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Next Week's Events

Week commencing Monday 2nd

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

Tuesday 3rd November- Pay & Play after school club 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 4th November- Sport after school club until 4.30pm

Thursday 5th November - Halloween party 3-4.30pm

Friday 6th November - 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

PTA

It was great to meet with the parents who are involved in the PTA, at a time when school funding is being fiercely debated and usual revenue streams are being cut off. It was fantastic to hear the thoughts of a committed group of parents who are dedicated to improving funding for the children in school. The PTA has had phenomenal success during previous years and has provided extra resources that all children have benefitted from. It currently appears that we will be unable to hold a Christmas Fayre but already there are plans in place to provide alternative suggestions. WATCH THIS SPACE! Thank you to everyone who is involved or who has supported the PTA over the years.

In what has been an extremely challenging half-term for everyone I would like to sincerely thank parents, pupils and the whole North and South Cowton staff TEAM for ensuring we have managed to remain open and provide everyone with some much needed stability. I am under no illusions that the rates of infection are spreading in our local area but we feel that we are better prepared for any bubble closures and that by working together we can support each other.

I hope everyone manages to have a restful half-term and is able to spend time with their family and friends guidelines allowing! Many Thanks

(I would normally finish with a Sunderland based comment but since I've stopped mentioning them they appear to be doing quite well!)

Reading Achievements

As you may be aware, the year 5 & 6 children are expected to hand their reading records in to Mrs Hughes on a Monday, signed by an adult. Each time they do this, they receive a wristband as recognition and as an incentive to continue. If they bring their signed reading record in every Monday for the whole half term, they are awarded a slap band or bracelet instead. Two worthy recipients this half term are Aiden & Freya. Well done!

Menu change

The school dinner for Thursday 5th November has been changed and will no longer be chicken korma. Instead, we will be offering a special Bonfire Special which will consist of Hot dog banger in a homemade bread finger served with baked potato wedges, baked beans and vegetable sticks. Pudding will be toffee apple crumble cake. Yum, yum!!

Thursday 5th November

On Thursday 5th November, the children can come to school in Halloween fancy dress, if they so wish, and donate £1 to school funds. If they do not want to take part then they should wear usual school uniform and not casual clothes. From 3pm until 4.30pm there will be a bonfire/Halloween disco in the dining hall, run by school staff. Cost is £3.00 which includes light tea, juice and a small packet of sweets. There will also be a tuck shop available.



Half term

A reminder that we are off school next week for the half term break, and return on Monday 2nd November

Poppy Appeal



A variety of items in aid of Remembrance Day are available to purchase, from the junior building. These include pencils, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, wristbands & poppies. If you would like your child to have an item, please let Mrs Hughes know and they can choose something.

Thank you

Some of the children were part of a pupil panel on the day we interviewed for our new head teacher. They challenged the candidates with some great questions. The children involved were presented with a notebook and pen by the governing body. Fantastic effort Connell, Connie, Nicholas and Taylor.

Parents' Evening Tuesday 10th November 2.30-6.00pm

It is our aim to hold parents' evening in school so that meetings can be face to face and parents can look at children's work. Appointments will be limited to ten minutes and meetings will be conducted in a socially distanced manner. Please call the office to arrange an appointment.

SATs Club

All year 6 children are encouraged to attend SATs club on Tuesday evenings from 3.30-4.30pm, beginning on Tuesday 3rd of November.

Promotional Flyers

Children have been given a copy of our promotional flyer detailing open afternoons for next half term. Please share these with anyone you know who may be interested.

Thank you

Halloween – from North Yorkshire County Council

We have some tips on celebrating Halloween this year in a fun and safe way. To prevent further spread of the virus over Halloween and to protect children and others, this year we are recommending people do not go knocking on doors on Halloween, or collect sweets from communal bowls.

We are encouraging children and families to be creative in coming up with alternative ways of having an enjoyable Halloween. Some suggestions we have include:

- Create a pumpkin trail where you live so everyone can join in without knocking on doors.
- Be active: get dressed up and take a walk around your neighbourhood to see homes decorated for Halloween.
- Be virtual: consider an online party with decorations, fancy dress and themed food. Play Halloween games, bake Halloween treats or tell spooky stories.
- Be social: take pictures of your spooky costumes and activities to share on social media.
- Be colourful: dress up the outside of your house with Halloween decorations for you and your neighbours to enjoy.
- Be treat-wise: buy your own sweets to give to your children so they don't miss out.
- Be bright: if you carve a pumpkin, use a battery-powered light inside it to reduce the risk of fire.

We also ask that people take care to stick to the everyday Covid-19 safety rules over Halloween and half term. Follow the "Hands, Face, Space" advice and;

- Wash hands regularly and take hand sanitiser if you go out
- Wear a face covering indoors where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with, where possible, or one metre where extra precautions are in place such as indoor ventilation.
- When seeing friends & family you do not live with, or who are not part of your support bubble, keep to groups of 6.
- When meeting friends and family you should also follow social distancing rules, meet people outdoors where practical and limit how many different people in total you see socially over a short period of time.

