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## 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Newsletter



### Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see all of the children back and dressed super smart in their school uniforms and school shoes this week. Thank you to you, as parents, in ensuring that children are smartly dressed and ready for school.

Although it is week one, lots of hard work has taken place; staff have enjoyed getting to know their new classes and children have been getting used to new routines.

The Year 1 to Year 6 children have embraced the new routine of walking in by themselves so that they can develop their independence which is great to see.

I am looking forward to all that 2018/19 has to offer and I hope that you all have a fabulous first weekend.

Bernadette

### Attendance/Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents, there is no entitlement for you to take your child on holiday during term time.

You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

If you do not apply for leave of absence in advance, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If the Headteacher granted an absence in exceptional circumstances and your child is away for longer than was agreed, any extra time is recorded as unauthorised.

We are aware that some parents have contacted us to say their child(ren) are sick when they are, in fact, on holiday and we will be contacting them in due course.

### Punctuality

Please be aware that the register closes at 8.50am each day (when Lindsay rings the bell). If your child arrives between 8.50 and 9.10am they will be recorded as late. If your child arrives after 9.10am they will be recorded as 'U' for that session which does have an impact on their attendance percentage.

It is important that your child arrives, each day, for school on time!

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Parking

A number of residents have contacted us and the Community Police Officer to complain about parking on residents' drives or blocking access to residents' drives. We would ask that you consider where you park when you are dropping off/collecting your children from school.

We would ask, where possible, that you could perhaps walk your child to school or possibly car share to ease congestion at the school gates?

## Dropping off/ Picking Up

We are trying to help your child become more independent so if your child is Year 1 to 6 we would ask that they walk into school by themselves. Nursery and Reception children need to be taken to their entrance point.

There will be times that your child might need some help with their scooter or bike or you might simply need to pass a message on to a member of staff at the pupil entrance. We would ask that you still continue to do this as you have always done.

If your child arrives for Bounce Breakfast/ if they are late coming to school/ or the gates are closed, please accompany them to the school office.

**Please note the gates will be open from 8.00-8.15am for Bounce Breakfast and 8.40-9.00am for registration.**

Any child staying for clubs until 4pm (or Movie Club) can be collected from the school playground. Children staying at After School Club until 5pm can be collected via the door at the school office.

**We would also ask that your child is aware of who is picking them up after school. If any arrangements change, during the course of the day, please inform the school office.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Toast will be available, every Tuesday, at a cost of 10p.

### Uniform Swap Shop

Our Swap Shop has been used and utilised by a number of families but we are keen that more parents use it. We have a range of nearly new items including P.E. uniform. Why not pop in and have a browse?

### Volunteers

We would be keen to recruit some volunteers to help us with toast on a Tuesday morning and to listen to readers in various classes. If you think that you could spare even an hour, please contact the school office.

### Afterschool Clubs

Don't forget, registration for our afterschool activity clubs is now open online.



### Mum2Mum Sale

There will be a Mum2Mum Sale taking place in our school hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September between 11am and 1pm. It will be £2 to enter and there are lots of bargains on sale!



### Upcoming Dates

Please make a note of these upcoming events in school.

Date	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children return to school
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 visit to Arbeia
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Swimming starts
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Playgroup begins 9-11am (every Friday)
16 <sup>th</sup> September	After School Clubs start
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Drop in for parents (information about Paris visit) 3-5pm
19 <sup>th</sup> September	NSPCC Assemblies
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Y2 visit to Kirkley Hall Zoo
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 visit to Consett Academy
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual School Photos
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Non-uniform day
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Children Break Up for Half Term
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset day
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school

You can keep up to date with all dates on our online diary on the school website.