



27 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed an excellent half term with lots to celebrate. Your children can be proud of their achievements and deserve a well-earned rest.



### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.99% which is below our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **From September 2023, penalty notices will be issued for unauthorised absences which reach the local authority limit.** Thank you for helping us to maintain high rates of attendance. **Well done to Class 3 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**

### PE UNIFORM – TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

The children are starting to require long sleeves and joggers during PE days due to the cold weather. I would like all children to wear their **red school jumpers and cardigans** instead of branded hoodies and different coloured tops. I would also like to remind you that **joggers should be plain**. The exception to this is that Reception and Year 1 children should continue to wear their forest school clothing on Tuesdays. Thank you for your support.

### POWER DOWN PETE

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Superhero Power Down Pete visited our school and taught the children all about energy and sustainability. They enjoyed a range of activities including songs and stories (Reception/Year 1/2); giant snakes and ladders and parachute game (Year 3/4); and a team building workshop (Year 5/6). Don't be surprised if your children have been turning your lights off at home!



### PCSO VISIT

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we received a visit from our Police Community Support Officer Liam Hodgson who talked to the children in assembly. The children learned about Liam's role in the community and asked him lots of questions!



### YEAR 5/6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, our Year 5/6 girls competed in a football tournament at Northallerton Leisure Centre. We had two teams representing our school which is fantastic. Our girls were up against some tough opponents but they enjoyed taking part and were absolutely outstanding in attitude and spirit. Well done to all 14 girls in Year 5/6.

### HALLOWEEN DISCO

What a fabulous, fun and frightening Halloween Disco! The children absolutely loved it. Mrs Hainsworth and I were very impressed with the dancing and it was a pleasure seeing everybody having such a great time. A huge thank you to the Friends of the School and all the lovely volunteers for organising and running such a successful school event. Many thanks also to Mrs Price at Bluebird Care for providing all the cakes and prizes. We raised a total of £280 which is tremendous.

**Happy, Healthy and Productive**

## CLASS 1 OUTDOOR AREA DONATIONS

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Sygrove for donating giant tractor tyres and heavy duty tubing for the outdoor area. The children have already enjoyed exploring these resources and creating lots of structures.

## EdShed

Our school subscribes to EdShed which is the home of several online learning products. You may find the following information useful:

### Phonics Shed

#### For pupils in Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Phonics Shed is a complete phonics programme with coverage from sound awareness in Reception to a full phonics scheme of learning. The pupils have access to lots of eBooks which support their learning.

### Spelling Shed

#### For pupils in Years 1 to 6

Spelling Shed makes the acquisition of spelling and word knowledge fun and engaging for pupils. The scheme aligns with the English National Curriculum. There are fun games and activities to support pupils with their spellings.

### MathShed

#### For pupils in Reception to Year 6

MathShed is designed to significantly impact the enjoyment of mathematics. It aims to make learning mathematics facts fun for students. There are lots of games and activities to support pupils with their learning.

Your child has one login for EdShed, making access to all these resources nice and simple. If you have any questions, please get in touch. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home.



## EAST FARM POP-UP SHOP AND WORKSHOPS

Mrs Metcalfe is enjoying her retirement and has created a pop-up shop at East Farm. For more information about the pop-up shop as well as exciting seasonal workshops, please see the attached flyer or visit the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/east.farm.pop.up.shop>

## PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please remember that it is illegal to park on the zigzag lines outside school. Safety is paramount so we need everybody to park with consideration for others. Thank you.



## POPPY APPEAL

This year we are once again supporting the Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion and Remembrance Day. Our Year 5/6 pupils will be selling poppies and merchandise after half term. If your child would like to donate, we would recommend up to £2.00; there is a range of stationery to choose from. Thank you for supporting this important cause.

## **MATCH FUNDING**



Match giving, or match funding, is a simple way to maximise the fundraising efforts of a school's PTA. Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has either raised or donated to a charity. We would really appreciate it if you could ask your employers if they operate a match giving scheme. The Friends of the School would love to hear from you if this applies to your organisation as it will help us purchase resources and offer additional experiences for our pupils. Thank you.



## **CHILDREN IN NEED**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November the children can come to school in non-uniform for Children in Need. The theme is 'SPOTacular', so they can wear spotted clothes if they like. Please remember that PE will go ahead as normal so they will need appropriate clothing for sporting activities. All donations will be greatly appreciated (recommended £2.00).

Finally, I would like say a big thank you for all of your support so far this academic year. We are looking forward to working with you again after the half term break. Have a great week with your children and families.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark  
Head Teacher

## DIARY DATES



27<sup>th</sup> October – School Closes for Half Term  
 6<sup>th</sup> November – School Re-opens  
 7<sup>th</sup> November – Y5/6 Football  
 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Assembly  
 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week  
 14<sup>th</sup> November – Y1/2 Multi-Skills  
 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day  
 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Crucial Crew, Carlton Lodge – Y6  
 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day – ‘Save the Children’  
 13<sup>th</sup> December – C1 Nativity – 9.30am – 10.30am, 2.00pm – 3.00pm  
 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch  
 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol Concert  
 22<sup>nd</sup> December – School Closes for Christmas Break

## ABSENCE

Please ensure the school office is notified by 9.00am either by telephone or email if your child is absent from school due to illness.

Thank you.



## COMMUNITY LINKS



Used stamp collection for bone cancer research trust and cystic fibrosis.

Please keep sending in your used stamps, Thank you.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please let us know your club arrangements. Booking forms and Parental Contracts are available from the office.

### CLUB ACTIVITIES – W/C 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AND 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023



MONDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023	APPLE & CARROT SALAD
TUESDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023	FUNNY ANIMALS
WEDNESDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023	FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023	FILMS & GAMES
MONDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023	PIZZA PINWHEELS
TUESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023	DARK NIGHT PICTURES
WEDNESDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023	TABLE TENNIS / INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023	FILMS & GAMES

## LUNCH MENU W/C 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023



Main Choice **OR** Jacket Potato

Monday - Mac & Cheese **OR** JP with Baked Beans  
 Tuesday - Nacho Beef Bake & Rice **OR** JP with Tuna  
 Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Mash **OR** JP with Veg Bolognese  
 Thursday - All Day Breakfast **OR** JP with Cheesy Beans  
 Friday - Salmon Star & Chips **OR** JP with Cheese

## LUNCH MENU w/c 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday – Pizza **OR** JP with Veg Bolognese  
 Tuesday - Chicken & Tomato Pasta **OR** JP with Baked Beans  
 Wednesday - Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** JP with Tuna  
 Thursday - Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** JP with Cheese  
 Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips **OR** JP with Baked Beans