



Newsletter 8 September 2017 Autumn term 1 Value for this half term is Service

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Welcome back to the new school year. It was lovely to see all the children back in school again and in their smart new uniform and shoes. Special welcomes to Nathan and Oscar who have joined the infant class and Archie, Anya and Mrs Garbutt who have joined the Junior Class.

Next week:

Mon 11 Sept Lunchtime reading club. Music lessons with Mr Coates.

Tues 12 Sept Year 6 Cooking. See below.

No sports club until Tuesday 26 September.

Thurs 14 Sept 3.35 - 4.30 Multi-skills club Year 2 - 6. See separate letter. Music lessons with Mr Firth.

Cooking: With Mrs Turner starts on Tuesday 12 September. This term the juniors will be making savoury pancakes and the infants will be making macaroni cheese. Ingredients for savoury pancakes: 100g grated mature cheddar cheese, 400ml milk, 100g lean minced pork, 2 tbs sage and onion stuffing mix, 1 small onion/4 spring onions and 4 soft pitted prunes. Flour, eggs and butter will be provided. A voluntary contribution of £2.50 would be appreciated if you are unable to send in ingredients.

All children will need a gratin dish or small ovenproof dish (8" diam) and a sturdy bag to take it home in.

September 12 Elisabeth, Alice, Ed and Archie

September 19 Laura, Anya, Oliver, Obie

Curriculum Letters: Attached are curriculum letters for the infant and junior pupils. If anyone has any questions please speak to Miss Pope, Mrs Teasdale or Miss Pearce.

Home School Agreement: This will be/has been discussed with the children in school but it would be helpful if you could go through it with your child at home too before you and your child signs it. Signed copies should be kept in the front of your child's reading record book so the document can go regularly between home and school. Please would you do this by Monday 18 September. Thank you.

Homework: Juniors have spelling homework. Spellings will usually be given on a Thursday and tested the following Thursday. Spelling homework will usually be given on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday so it can be marked before the next lesson. If work is handed in late it may not be marked until the following week.

Lunches and snacks: Just a reminder that school has a no nut policy, this includes nuts in cereal/snack bars. Children may bring in a piece of fruit or a cereal/snack bar for break time, in addition to their lunch. Free fruit is not always available for the juniors. Chocolate bars should always contain biscuit and should be kept for lunches. Sweets should not be sent for snack or lunches. This is all in line with government guidelines. Following these guidelines we will be providing water and milk only from January 2018.

PE: PE takes place on **Wednesdays**. Plain red or white polo shirt or t shirt with plain black or navy shorts. Plain dark coloured jogging bottoms or tracksuit bottoms may be worn in the colder weather down at the field, but not for indoor PE. Footwear: Black plimsolls for dance and gym. Trainers for outside PE. A School PE bag is given to children when they first start at the school. If a new one is required these can be purchased from

the school. It would be helpful, where possible, if pupils could bring in additional kit for Sports clubs so that their PE kit remains in school.

Swimming: Swimming takes place on a Friday for all children. Children will need: Girls - a one piece costume, boys - swimming trunks. Bermuda shorts and bikinis are not suitable for school swimming lessons. Swimming caps are advisable. Goggles are optional but if required must be provided from home. Swimming kit, including a towel, should be in a suitable named bag.

Long hair must be tied back off the face for all PE activities. Earrings should be moved. If pupils are unable to take their earrings out themselves they should be taken out before they come to school in the morning on Wednesday and Fridays.

Uniform: Please could you help us by ensuring that all uniform and PE kit is carefully named.

Please help your child to remember to bring a waterproof coat/jacket to school as we do like to be outside as much as possible. Nail polish and transfers are not suitable for school. Thank you.

Show and competition successes: We had lots of success with the various shows and competitions.

Congratulations to everyone but especially the following:

Ryedale show cover competition - 1st Rosie, 2nd Elisabeth, 3rd Jasmine, 4th Hannah

Gillamoor and Fadmoor show

Lucinda June Wood cup infants, Laura June Wood cup juniors.

Abi Howard Wass cup infants, Georgia Howard Wass cup juniors.

Deanery Painting competition 7-9 year olds - Elisabeth

Sleightholmedale Fete: Thank you very much to all who came along and supported the fete and especially those who helped out. We raised £321.00 for each organisation.

Clubs: Separate letter has gone out.

Reading club Monday 11 September lunchtimes

Tuesday 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm Sports club at the field. In school if wet. Year 1 - 6. **Starts on Tues 26 Sept.**

Thursday 3.35 pm - 4.30 pm Multi skills club in the school playground, inside if wet. Year 2 - 6.

Various forms: Please return the Data Collection forms and contact consent forms by Monday 11 September, as they contain vital contact information. There are some school dinner forms which we did not receive before the end of term. Please can you return them as soon as possible. Infant pupils will only be given a jacket potato if you have requested this on your form. Thank you.

Money: Money for lunches, milk, juice, sports club, etc must be paid in advance as per the Parents Information Booklet, (available online or through the office). We are a cash-free school so all payments are through Parentpay. Lunches are £2.10 a day for junior pupils and free for all infants. Children of parents on low income may be entitled to a free meal. Please contact the school office, in confidence, for further information on this. Please can we remind you that there is also a weekly voluntary contribution of £2.00 towards swimming.

Music Lessons: These will re-start week beginning the 11 September. If anyone would like to start learning an instrument please speak to Mrs Tweddle. Taster sessions are available with Mr Coates.

Leave of Absence reminder: Leave of Absence can only be granted in 'exceptional circumstances' during term time. Should an exceptional need arise requiring leave in term time, the form should be completed as early as possible but **at least 6 weeks before** and we would be grateful if you could discuss this with Mrs Tweddle in advance. Only in very exceptional circumstances will requests be considered when less than 21 days' notice is given. All this information is on the school website.

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