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Message from Mr Hiley

On Wednesday this week, children all joined staff in the School Hall to say a fond farewell to Mrs Horton, who has been a Teaching Assistant at the school for over 27 years. Mrs Horton said that she would miss all the children and told them that they should continue to always try their best, look after each other, and be kind to each other.

Earlier today, children also said a fond farewell to Mrs Townley, who has been an MSA at the school for a number of years. We wish Mrs Townley the very best as she starts a new chapter in her life.

As parents will be aware, this year school is once again getting creative and getting involved with Arts Projects for Schools. Children have all had the opportunity to get creative and make their very own exclusively designed Christmas Cards, that can be professionally re-produced and purchased by parents. Children have been sent home with their Christmas card design, together with a unique code that can be used to order merchandise. Please remember, that children's original artwork needs to be returned to school by no later than **3.30pm today, Friday 22nd October**. To place an order, please visit www.apfsorders.co.uk.

This year we will, once again, be supporting the BBC's Children in Need. Mrs Cadman is very busy planning fundraising activities for all children to take part in – more information about how you can get involved and raise all important funds for this children's charity will be sent home with children shortly.

With Bonfire Night just around the corner, on Tuesday 2nd November, Mr Craig Lyons, a Fire Safety Officer with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue will be visiting school and taking a whole school assembly. On Friday 5th November, all children are invited to take part in a celebratory Bonfire Night Lunch.

Miss Downham will also be back in school on Monday 1st November following her recent marriage. Miss Downham will now be Mrs Duckett. I am sure Mrs Duckett will be excited to share stories of her wedding day with children and staff alike.

Following on from last week's Friday Newsletter, can I once again please remind parents that if children become poorly with seasonal sickness and diarrhoea then please

do not send them back to school until 48 hours has passed since the LAST incident of illness. Whilst children may seem well enough to come to school shortly after being poorly, unfortunately infection can still be spread. These rules are in place to help limit infection and to try and keep everyone as safe as possible. For more information and guidance, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/> Thank you.

By way of a reminder, the School Photographer will be in school on Friday 5th November 2021. All children in all classes will have the opportunity to have their school photo taken individually – there is no need to pre-book. Likewise, children who have siblings of school age will also have family photos taken whilst at school. If you would like photographs to include younger siblings who DO NOT YET ATTEND SCHOOL/NURSERY, then please bring children along with their older brothers/sisters directly to the School Library on the morning of the 5th November between 8.15am and 9.00am. Again, can I please remind parents that, due to Covid, face coverings should be worn at all times when in the school building (unless medically exempt). If your child is in Nursery and does not usually attend on a Friday, then please also go along to the Library between 8.15am and 9.00am.

Unfortunately, as we approach half-term, there appears to be a number of parents speaking to class teachers about lost items of clothing..... Over the holidays, can we please encourage parents to check that they have not accidentally re-homed another child's uniform! Can any items of clothing that have accidentally appeared in another household's washing pile please be returned to school! As a school we do encourage parents to clearly label all items of clothing – this helps identify correct ownership and helps staff when attempting to return items of clothing and shoes to their owners! Thank you.

Similarly, if your child has developed any allergies, then please remember to let the school know. For those children who require medication at school, including inhalers for Asthma, can parents please ensure that medications are not close to running out and do not need replacing with their child's class teacher.

Hopefully (Wi-Fi provider willing), during the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd November, our re-scheduled Parent

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consultations will be taking place! If you are unavailable on the timeslot that has previously been allocated for you to speak with your child's class teacher, then please contact Sally in the School Office so that an alternative date/time can be secured.

Finally, have a lovely half-term. Enjoy the rest and family time, but please remember that clocks 'fall back' one hour on Sunday 31st October. If you are celebrating Halloween or going out 'trick or treating' then please stay safe, be careful, but have fun! School re-opens on Monday 1st November – see everyone then!

Mr T Hiley

Interim Headteacher

Children starting Reception in September 2022

For those parents of children in Nursery and born between 1st September 17 and 31st August 18 information has been sent home about how to apply for a Primary School Place for September 2022. The deadline to apply for a school place is **15th January 2022**. Please remember you must apply for a school place, even if your child has an older sibling who already attends the school you would like them to attend, or if they currently attend a Nursery provision attached to the school. More information is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions.

Covid-19

There is clear evidence (ZOE Covid Study) that a runny nose and cold like symptoms are now the most common symptoms of Covid infection in unvaccinated children. This is challenging as we move into the usual Autumn cold and flu season therefore, we would strongly recommend that if your child is showing mild cold symptoms including a runny or blocked nose you test regularly with an LFD (Lateral Flow Device) test. By following guidance, we can help prevent the spread of Covid and protect our friends, families and communities. Advice from the Government continues to state:

“Do not use a rapid lateral flow test if you have COVID-19 symptoms as listed on the NHS website. [Get a PCR test](#) as soon as possible and [self-isolate](#), while awaiting the result even if symptoms are mild”.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

By way of a reminder, please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms that could be attributable to Covid without undertaking an appropriate test. Please remember, that in line with advice from the Local Authority, it may be deemed necessary to send a child home, or not accept them in class if they are displaying covid symptoms and have not been tested. As is always the case, thank you to everyone in advance for their co-operation, support and understanding.

Bonfire Night Menu * Please note menu changes for the week commencing 1st November 2021.

All children are invited to join in with a special Bonfire Night Celebratory Lunch on Friday 5th November. Meals can be ordered during registration.

On the Menu:

Sloppy Joe Style Sausages in Bun

Bonfire Bean and Cheese Pie with Crusty Bread

Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn and Peas

Jacket Potato

Chocolate and Vanilla Swirls with an Apple Wedge

Meals are priced at £2.10 each for children in Nursery, FREE of charge for ALL children in Reception, year 1 and 2 and £2.55 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Meals are also FREE for all children eligible for Free School Meals. Payment should be made via Parentpay and deposited before Friday 5th November 2021.

PE Days

This term, our PE days are, as follows:

Nursery:	Tuesday/Friday
Class 1 :	Tuesday/Friday
Class 2 :	Tuesday/Wednesday
Class 3 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 4 :	Monday/Tuesday
Class 5 :	Monday/Tuesday

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

These are difficult times, with financial circumstances changing on an almost daily basis for some families. In

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some instances, families may be missing out on Free School Meals. Whilst ALL children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are eligible for UNIVERSAL free school meals, families may also be entitled to some additional financial support. Free School Meal eligibility for children in younger year groups includes universal entitlement and additional pupil premium funding which helps support children in school with their learning. If you think you may be eligible for some additional support, then please contact Sally in the School Office. Please be reassured that all applications will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st November 2021

School Re-opens after half-term
Connie's Chicken Quesadilla
Five Veggie Pasta
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Fire Safety Assembly with Craig Lyons
Pasta Bolognaise
Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake
Jacket Potato

3.30pm-4.20pm After School Basketball Club

Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Re-scheduled Parent Interviews
Fish Fingers
Cheese Pastry
Jacket Potato

Thursday 4th November 2021

Margherita Pizza
Vegetable Fajita
Jacket Potato
3.30pm-4.30pm After School Cooking Club (1 of 3)

Friday 5th November 2021

Fun-Day-Friday and Celebratory Bonfire Day Lunch
Sloppy Joe style Sausages in a Bun
Bonfire Bean and Cheese Pie
Jacket Potato

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When **you** trick or treat...

Remember:

- Go with a group of friends or an adult
- Tell an adult where you are going and when you expect to be back
- Stick to well-lit areas and take care crossing the roads in the dark
- Stay on the doorstep - don't enter a house
- Don't throw flour or eggs - they can cause damage and hurt people
- Take care not to scare elderly people
- If you see a sign saying "no trick or treat", don't knock on the door



ARE YOU A SMART TRICK OR TREATER?

- Stay in areas that are lit with streetlights - take a torch with you just in case
- Although Hallowe'en is supposed to be spooky, be careful not to frighten elderly people
- Don't enter any house, stay on the doorstep
- only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents
- Always go trick or treating with an adult
- Throwing eggs and flour is anti-social behaviour and will get you into trouble
- Be visible
- Stay with your friends. Don't split into smaller groups unless an adult goes with you
- Don't knock on doors where there is a sign saying No trick or treat here
- Don't talk to strangers on the street

CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE 101 IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

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