

Next Week's Events

Monday 27th January -

Celebration Assembly 3.00pm in the dining hall,

FREE sports club until 4.30pm followed by Pay & Play after school club

Tuesday 28th January – FREE sports club until 4.30pm followed by Pay & Play after school club

Wednesday 29th January-

Craft after school club with Mrs Simpson

SAT's club continues for Year 6 pupils 3.30pm – 4.30pm at INFANT building

Thursday 30th January –AJ Academy after school club, with performance for parents at 4.30pm, followed by Pay & Play

Friday 31st January –Swimming sessions continue for small group of children

Future Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th February – Tag Rugby **–** team only

Wednesday 12th February – Whole school Judo morning

Friday 14th February – Valentine Disco

Break up for half term

Thursday 5th March – Forest Schools starts for year 3 & 4 children.

World Book Day – children come to school dressed as a book character, if they so wish.

THINGS TO REMEMBER - KS2

Signed reading records Monday

Orange spelling books every day

Reading books every day

Full school uniform Wednesday

Trainers every Friday

Musical instruments every Friday

THINGS TO REMEMBER - KS1

Full school uniform Wednesday

Trainers every Friday

Achievers

Achievers will be announced each Monday during the celebratory assembly and mentioned on the newsletter on the Friday of the same week. We did plan to announce achievers in advance but, following a request from parents, have reverted back to how it used to be in order for the anticipation from the children of who is achiever to continue!!

Change for Life sports

Some of the year 3 & 4 children took part in a Change for Life sports event on Tuesday. They participated in a variety of different sporting challenges and activities and had great fun. They looked very smart in their new school kit too. Thanks to Aimee and Hannah who helped with transport to enable us to take part in this event.

Friends of the School

The Friends of the School have organised a Valentine Disco for Friday 14th February from 4pm – 6pm, at the Village Hall. Tickets are NOT required – pay on the door. Cost is £3.50, which includes food for the children.

Beamish Trip

The infant children had a thoroughly enjoyable day on Thursday, when they joined Melsonby School on a trip to Beamish Open Air Museum. The children enjoyed themselves and had a great time, learning about Florence Nightingale.

AJ Academy

A reminder that those who take part in the AJ Academy after school club are performing The Addams Family at the Village Hall on Thursday 30th January at 4.30pm. Parents, friends and neighbours are all welcome to attend. Please do come along and support the children.

Coffee afternoon

We had a very productive afternoon on Wednesday. Mr Linsley wanted to get to know the parents a bit better so a coffee afternoon was organised. There was a good turnout from parents with lots of positive suggestions and ideas. If there is anybody who could not make it and would like to speak to Mr Linsley, please make an appointment at the office.

Celebratory Assembly

A reminder that our Celebratory Assembly is on Monday afternoon, at 3pm, in the dining hall. All are invited and welcome to attend. This will be a regular event and will be an opportunity for parents to gain an insight into what the children have been learning about during the week and celebrating successes.

Wednesday sport

The children will now be doing their Wednesday morning sports sessions on the playing field, weather permitting, so will require warm clothing. All children will require full school uniform to change back into afterwards.

Friday lunchtime

ALL children will need their trainers EVERY FRIDAY for sport at lunchtime.

Music

A reminder to bring instruments in on a Friday, for the music session with Mrs Evans. Those who swim will require theirs too, as we are back from swimming before the end of the school day.

Toys in school

A reminder that toys, gadgets etc. from home should **not** be brought into school. These are proving a distraction during class time and it could be upsetting for your child if anything was to get lost or broken.

School kit

Please could the new kits be returned to school as soon as possible, to ensure that we have them ready for the next sporting event.

Data sheet

Attached to this newsletter is a data sheet for each child. We would be grateful if these could be checked, any updates made, and then returned to the office. In particular please could you check mobile phone numbers as these regularly change.

PE Pupil Voice questionnaires

Please could any outstanding Pupil Voice PE questionnaires be completed and returned to Mrs Morrice as soon as possible.

Heads Up!

Happy Friday Everyone! At the end of a productive week I would like to take the opportunity to update parents on a number of issues. Firstly, many thanks to parents who attended the coffee afternoon it was great to learn lots about the local community and share ideas about how we can work together to drive the school forward. I appreciate that it was difficult for all parents to make the date and the time so I would like to suggest Thursday 6th February 5pm - 6:30pm as an opportunity to have a coffee and some cake with me at school.

While I'm not in school the 'Base Leader' will be Miss Cheesbrough and any questions can be passed to her or appointments can be made through the office. I have had a few weeks to familiarise myself with rules and routines and start to get to know the children. I have really enjoyed sharing in the sessions that they have been involved in and the learning opportunities they have had in school. Next week will see another headteacher and member of staff visit the school to learn about the good practice I have already seen.

I have started working closely with staff as we begin to personalise and develop the school curriculum and I'll be asking parents for their views on that as we progress through the term. I am excited to start the celebration assemblies that begin on Monday and share with families the success your children are having at school.

Finally many thanks to those people who have taken the time to meet me or write to me and share their thoughts on the school. We are all passionate about driving the school forward and I'm determined to work together with pupils, parents, staff and Governors to ensure the School is the best it can be. I would like to wish everyone a great weekend and if anybody is at a loose end tonight then feel free to watch Sunderland v Doncaster, 7:45pm kick off. Since I started working for the Federation they are unbeaten!

Ríchard Línsley Headteacher

Week commencing 27th January 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham & pineapple pizza with chips, peas & sweetcorn	Chicken korma & rice with cauliflower and broccoli	Minced beef and Yorkshire pudding with green beans, carrots and creamed	Tomato pasta (home - made tomato sauce) with mixed salad and	Fish fingers and tomato ketchup with vegetable sticks and potato wedges
Sunflower seed bread	Naan bread	potatoes Sliced wholemeal bread	grated carrot Garlic bread	Wholemeal baguette
Cheese or tuna baguette	Cheese or tuna jacket	Cheese or tuna baguette	Cheese or tuna jacket	Cheese or tuna baguette
Fresh fruit or organic yoghurt	Arctic roll with mandarins	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Berry sponge & custard	Rice pudding and sultanas
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Week commencing 3rd February 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage with chipped potatoes, baked beans and peas	Pasta bolognaise with green beans and cauliflower Cheese and onion flatbread	Roast chicken, sage & onion stuffing and gravy, creamed potatoes, Savoy cabbage, carrot and swede	Cheese whirl, tiger fries, fruity coleslaw and cucumber sticks	Golden breaded salmon with broccoli, sweetcorn and diced potatoes
Tomato bread	Cheese and official natoread	Herbie bread	Wholemeal bread	
Cheese or tuna baguette	Tuna or cheese jacket	Tuna or cheese baguette	Tuna or cheese jacket	Tuna or cheese baguette
Chocolate cornflake pudding	Fresh fruit or organic yoghurt	Fruits of the forest flapjack	Chocolate (banana) sponge and chocolate sauce	Fresh fruit or organic yoghurt
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Week commencing 10th February 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mac 'n' cheese, broccoli and sweetcorn	Beef stew and dumplings with sweet potato mash, carrots and Savoy cabbage	Roast pork and apple sauce, medley of vegetables and roast	Chicken tikka masala and rice, sweetcorn and broccoli	Crispy battered fish with peas, beetroot salad and chipped potatoes
Garlic bread	50/50 bread	potatoes Poppy seed bread	Naan bread	Apricot seed bread
Cheese or tuna baguette	Cheese or tuna jacket	Cheese or tuna baguette	Cheese or tuna jacket	Cheese or tuna baguette
Roly poly and custard	Fresh fruit or fruit yoghurt	Peach crisp and custard	Lemon muffin	Fresh fruit or fruit yoghurt
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