



22nd September 2017

Autumn Term Edition 3

I hope that you all found the letters sent home last week useful and informative. If, for whatever reason, these didn't find their way home, please have a look at copies on the school website, or speak to Sally in the office. I hope the advance notice of events with dates and times is helpful for you to plan ahead and know what is happening.

I realise that the closure of the school gates at the start and end of the day is, on the whole, an unpopular decision and I have listened to various parents this week express their concerns and thoughts. I have also heard from parents who support the action. I am afraid that the situation will not change as the measure is being taken to safeguard all our children, parents and staff whilst on the school premises.

On a more positive note, thank you for your cooperation at the start of the school day on Monday and Tuesday this week. This allowed our workmen to dodge the rain showers and install some new playground markings. I am sure you will agree that they look fantastic, not only have they brightened up the outside area but they have also provided some new activities for the children to enjoy at playtimes and lunchtimes. If you haven't seen them yet, there are some photos on the reverse of this letter. I hope to continue developing the outdoor area throughout the year.

This week Miss Richardson and Mrs Hodgson have been getting to know our school better by visiting classrooms, observing teachers and talking to children. This has really helped them gain a better overview of our school in their roles as part of the senior leadership team in school.

Finally, we really do welcome parents into school to talk to teachers, look at children's work in books or on displays or to talk to staff. However, please can we ask that parents do not come into classrooms on a morning (except on Mondays when you are welcome to come into school!). We are finding that an increasing number of parents are staying in classrooms and this prevents children from starting their lessons. Nursery and Reception parents are welcome to settle their children into their classrooms every morning. We appreciate your support with this.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher about a particular concern or issue, then please see them at the end of the school day or make an appointment to see them.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

IMPORTANT INFORMATION : SCHOOL GATES

Following a recent Health and Safety Audit by North Yorkshire County Council the school have been advised that they need to close the school gates at 8.45am until 09.15am in the morning. This is to safeguard our children and prevent accidents happening. The gates will once again be closed at 3.00pm until 3.45pm. Whilst we can only apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, this action is necessary in order for the school to comply with legislation surrounding health and safety.

Tesco Uniform As from 6.00pm today (22nd September) school uniform can be ordered directly online via Tesco. This is a new initiative, so please be patient with school if there are 'little snags' at first! We have added some additional garments to the range available, including items that can be used exclusively for PE, these include T-Shirts, Reversible Zip Fleece and a Zip-Up Fleece Hoody. For every purchase made, the school will receive a small donation from Tesco.... Every little helps! For more details, or to see the full range on offer please visit www.ff-ues.com.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, please remember that you are entitled to a one-off £50.00 uniform voucher. **AS FROM MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER, THIS VOUCHER CAN ONLY BE REDEEMED BY PLACING AN ORDER FOR UNIFORM WITH SALLY AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. UNIFORM CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED VIA THE TESCO PROVIDER.** Thank you.

Fidget Spinners and other Toys Can we please remind parents that toys, gadgets and items such as Fidget Spinners should not be brought into school. These items need to be kept safe at home. Thank you.

Home Time As you can imagine home time at school is, inevitably, on occasions what can only be described as hectic! Can we please take this opportunity to remind parents, that unless the school are notified, children **WILL NOT** be allowed to go home with any individual that is not a child's parent or nominated

adult. As I am sure everyone will agree this is in the interests of a child's safety. With this in mind, if your child is being collected by an alternative parent/adult, please let the school know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Can we also remind parents, that if they are happy for older children, to walk home from school unsupervised, they will need to write a letter of consent to the school. Thank you.

Help wanted We are still looking for volunteers to help with some little DIY jobs around the school, including help with the construction of a shed. If you think you can help, then please contact the School Office on 015242 61412.

Water Bottles Can we just remind parents not to put water bottles in children's book bags. Unfortunately, these have a habit of leaking.....

Home School Link Worker Miss Angela Tierney will be holding 'drop-in' sessions on Monday afternoons and on Friday afternoons from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. If any parents have any concerns about their child's development or if they would like any help with completing forms etc. then please go along to these sessions.

Parent Coffee Afternoon We would like to invite parents, grandparents and families of children at the school to our Parent Coffee Afternoon which will be taking place on Thursday 19th October at 2.45pm. Please come along to hear about developments in school and put forward any ideas or suggestions.

School Photos Can parents please return ALL orders for School photos to the School Office by no later than Friday 29th September. Orders and payment should be sealed in the envelopes provided. Unfortunately, any orders returned after the 29th September will be unable to be handled by the school. Thank you.

Tesco Bags of Help Grant Please remember to help our fund raising efforts by supporting our Wildlife Project at local Tesco stores.

Praise Assembly We would like to once again invite parents along to our weekly praise assemblies which take place every Friday in the School Hall at 3.00pm.

Homework Look out for the letter about our new homework system.

Finding out about Phonics This exciting informative parents' session is being held by Miss Sarah Richardson on the evening of Wednesday 11th October from 6.00pm. There will be free childcare available for those parents who would like to join this session, together with FREE refreshments. If you are planning on joining Miss Richardson on the evening, can you please complete and return the reply slip attached to school's letter dated 15th September.

Spotlight on Spellings This exciting and informative evening is being hosted by Mrs Laura Hodgson on the evening of Wednesday 18th October from 6.00pm. Again, FREE childcare and refreshments will be provided. If you would like to join Mrs Hodgson then, again, please complete and return the reply slip provided on earlier correspondence. We look forward to seeing you.

and FINALLY, thanks to the weather providing a dry 'slot', our exciting new playground development is ready for use by children..... These exciting interactive playground activity markings are already proving popular to all ages.

