



26 January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this finds you healthy and well. We have enjoyed another couple of weeks at school with lots to celebrate.

PRIME MINISTER RISHI SUNAK – SCHOOL VISIT

We were delighted to welcome the British Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, to our school this morning. I received a call last week from one of the Prime Minister's PR officers requesting a visit and I was only too keen to oblige! We kept the visit quiet for obvious reasons and managed to organise a pre-visit with his security team on Wednesday. After welcoming Mr Sunak to our school, he signed the visitors book and then enjoyed a tour of the school, visiting each classroom and talking to the children. After this he took a whole school assembly and talked about his experiences as a member of parliament and spoke about democracy. The children were then able to ask lots of questions which Mr Sunak duly answered. This was a truly wonderful experience for our pupils who were a credit to our school. It was a pleasure for me to observe the children in conversation with the Prime Minister – they were polite, charming and engaged throughout. Some of their questions during the assembly were absolutely brilliant. As you can imagine, I am incredibly proud of our pupils and our school community. An official photographer and videographer were here to capture the event and I hope to share the photographs and videos with you soon. The children are very fortunate to have met the Prime Minister and I am sure you will enjoy talking to them about their experience over the weekend.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.15% which is below our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **From September 2023, penalty notices are being 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 1 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**



KEY STAGE 2 CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 23rd January, our Key Stage 2 pupils attended a wet and windy cross country competition in Northallerton. I had the pleasure of cheering every pupil over the finish line and was really impressed with the resilience and determination of all the pupils who took part. The conditions were absolutely terrible but the children were wonderful! Well done to everybody who represented our school with pride and congratulations to our medal winners – Eva H (1st), Rory (1st), Arthur (2nd), Fabian (3rd), Maddy (2nd), Jemima (1st), Daisy W (2nd), Ben (2nd) and Charlie P (3rd).



BINGO NIGHT – THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY AT 6.00PM

We hope you can join us for an evening of bingo fun at school on Thursday 8th February. There are prizes to be won including cash payouts. Full details will be provided very soon.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS – 27TH and 28TH FEBRUARY

Save the date for our parent consultations. We will send booking forms home soon.



WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

We would like to celebrate World Book Day by either dressing up as a book character or wearing PJs or onesies. The School Council like this idea as it hopefully makes life simple for anybody who would prefer not to make an outfit or spend a fortune. This event is all about promoting a love of reading and does not require a donation. Thank you for your support.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th March at 5.00pm. The meeting will be held in school and free childcare is available from this time.



Piano Lessons

Piano lessons take place in school on a Wednesday afternoon. Children can head towards the ABRSM exams or learn just for fun! Lessons are 20 minutes long with fees paid on a half termly basis. If you are interested and would like further information please contact Caroline Dyke on 07756 440755 or carolinedyke@gmail.com



Five to Twelve study

Year 1 pupils from our school have been selected to take part in the new Five to Twelve study!

Five to Twelve is a new national study involving around 8,000 children attending primary school in the 2020s and their families. The study will explore how children are getting on in a range of areas in the post-pandemic context. By following children and their families over time, the study aims to provide a contemporary understanding of how children's environments and experiences impact on their future education and wellbeing outcomes.

For the first stage of the study, the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), which is delivering the study on behalf of DfE, will have sent letters to the parents or carers of the selected children at their home address in October 2023. The information posted to families will list the various ways they can get in touch with the study team, should they have questions about participating or opting out.

If invited parents and carers have any questions, you can visit the study website at fivetotwelve.org.uk, or get in touch with the study team at FivetoTwelve@natcen.ac.uk or on Freephone 0800 652 4568.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who completed the recent parent/carer survey, the results of which have been shared. Thank you for your positive responses and continued support.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

6th February – Y3/4 Tchoukball Competition
 7th February – Class 1 Trip to Ripon Museum
 8th February – Bingo Night
 9th February – Judo Taster Sessions
 9th February – School Closes for Half Term
 19th February – School reopens
 22nd February – Year 6 SATS boosters begin
 20th February – Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition
 27th February – Parent Consultations, 3.30pm – 6.30pm
 28th February – Class 1 Parent Consultations, 1.00pm – 4.30pm
 28th February – Class 2 & 3 Parent Consultations, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
 6th March - Key Steps Gymnastics - Northalton School & Sixth College
 7th March – World Book Day
 22nd March – Easter Assembly
 22nd March – School Closes for Easter
 8th April – School Training Day



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 29th January and 5th February 2024



MONDAY 29 TH JANUARY 2024	CARAMEL COOKIE CAKES
TUESDAY 30 TH JANUARY 2024	COLOURING PAGES
WEDNESDAY 31 ST JANUARY 2024	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 1 ST FEBRUARY 2024	INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 2 ND FEBRUARY 2024	FILMS AND GAMES
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MONDAY 5 TH FEBRUARY 2024	VEGEMITE AND PARMESAN CHIPS
TUESDAY 6 TH FEBRUARY 2024	CHINESE LANTERNS
WEDNESDAY 7 TH FEBRUARY 2024	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 8 TH FEBRUARY 2024	INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 9 TH FEBRUARY 2024	FILMS AND GAMES

LUNCH MENU

W/C 29TH JANUARY 2024

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - Lasagne **OR** Baked Bean JP
 Tuesday - Chicken Nuggets **OR** Cheese JP
 Wednesday - Roast Pork & Mash **OR** Tuna JP
 Thursday - Beef Chilli Wrap **OR** Baked Bean JP
 Friday - Battered Fish & Chips **OR** Cheese JP



LUNCH MENU

W/C 5TH FEBRUARY 2024

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

Monday - Pizza & Potato Wedges **OR** Egg Sandwich
 Tuesday - Meatballs & Rice **OR** Ham Sandwich
 Wednesday - Roast Chicken **OR** Tuna Sandwich
 Thursday - Spaghetti Bolognese **OR** Chicken Sandwich
 Friday - Fish Star & Chips **OR** Cheese Sandwich