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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A great learning week in school!

Walker Morris Calendar Competition – 1 Year 6 pupil from our July entries has won and 3 have been named as runner ups this year, the children will receive prizes at the awards ceremony in Leeds in October from Yorkshire Artist Ashley Jackson. We are really proud of them – well done.



School uniform: The children have come wearing lots of lovely new uniform ~ **please make sure their name and class is written in or a name tag sewn inside.** If your child loses a piece of clothing in school, please inform class teachers as soon as possible and they will try to locate it in lost property. We are currently reviewing our uniform provider for best value against other competitors, if you have any feedback please pass this to class teachers to help this review.

Home/school agreement, these have been sent out to you all this week. If you haven't done this already please read through and sign at the bottom **this is in your child's reading diary**, this helps us work together to support your child and their learning.

'Sheep Dip Bake Off' event is coming back, all cakes entered will need to be in school for judging by 09:00 Wednesday 3rd October. This will support with proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Charity. The winning cake will get a special family themed hamper.

Our learning visits/special events:

Foundation Stage – this week we have been focusing on learning new routines and developing confidence in the learning environment. Our first PE session with Bob Martin went down well and every child loved basketball so much. Don't forget your PE kit (with names in!) every Thursday. We have also been learning about families, understanding that all families are different and special. Thank you to everyone who brought in a picture or uploaded a family photograph onto Tapestry. The children loved sharing what makes their own family special.

KS1 – Year 1 and 2 – this week the children have been learning about timelines and how these show us when events happened in the past. Children in year 2 have explored everyday materials and how they can be changed, they have enjoyed being scientists to test out their questions.

Lower KS2 – Year 3 and 4 This week the children have continued their Science work for our 'Gruesome Guts' topic to explore different types of skeletons. They have debated the pros and cons of each type and researched which skeleton different animals have. The children are very excited to go on our visit next week to the Thackray Museum to extend their learning. Please ensure money for this is handed to either the class teacher or office.

Upper KS2 – Year 5 and 6 – this week the children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the National Space Centre. They loved discovering how to make rockets and the science behind it! The 'Planetarium' amazed them all- "thank you for a fantastic experience" said one of the Year 6 children. What a wonderful start to their science curriculum for this term.



MacMillan Coffee morning on Thursday 4th October: This is always a very special day for a very special cause, join us for a cuppa and toast or biscuits and cakes baked by the children and staff from 09:00. Adult entry of £2 includes a drink, toast and biscuit/cake, children's entry £1.

Holiday Requests~ Please note, following Government regulations, all holidays will be classed as unauthorised; we will not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances. If you go ahead with the holiday when unauthorised, you may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice issued through the Local Authority. Per child and for each parent this will be £60 if paid within 21 days; payment after this time but within 28 days is £120. If parents do not inform us, then a visit may be made to the home by the Education Welfare Officer to establish the reason for absence. The fine will go ahead if the house is unoccupied unless the parents have dated medical evidence for the period of absence.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

This week's class winners on 100% are Class 6
We Aim For – 100%



For our new parents/carers: The Superstar Awards are given to 4 children from each class in KS1 one week then KS2 the next week. They are children the staff and classmates nominate as showing our learning powers though the week– **Collaboration, Inquiry, Resilience, Inspire, Nurture and Teamwork**. The certificates are awarded in Celebration Assembly on Friday morning, photographs are taken if consented to by Mrs Parish and put onto our school Twitter site and are displayed in the front entrance of school each week. We also send out postcards home for good behaviour and great learning achievements and starting today each week a special group of children will be having hot choc Friday treat time. This is a special time together where we can celebrate our 'Always Children', those who are **always trying their best** and **always following our rules**. For our working parents/carers if you are unable to attend and you need more notice please just let us know and this can be arranged by admin.

Autumn is here: Now the windy, wet and cold weather has definitely started please send your child in a warm waterproof coat and again label this. Many thanks.

PTA ~ We are on the lookout for any volunteers for our parent teacher group which support school events and fund raising for special resources for the children each year. If you are interested in joining please see Miss Graham our admin manager for information or the PTA Parent/Chair Mrs S Bradley.

Dates for your diary:

We try to give parents/carers plenty of notice of dates – however these may be subject to change, thank you.



- **Monday 24th September - Classes 3, 3/4 and 4/5** Visit to Thackeray Museum
- **Thursday 27th September** – Individual Photograph Day
- **Wednesday 3rd October** – 1st family Thrive session – The Croft at 1p.m.
- **Thursday 4th October** – Macmillan Coffee Morning
- **Friday 5th October** – Teacher Training Day
- **Thursday 11th October** – 2nd Family Thrive session
- **Wednesday 17th October** – 3rd family Thrive session
- **Monday 22nd October** – Harvest Festival
- **Friday 26th October** – Choccy Dress Down Day

HALF TERM – school breaks up on Friday 26th October and opens Monday 5th November

- **Friday 9th November** – Bottle Dress Down Day
- **Friday 23rd November** – Autumn Fayre
- **Thursday 6th December** – KS1 cinema evening – more details to follow
- **Friday 7th December** – KS2 Christmas disco – more details to follow

With many thanks for your continued support!

Mrs Faye Parish

Head Teacher



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