippy hippy shake-spear!

Tickets: Adults £9/youth £6 (18 years & under, suitable age 13+); phone: 01947 897945 or 07472 622243.

Next Week

Monday KS1 Parents Phonics Meeting after school

Wednesday Year 3 Forest Schools, afternoon

Thursday KS1 Forest Schools, afternoon

Friday Mr Cross Music Lessons