

Next Week's Events

Monday 14th September -

Pay & Play after school club
3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Tuesday 15th September-

Pay & Play after school club
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 16th September -

Sport after school club until
4.30pm

Thursday 17th September -

KS2 orienteering 1.15pm -
3.15pm, with Melsonby School.

AJ Academy after school club
until 4.45pm.

Future Diary Dates

THINGS TO REMEMBER - KS2

Signed reading records Monday

Orange spelling books every
day

Reading books every day

Come to school in PE kit on a
Friday

Trainers on a Wednesday if
doing after school club

THINGS TO REMEMBER - KS1

Come to school in PE kit on a
Friday

Trainers on a Wednesday if
doing after school club

Welcome back!

I would like to welcome back existing children and families, as well as extend a warm welcome to those new children and families who have joined the school. I hope everyone found some time during summer to relax with their friends and family. On behalf of staff and governors I'd like you to know how pleased we are at being able to open the school fully and have all children return.

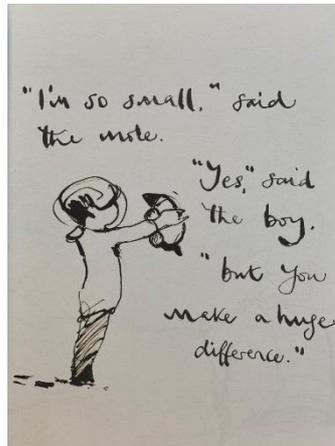
We have tried incredibly hard to ensure the rules and regulations in our risk assessments keep you and your children safe but also allow them to engage in their learning. I am aware that some of our families have been shielding or working from home since lockdown began in March but I have been really pleased at how pupils have settled back into new routines and systems. I would like to thank parents for their patience and kindness as we work through what is a new approach to us all. We value your feedback and comments as we continue to provide the very best care, support and teaching your children deserve.

Despite the challenges of Covid-19, we are determined to provide a range of different learning experiences and activities for children throughout this term. It was lovely to see the happy smiling faces of children enjoying time with their friends in all bubbles.

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.

I have enjoyed reading 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.' If you would like to look at the book, you can find a reading of it on YouTube.

One of the reasons I selected the book was for its basis in supporting mental health and wellbeing which will be a school focus for the year. While reading the book myself, the page below struck a chord particularly when I was thinking about children starting school for the first time. At North and South Cowton we consider ourselves to be a family where everybody can make a difference.



And finally...

It would be rude not to mention the start of the football season on Saturday and the high hopes I have for all our local teams but in particular Sunderland, who need to be promoted from League One this year.

For those children and families who are able to enjoy the sports they love, I wish you good luck this weekend. Enjoy the outdoors if you can the weather looks good.

Take Care, Stay Safe and Thanks for your Continued Support

Mr Linsley

Team challenge

As some of you may be aware, we have introduced "teams" this term, for the whole school. Each child is either on blue, red or green team and can earn points throughout the day. Scores will be totalled up and the winning team can choose the venue/activity that the school takes part in as an end of term treat.

Breakfast club & After school club

A reminder that children must be booked into both the breakfast club and after school club, in advance. We cannot guarantee that there will be a member of staff on site if nobody is booked in so this is very important. Booking should be made at the office, either via telephone call, text (via the school text service) or email. All messages will be acknowledged.

School dinners

Another reminder that the menu choices should be handed in to Mrs Hughes, in the office, and not given to the class teacher. This is to avoid disruption to classes.

Orienteering

On Thursday afternoon, the KS2 children will be taking part in an orienteering session. This will be outside so please ensure your child has suitable warm, outdoor clothing. Thank you.

Music

School music sessions began again this week, for the KS2 children. Unfortunately the children are not yet allowed to play their instruments yet so the session was spent on the theory side of music.

Sport after school club

The children who attended the sport after school club on Wednesday had a great time playing foot golf and football on the field. 5 children attended the session but ideally we would like more, if possible. Obviously team games are better with more people so if your child would like to attend, please book them in with Mrs Hughes. Great fun and fresh air at the same time!
