



Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome – To our new children and families into FS1 Nursery, the children have settled really well into our new setting. They are already learning so much with Mrs Bevens, Miss Taylor and Miss Ward.

A lot of work has taken place over the summer holidays we are pleased to say our flooding issue has been completely repaired and work on Sheep Dip Lane completed by Yorkshire Water. Thank you for working with us on the last day with our emergency closure. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard during the holidays to clean, decorate and then reset our learning environment to make it beautiful and exciting for the children.

A big thank you – To all our families, the children look amazing in their new uniforms when they came back to school on Thursday last week. Please make sure your child's name is written on labels in all their bags and uniform to help staff with lost property.

A great start to the academic year – This week the children have begun their new topic themes:

Foundation Stage – this term the children's topic is 'All About Me' where they will be talking about home, school and themselves.

KS1 – Classes 1 and 1/2 – this term the children's topic is 'Are Fairy tales real?' where the children learn about our favourite stories, linked with Science and Art.

Class 2 – this term's topic is 'What have we learnt from the Great Fire of London?' – all about fire safety, Science and History.

Lower KS2 – Year 3, 3/4 and 4/5 this term the children's topic is 'How can we have a healthy lifestyle?' linking with the World Cycling Championship event taking place in Doncaster on 27th September and learning about the body and health.

Upper KS2 – Year 5 and 6 – this term the children's topic is 'Was Henry VIII a hero or villain?' where the children learn about the Tudors and World discoveries.

SPORTS Afternoons – As we were rained off in the Summer Term we are hoping for better weather this term! –

KS2 – Wednesday 25th September 13:15

KS1 – Thursday 26th September 13:15

Attendance - Please ring and message us – If your child is too ill to attend school or has a medical appointment please contact school before 09:00 with a reason for their absence. You can now ring school, choose option 1 and leave a message for our attendance team about your child if they are absent from school. Please ensure you tell us their name and class along with a reason they are not in school, if it is an illness, then please let us know what the illness is. If we don't receive a reason for absence then we will text and may do a home visit. For safeguarding if we do not see your child for more than 48hrs then a safety check may happen with a home visit.



Attendance of the week – Year 5/6 on 100%

PE Kit: Please ensure that your child/ren has their PE kit in school, see your child's class teacher if you need information of PE days for your child/ren.

Indoor PE kit: Girls Black leotard or white t shirt and black shorts/skirt.
Boys White t shirt and black shorts.
Bare feet or black plimsolls whilst working in the Hall

Outdoor PE kit: Clothing as above, with extra jumper/tracksuit depending on time of year. During winter months, please be aware that clothing may become muddy. Trainers / football boots are allowed.

Jewellery – Please could the children only wear stud earrings to school and if they wish, a watch; all other jewellery should be kept safe at home, thank you.

After School Clubs – We run the following clubs from 3:00pm to 4:00pm for £1.00 per session:

Monday – Basketball – FS2 to Year 6

Monday – Football – Year 2 to Year 6

Wednesday – Multi-Skills – Year 1 to Year 6

Achievements, Rewards and Celebration Assemblies~ We will now be holding our assembly each Monday morning from 09:00a.m. where we celebrate attendance and learning achievement awards for KS1 and then KS2. Parents/carers will receive a secret phone call from school if your child/ren have been nominated for an award due to excellent learning that week. We appreciate attendance at these events is difficult due to work commitments, **if you require more notice please let admin know and we will arrange for the award at the following assembly to give two weeks' notice.**

Academy update – Our school, as you know, is in the process of joining in a collaboration of schools in Doncaster, we are hoping our conversion to become a school within Exceed Learning Partnership Trust will happen ready for the start of the spring term in January 2020.

Dates for your diary:



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

Teacher training days: 2nd, 3rd, 4th September, Monday 4th November, Monday 20th July.

Once we join the Trust there will be an additional two teacher training days – this is for curriculum development to bring new exciting topics for the children across school. These will be Monday 24th February and Friday 22nd May.

Academic Year 2019 - 2020

- **Thursday 19th September** - Classes 5 & 6 visit to Gainsborough Old Hall
- **Wednesday 18th September 6:30** – Year 6 Open Evening to Axholme Academy
- **Friday 20th September** – Dr Bike
- **Wednesday 25th September** – KS2 Sports Afternoon
- **Thursday 26th September** – KS1 Sports Afternoon
- **Thursday 26th September 5:30** – Year 6 Open evening at Trinity Academy
- **Friday 27th September** Class 3, 3/4 and 4/5 World Cycling Championship Walk – Hatfield Chace spectator point.
- **Monday 30th September** – Individual Photograph Day
- **Monday 30th September** – Basketball Competition at Hilltop 1:00 – 3:00
- **Tuesday 5th October 5:30** – Year 5 & 6 Open evening at Ash Hill Academy
- **Friday 11th October** – Dodgeball Tournament New College 1:00 – 3:00
- **Thursday 24th October** – KS2 Halloween Disco 3:30 to 17:00 – More details to follow
- **Friday 25th October** – Halloween Dress Down Day £1.00

HALF TERM – school breaks up on Friday 25th October and re-opens Tuesday 5th November

- **Monday 4th November** – Teacher training day
- **Tuesday 5th November** – Flu Vaccine Reception to Year 6
- **Thursday 7th November** – Open Evening – details to follow
- **Thursday 14th November** – Bingo & Raffle evening – Watch this Space!
- **Week commencing 11th November** – Classes 1 & 1/2 visit to Cusworth Hall – details to follow
- **Wednesday 13th November** – Class 2 Visit to Emergency Services Museum
- **Concert Week** – 9th to 12th December
- **Party Week** – 16th to 19th December
- **Thursday 19th December** – Children’s Christmas Fayre with Year 6
- **Friday 20th December** – Santa Visiting School!

CHRISTMAS BREAK – school breaks up on Friday 20th December and re-opens Monday 6th January 2020

- **Thursday 13th February 2020** – Valentine’s Disco – Details to follow

HALF TERM – school breaks up on Friday 14th February and re-opens Monday 24th February 2020

- **Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th March 2020** – Year 5 Residential to Kingswood

EASTER BREAK – school breaks up on Friday 3rd April and re-opens Monday 20th April 2020

- **Friday 8th May** – Bank Holiday

HALF TERM – school breaks up on Friday 22nd May and re-opens Monday 1st June 2020

- **Thursday 2nd to Friday 3rd July 2020** - Year 4 Residential to Austerfield
- **Wednesday 8th July 2020** – Open Evening
- **Friday 10th July 2020** – Year 6 Open Day
- **Monday 20th July 2020** – Teacher Training Day



With many thanks for your continued support!

Mrs F. Parish

Head Teacher

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