

Newsletter 14 September 2018

Autumn term 2

Half termly value Trust

The children had a great day out at Dalby Forest on Wednesday doing Forest schools activities. They were all very brave and sensible when confronted by the swarm of



wasps on Thursday. Thank you for your words and e mails of support. Next Forest schools will be in November.

Please pass on 'Stay and play' dates, below, to anyone you know who has a child due to start school in September 2019.

Next week in school - Week beginning 18 Sept clubs start

Tues Sports club 3.45 - 4.45 at the field. Thur Multiskills 3.35 - 4.30 in the playground. Please remember to return permission slips and pay for sports club on Parentpay.

Fri 21 Sept Children visiting Milton Rooms Malton for Ryedale Book festival see below.

Ticks We've been made aware that a tick was found on a child at home. We have talked to the children about ticks and the need to be aware of them and that ticks, like wasps, are all part of the world we live in. Medical advice is once removed it is unlikely anything will develop. If a rash appears, usually 7 - 10 days but can be up to a month go to the doctors for anti-biotics.

Ryedale Book Festival Malton: Friday 21 September there will be no swimming and the children will be going to the Milton Rooms Malton: The Infants will be watching a performance of The Story Orchestra which will be followed by two workshops based around live music and art activities linked to the production. They will leave school about 9.20am and return about 12.30 for a late lunch.

The Juniors will be attending an author workshop with Cressida Cowell, author of 'How to train your dragon' series. The price includes a copy of her latest book thanks to the support of 'The Whitby bookshop.' They will leave school at 12.30pm and return before the end of the school day.

These sessions are a great way for the children to engage with present day authors and for the infants with live musicians. The cost of these activities is £10 per child plus transport. PTA have agreed to subsidise these activities and pay the transport. They have asked for a voluntary parental contribution of £6 per child which should be paid on Parentpay in the usual way. School will pay the rest. For more information see <http://ryedalebookfestival.com/whats-on/the-story-orchestra-four-seasons-in-one-day/>

Infant class news

Homework - Please encourage your child to read their reading book with you. Mrs Teasdale will send home on a Wednesday and should be returned the following Monday. This will start next week.

NSPCC visit Thursday 27 September: The NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe.' programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. This is a nationwide programme for all primary-school-aged children. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children as well as a workshop for Years 5/6.

From NSPCC - What is the Speak out. Stay safe. programme? Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language. If you would like any more information about the **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme you can come in to speak to me or visit the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/speakout .

Talking PANTS with your children. The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe - and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse - without using scary words or even mentioning sex. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at

nspcc.org.uk/pants If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website

nspcc.org.uk/parents

Junior class news

Homework folders have been given out to all pupils for Spelling, grammar and maths homework. The work should be left in the folders and given in to be marked each week. If homework is given in late it may not be marked until the following week.

All spelling will usually be given out on a Thursday and homework folders should be returned on Monday. Year 3 & 4 will be given maths homework on a Monday which is due in on a Friday and Grammar homework on a Friday which is due in on a Monday. Please encourage pupils to read through their homework when they get it so that they have time to ask for further explanations or support.

Year 5 & 6 have been given their homework diaries with a suggested plan with due dates. We ask parents to look at these and sign them each week. This is part of our transition for Ryedale.

Times tables App: A good times tables app to use on ipads and tablets is DK 10 minutes a day times tables. It has a red and white 1x10=10 symbol.

Homeschool agreement: Please talk to your children about these then return them to school as soon as possible signed by you and your child. We will then send you home a photocopy.

Report slips: Please return your Report reply slips, or a note or e mail acknowledging you received it last term, as soon as possible if you haven't already. Many thanks.

Pack ups In line with current national initiatives please try to ensure that pickups contain the range of foods to help children develop and grow. Ideas to help make pack ups more interesting can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> Please help us by remembering that we are a nut free school and not sending in fizzy drinks or sweets.

Data protection paperwork etc Please ensure your data collection sheet and contact sheets are returned by **MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**. This is to ensure we have the correct names and telephone numbers for you and anyone collecting your children.

Cooking: This term the juniors will be making Calzone pizza. Ingredients: 0.25 oz dried active yeast, 2 tbs olive oil, 2 tbs honey, 1/2 tsp salt, 3 cups flour, 1 egg, 100 gms chestnut mushrooms, 1 yellow pepper, 120 gms mozzarella and 8 tbs tomato sauce or £2 voluntary donation paid through parent pay. Other required ingredients will be provided for all pupils. All pupils will need a suitable container to take the pizza home.
September: 18 Year 6 girls, 25 Simeon, Lewis, Olivia Se, Georgia

PTA updates:

Please remember to send in your money for any photos you have printed. All money to PTA funds.
Next PTA meeting Monday 24 Sept 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Parentpay: Thank you to all the parents who ensured their Parentpay accounts start the new year out of debt! We currently have only one account in arrears. The price of school lunches has increased to £2.45 per day. Please remember the voluntary parental contribution for swimming is £3.00.

Parent governor: There is still a vacancy for another parent governor. Please let Mrs Tweddle know if you are interested.

Music lessons: If your child would like to learn a musical instrument please contact the office for details.

Future dates for your diary

Wed 26 Sept 3pm and 7pm Help support your child with reading session everyone welcome.
Thur 27 9 - 9.30am parents/grandparents/friends playing maths games see below.
Thur 27 Children's university Passport check. Please send your child's passport to school with the relevant paperwork completed. This has been given out to pupils.
Thur 27 NSPCC Assembly and Y5/6 workshop. See above.
Fri 28 Sept Y5/6 football at Ryedale. Please let school know if you can help with transport.
Mon 1 Oct 3pm Parents Reading with children in school. See below.
Wed 3 Oct 9.30 - 10.30am Stay and Play. See below.

Parents playing maths games!!! We are continuing to promote the pleasure of maths and learning times tables and number bonds. We are restarting our maths sessions where we would love as many parents as possible to come into school to play number games with their child. During these sessions we want to encourage maths being fun so please feel free to bring in number games you love or ones that maybe you loved as a child. The first session will be on Thur 27 Sept 9 - 9.30am.

Parent Reading!!! We are continuing to promote reading for pleasure and are restarting our reading sessions where we would love as many parents as possible to come into school to read with their child. During these sessions we want to encourage reading for pleasure so please feel free to bring in books that you love or ones that maybe you loved as a child. The first session will be on Mon 1 Oct 3 and 3.30pm.

Stay and Play: During the year we will holding stay and play session for children who may be starting school in September 2019. The sessions will take place in the Infant Classroom. There will be different activities each time. The first is on Wed 3 Oct 9.10 - 10.30am. If you wish your child to attend please let Mrs Hugill know. Please pass this onto anyone you know who has a child due to start school next September.

Uniform: Please help your child and the staff by ensuring your child's name is in all their uniform. This makes changing after PE much easier and would hopefully mean we don't have so many lost sweat shirts.

Nails Please check your child's nails regularly to ensure they are short and smooth to avoid accidental scratching. Nail polish should be removed for school and saved for the weekends and special occasions.

Taxis: Please remember to let the taxi driver know if you change your normal drop off or pick up procedures. Unless your child is on the Kirkby taxi any issues regarding your taxis travel to school should be taken up with the driver or County.

Flu jab consent Reception - Year 5. Remember to visit www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent to give consent before the end of September. According to the Immunisation team, 7 parents have given their consent. The portal cuts off at the end of September so it is important that you meet this deadline as there will be no catch up sessions available through school.



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