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Dear Parents and Carers,



Reading initiative: Reading is such an important life and learning skill and we love the support families are giving, meeting our x3 times a week reading at home expectation to help our children be the best they can be. Thanks to fund raising by our PTA Friends of the School, we will be providing all our FS2 children with a free school book bag, these will be given out when the delivery arrives. I am sure that they will be helpful and appreciated.

School lunches – Please could children try and bring a healthy packed lunch to school with no chocolate bars, we have noticed KS2 children are also bringing sugary snacks to school for playtime which can affect their concentration during lessons and health over time. Our school council are looking at developing a healthy snack shop more news to follow...

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 we 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 **this is in your child's reading diary**, please read through and sign at the bottom, 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 **08:45 Monday 8th October.** (Please note the change of date, sorry for any inconvenience). 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 in FS1 the children have been creating self-portraits. They have used mirrors to look closely at their faces and used paint to make their pictures. I'm sure you'll agree they look amazing!



In FS2 we have been focusing on the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have been retelling the story using small world resources to develop our story language. We even cooked and tasted real porridge, choosing which toppings we would like. We all agreed it was delicious. No wonder Goldilocks ate it all up!

KS1 – Year 1 and 2 – this week the children have been producing beautiful sewing, pencil and pastel art work linked to colour and Moon Zoom our topic. Our writing has been linked to the core texts of Beegu and Dr Xargle.

Lower KS2 – Year 3 and 4 this week the children really enjoyed their visit to the Thackray Museum, where they learnt about how modern medicines were discovered and parts of the human body!

Upper KS2 – Year 5 and 6 – this week the children loved carrying out personalised research linked to 'The Planets.' Their knowledge is growing as too are their enquiring minds. This is lovely to see. Can they find out what characteristics or features make a 'Dwarf Planet' over the weekend?

MacMillan Coffee morning on Monday 8th 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. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE**, we apologise for any inconvenience.

Individual Photographs: GJ Photography and Mrs Parkhurst with our teaching teams did a great job, the children were all amazing at helping the day run smoothly –smiles were everywhere!

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, 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 Classes 2 and 3/4

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: The children have come in lovely warm winter coats. Please write their name in or sew in a name tag, without this it makes staff's job a difficult one trying to find out who a coat belongs to between 10 classes. Thank you.

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.



- **Wednesday 3rd October** – 1st family Thrive session – The Croft at 1p.m.
- **Monday 8th October** – Macmillan Coffee Morning (**Please note a change of date**).
- **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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