



12th January, 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

The children and staff have enjoyed a busy and productive week. Although this is a short half term, we have lots to fit in and plenty to look forward to.

As previously mentioned in Tuesday's letter, Mrs Gudger will be absent from school for the next few weeks. We are covering Mrs Gudger's teaching commitment with Mrs Laura Griffiths who has thoroughly enjoyed her first two days in school with your children. If you would like to discuss the arrangements, please feel free to make an appointment. Mr Daniel Hills has worked in The Club all week and has settled in extremely well; the children have made him feel very welcome.

ATTENDANCE - Autumn Term 2017

<u>Class 1</u> 98.8%	<u>Class 2</u> 97.5%	<u>Class 3</u> 96.5%	<u>Class 4</u> 96.3%	Well done to Class 1 with the highest attendance!
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As you will appreciate, we take attendance very seriously. I have to remind all parents that I am unable to authorise holidays during term time and that NYCC are imposing fines on unauthorised holidays. Thank you for your support in helping us to maintain excellent rates of attendance.

CRICKET SESSIONS

On Tuesday, Matthew Hurren from 'All Stars Cricket' worked with each class on their cricket skills; he will be in school every Tuesday afternoon until half term.

MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM EVENING

We will be hosting a maths curriculum evening on **Thursday 18th January from 5:00pm until 6:00pm**. This will be an opportunity to learn about our new approach to the subject - 'Convince Me Maths' - and discuss the maths curriculum with your child's teacher. You do not need to reserve a space and can come at any time between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. The classrooms will be open with activities on tables and the teaching staff will be available to answer any questions and explain how we teach the subject. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

FRIENDS AGM

Following the curriculum evening, we will be holding our 'Friends of the School' Annual General Meeting from 6:00pm until 6:30pm. We hope to see as many of you here as possible - thank you for your support.

ROBINWOOD - YEAR 5/6 - INFORMATION EVENINGS

The Year 5/6 residential at Robinwood (21st February - 23rd February) is fast approaching. There will be two information evenings for parents/carers; one at Kirkby Fleetham Primary School on Wednesday 24th January at 5:30pm, the other at East Cowton Primary School on Wednesday 31st January at 5:30pm. Alternatively, if you are unable to make either date, we will provide handouts and answer any questions you may have.

SRE INFORMATION EVENING

On Tuesday 30th January, there will be an information evening regarding 'Sex and Relationships Education' from 5:30pm until 6:30pm, presented by a wellbeing adviser from the Local Authority. Please save the date, particularly if you are a parent of a child in Key Stage 2.

UNIFORM FOR BAD WEATHER

As the weather declines, please remember to send your child to school with suitable clothing, such as a thick winter coat, gloves and hat. Shorts, skirts/pinafores are not suitable.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at our Celebration Assemblies - every Friday at 2:45pm.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

18th January – Change4Life Sports Clubs, Years 3/4 Hambleton Leisure Centre
22nd January – Key Steps Gym Years 1-6, Hambleton Leisure Centre
24th January – Robinwood information evening, Kirkby Fleetham Primary School at 5:30pm
30th January – E-Safety Workshops – Classes 3 and 4
30th January – SRE Parent/Carer Information Evening, 5:30pm-6:30pm
31st January – Robinwood information evening, East Cowton Primary School at 5:30pm
7th February – Dodgeball, Years 3/4, Ainderby Steeple
8th February – Road Safety Assemblies for all classes
21st-23rd February – Robinwood Residential, Years 5/6
27th February – Parent Consultations
28th February – Parent Consultations
1st March – World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character (information to follow)
2nd March – Yorkshire Air Ambulance – assembly and workshops for all children

ABSENCE NOTES

Please could you ensure that you send in an absence note if your child has been off school. This is a legal requirement for the school to keep with the registers. Thank you.

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH MENU – from 15th January

Main Choice OR SANDWICHES

Monday – Quorn & Vegetable Fajita OR Cheese Sandwich
Tuesday – Chicken Korma & Rice OR Tuna Sandwich
Wednesday – Roast Pork, Apple Sauce/Gravy OR Ham Sandwich
Thursday – Pasta Bolognaise OR Egg Sandwich
Friday – Breaded Salmon Nuggets OR Cheese Sandwich

LUNCH MENU – from 22nd January

Main Choice OR JACKET POTATO with a choice of filling

Monday – Margherita Pizza
Tuesday – Bacon & Tomato Pasta
Wednesday – Beef Cobbler
Thursday – Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles
Friday – Battered Fish

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Please let us know your club arrangements for this term. Booking forms are available from the office.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE ROTA



A big thank you to our helpers – it is very much appreciated by the children. If you would like to come in and help, please just let us know.

Please ensure that you count out two days of fruit or come in on two consecutive days.

Our helpers are:

Monday 15 th January	Mrs Harris
Wednesday 17 th January	Dr Lane
Friday 19 th January	Ms Craven
Monday 22 nd January	Mrs Cassidy
Wednesday 24 th January	Mrs Smith
Friday 26 th January	Dr Wilson

COMMUNITY LINKS

INFLUENZA VACCINATION

For those children in Reception to Year 4 (included) who did not have the vaccine before the Christmas break can attend one of the following clinics on Monday 22nd January 2018. This is a walk in clinic so no appointment is needed:

Venue: The Child Development Centre Northallerton DL6 1EA, Time: 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Venue: Thirsk Children's Centre YO7 1DS, Time: 3.00pm – 4.15pm

JUNIOR RUGBY – NORTHALLERTON RUGBY CLUB

If you are 5 or over and would like to play rugby, please take a look at the attached flyer giving details of rugby sessions running until April 2018.

LEGO MASTERS SERIES 2

Following the success of Series 1 on Channel 4, Tuesday's Child TV production company are again on the hunt to find Britain's most talented Amateur Builders. They are looking for anyone over the age of 9 (on March 2018) who loves to build! Either individuals or teams are welcome to apply. If you are interested please refer to the attached flyer.

USED STAMPS COLLECTION FOR INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND - Please keep sending in your used stamps.

Happy, Healthy and Productive