



Next Week's Events

Monday 28th September -
Pay & Play after school club
3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Tuesday 29th September-
Pay & Play after school club
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 30th September -
Sport after school club until
4.30pm

Thursday 1st October -Pay
and play after school club

Friday 2nd October – PE lesson
in the afternoon - please come
to school in PE kit

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

Heads Up

Another week and another set of guidelines, I would like to start by thanking parents this week for their support and understanding. It is a challenging time for schools but also for the wider community with uncertainty over jobs and rising infection rates. Attendance at school has remained positive and we are doing everything we can to ensure we protect our 'bubble' and ensure children have the opportunity to thrive in a learning environment that supports and encourages them to achieve their best. It has been lovely to watch them settle back into school life and engage in the different learning opportunities provided.

Teaching and Learning

I have had the pleasure of observing teaching and learning this week in both classes and I have been very impressed at the effort children are making to understand new learning and consolidate learning missed during lockdown. All staff are working incredibly hard to deliver the best learning experiences and opportunities they can to pupils. The advantage of currently having smaller class sizes on a morning has led to a renewed focus on English and Maths skills that will result in greater opportunities for pupils to make progress this year. If parents have any questions about the start to the current academic year, then myself and Miss Cheesbrough will be available on Tuesday 6th October from 1pm till 4pm for virtual meetings. If this is not appropriate, then other arrangements can be made via the office. There will be a more structured Parents Evening after half-term - hopefully face to face if guidelines permit. The school has been working hard to ensure we are prepared for any circumstances that may see bubbles closed and have invested in Microsoft TEAMS as a platform for pupils to engage in online learning with Teachers if needed. Teachers and pupils will be receiving training on this during the half-term. We will also continue to use Seesaw as a means of interacting with pupils and parents. Please watch out for a questionnaire next week that we would like you to complete to give us a better idea about the facilities you have at home to support your child in online learning.

Local and National Updates

There are a number of updates attached to the letter from North Yorkshire County Council and the NHS that we have been asked to distribute - please make the time to read them and take note of any advice provided.

Finally

It was great to see the Great British Bake Off return this week there was a collective intake of breath in the Linsley household when the Pineapple upside down cakes were knocked on the floor! I'm not too sure about the showstopper challenge to make a person's head but I was interested in Battenberg - a childhood favourite! It has inspired me to have a go this weekend (or just buy one)! I'll let you know how I get on! Feel free to share any pictures of your baking success stories and we'll put them in the newsletter next week!!

Many Thanks for your continued support

Richard Linsley,
Interim Executive Head teacher

Message from Mrs Sayer

Please could those KS2 children who have not yet brought in a photo of themselves as a baby, please do so next week. Thank you.

Sport

The children enjoyed a great morning of sport on Wednesday, World Fitness Day, despite the inclement weather. Instead of being on the field, as planned, the activities took place in the dining hall instead. The children competed in events in their class teams and scored points along the way. They showed excellent sportsmanship, with the older children supporting the younger members of the school and engaging in friendly competition.

Reading Records

A reminder that year 5 & 6 pupils should bring their reading records in on a Monday, signed by a parent / grandparent or older sibling.

Clubs

A reminder that children need to be booked into breakfast and after school clubs prior to them attending. If children are not booked in, we cannot guarantee there will be staff on the premises to look after them.

PE

All children should be collected from the infant (South) building on a Friday, until further notice.

Lucas

We send our best wishes to Lucas, from our reception class, who is sadly leaving us and moving to Manchester. Although Lucas has only been with us a short time, the staff and children have thoroughly enjoyed having him in school and we hope his enthusiasm and energy continues.

Newsletter

As a cost saving exercise, we are no longer providing hard copies of the newsletter. However, we do realise there are some parents who like a paper copy so if this is you, please inform the office and this can be arranged.

Promotional leaflets

We are having some information leaflets printed for prospective parents, in order to promote the school. If you have any positive comments which we could include, please email them to the office.
