



22nd September, 2016

Dear Parents

You are invited to come and join in our **HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS** to be held on **FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER AT 1.30PM** in School.



This will be followed by the sale of our harvest goods. The money raised will be donated to 'Macmillan Cancer Support'. We would be grateful for donations to our sale of tinned food, cakes—bought or home-made, fruit and vegetable produce. All tins of food will be donated, via Father Simon, to the Northallerton Food Bank.

PARENTS' ASSEMBLY

Just a reminder that these assemblies are held every Friday at 2.50pm. All parents are welcome to come along. If you are taking photos, please can I remind you to complete a 'Photo Agreement form' either from the school website or the office.

'FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL' MEETING –Thank you to the members who attended the first meeting of this term this week and for making me so welcome. As a school we really value their input and hard work with their fundraising activities. I would like to ask for more parents to come along to the next meeting. You don't need to be a member to come along. You may prefer to be a 'helper' which would be great too! **The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th November at 6pm in The Shorthorn, Appleton Wiske.** I look forward to seeing more helpers and members attend. Thank you!

KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2) FUN RUN – Wednesday 28th September

Just a reminder, to ensure that PE Kit and trainers are in school, as a letter has previously been sent home.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We will be holding our first consultation on **Tuesday 11th October from 3.30pm-7pm and Wednesday 12th October from 3.40pm to 4.30pm.** We will be sending home the booking forms next week.

BOOK FAIR

We will have the Travelling Book Company in school during the week of Monday 10th-Friday 14th October. The children will have the opportunity to browse the books during the day on Friday 7th October. Thereafter the books will be on sale from Monday 10th, after school as well as on Parent Consultation evenings.

For every purchase made the School receives commission in books which helps boost our library, so thank you in advance for your purchases.

FOREST SCHOOL

Class 1 children will be starting Forest Schools on Tuesday afternoons from 27th September. Please remember to bring wellies, coats etc. and ensure children come in their forest clothes and shoes. We have school waterproofs which will be used if required.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I have been impressed with the standard of uniform worn by the children. However, I am concerned that some of the girls are wearing slip-on shoes, which slip off whilst they are running around outside at playtimes. Please can I remind you that for safety reasons their shoes should be either buckled or fastened with laces to prevent an accident. Thank you for your support.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Just to remind you that Schools are not permitted to grant any 'holidays' during the term.

If you require a 'leave of absence', then you need to read the Policy and complete the application form available either on the website or from the Office. Your request has to fall within categories set by Government, these can be found listed within the Policy, otherwise I am unable to authorise your absence.

ROAD CLOSURES

Please see information below, forwarded to us via a resident in Appleton Wiske, with regards to the road closures between Great Smeaton and East Rounton starting on 26th September.

PARKING

Some parents are still parking on the zig zag lines outside the school entrance or turning around in the driveway. Can I remind you that you are not permitted to do so to ensure the safety of the children. Thank you.

BEGINNING AND END OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

The school gates to the playground will be opened by a member of staff at 8.35am. **Please do not open them beforehand,** as no member of staff will be on duty in the playground. If your child arrives before 8.35am they will be placed in Breakfast Club for their safety and a charge will be made.

At the end of the school day, Class 1 parents are to meet at the Library door and Classes 2 & 3 will meet at Class 3 door and the staff will hand over the children to you.

If you are running late, please give us a ring and we can pop your child into Club for you.

TRIM TRAIL

Please can you ensure, for health and safety and insurance purposes, your younger children do not go on the trim trail whilst waiting for the end of school and that all children do not use it after school either. Thank you.

CHILDREN IN NEED – Friday 18th November

We will be having a 'non-uniform' day raising funds for Children in Need. The children can come to school wearing 'spots' for a suggested donation of £1. We will also be holding a cake sale in school and are looking for donations of cakes to be sent in on the Friday morning. If you would like your child to buy a cake, please send them with 20p.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



All children are welcome to attend our Before and After School Clubs. Please ask for a booking form from the office.

- MONDAYS – COOKING/GARDENING**
- TUESDAYS –CRAFT**
- WEDNESDAYS –COMPUTING**
- THURSDAYS – SPORT**
- FRIDAYS – ‘FRIDAY FUN’**

3.15-4.15pm - £4 once a week=7 weeks x £4=£28
 3.15-5pm - £7 - 3.15pm-6pm - £10

BREAKFAST CLUB –from 8am-8.35am-£3 and includes breakfast.

DINNER & CLUB MONEY

Please can I remind you all to top up your funds on Parent Pay, as some accounts have no funds available for clubs or dinners.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE ROTA

Thank you for your offer of help. It is greatly appreciated. Please can you ensure that you count out two days of fruit or come in two consecutive days. Our helpers for the following weeks are:-

Mon 12 Sept	Mr Nightingale
Wed 14 Sept	Mrs Luck
Fri 16 Sept	Mrs Luck
Mon 19 Sept	Ms Wilson
Wed 21 Sept	Mrs Green
Fri 23 Sept	Mrs Wilson
THANK YOU ALL!	

REPORTS

There are still some outstanding ‘school copy’ reports which were sent home last term. Please can you sign and return the school copy.

HEAD LICE

A letter was sent home on Wednesday explaining that we have a report of head lice in school. Please can you continue to check your child’s hair daily and treat if necessary to eradicate any further cases. Thank you.

ABSENCE NOTES –please can you jot a note in your child’s planner if they have been off school. This is a legal requirement for the school to keep with the Registers. Thank you.

USED STAMPS COLLECTION FOR INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND PEOPLE - Please keep sending in your used stamps. They have just reported that they raised £25,000 last year!

Village News

St Mary’s Church, Appleton Wiske - Harvest Festival Sunday 25th September at 11am – All welcome to attend.

Community Harvest Celebration - 2nd October at 11.30am in Appleton Wiske Village Hall. A short gathering of 35mins for singing and thanksgiving followed by lunch. To book, add your name to list in Chapel, Church or Village shop.

Countrywomen’s Association – 12th October at 7.30pm in Village Hall annex. _Guest speaker – Angie Petit, Gov of Kirklevington Grange Open Prison. All welcome - £5 admission.

Yarm School – Open Day – Saturday 24th September 9am-12pm. Music and Academic scholarships available for 11+ pupils.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Clark - Head Teacher

Important Information

Date 19/9/16

Dear Neighbour

Re: A19 to Great Smeaton.

As part of our commitment to achieving the highest possible standards of operational excellence I would like to inform you of the planned resurfacing works to ensure that this work does not cause undue disturbance, inconvenience or stress.

Start Date: 26/9/16

Completion Date: 04/11/16 (Weather dependant)

Hours of Work: Monday to Friday 08:00 – 19:30

- The works shall be carried under a manned road closure with access to residents.
- Signed diversion routes will be in place.
- Emergency vehicles will be permitted access at all times.

All Parking will be suspended between the hours of 08:00 – 19:30, please ensure your vehicles are not left on the highway.

Due to the liquid nature of some surfacing materials drivers are advised park not to travel on treated surfaces during the working day as this may cause damage to your vehicle.

If you choose to drive through the site you must approach from either and you will be escorted through the works by our staff.

Please cut off and carry the resident permits from the back of this letter in your vehicle as proof of your address.

The works areas are highlighted below (Phase 1 Orange, Phase 2 Pink, Phase 3 Purple, Phase 4 Green and Phase 5 Red). Each area highlighted will have a fully sign posted diversion route.

