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Upcoming Events

October 21

School closes for the holiday

November 1

School returns. Monday 31st is a training day.

Learning and Good Attendance

Attendance was very good for some classes as you can see below. Thank you for helping us to achieve the goal of EVERY child being in school and learning by 9.10am every day. We now have very few children who arrive late. The focus this next half-term is to ensure that our Year 6 pupils keep as healthy as possible and have as little time off as possible due to illness. We want them to achieve their potential in their final year with us.

The smiley face says if the target of 97% has been met and the stars show how close to the 100% they were.

Autumn Half-Term 1 Attendance:

Boudicca (Miss Harrison/Ms Jones) – 98% ★ ★ ★

Newton (Mrs Milivojevic) – 97% ★ ★

Wonder (Mrs Currie/Mrs Reeve) – 97% ★ ★

Da Vinci (Mrs Hopwood) – 97% ★ ★

Bevan (Miss Poole) – 97% ★ ★



Walt Disney (Miss Milner) – 96%

Warhol (Mrs Cavell/Mrs Hughes) – 96%

Peake (Mr Wriglesworth/Mrs Burdett) – 96%

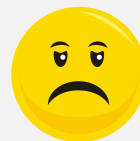
McCartney (Mrs Hobson) – 96%

Lennon (Mrs Darwin) – 95%

Malala (Miss Cozens) – 96%

Spielberg (Miss Jefferson) – 95%

Bannister (Mr Russon) – 95%



Well done to Miss Harrison's and Ms Jones' Class Boudicca for having the best attendance of the term so far at 98%. Which class will be first to reach 100%?

News in Brief

- You still have until Wednesday, 3rd November to return your photograph proofs.
- Virtual Marathon raised £36 towards Kidscape and Stonewall charities.
- Football Club starts on 1st November – please remember to pay in full before the first session.
- Just Dance, Football and Move It Clubs – very limited places available, please ask at the school office.
- Places available after Christmas at Roarys for 2-year olds. Please enquire at the school office.

Attendance Stars

The Fun Run in Goole provides our weekly attendance winner with a voucher worth £5 for a free play session at their establishment in Goole. Winning children will be presented with a letter and a voucher that they can exchange for a free play session. Well done to Andrew in Class Peake and Joshua in Class Bannister who are the winners of the voucher for 100% attendance in October. For further details visit The Fun Run <http://www.thefunrungoole.com/>.

You've got to be in to win!

Attendance in the Spotlight: Establishing Routines

The clocks will go back on the 30th October, meaning that the dark nights and mornings will be upon us. Children and adults alike may find it difficult to adjust to the change in the weather and daylight hours. Please bear in mind that if your children are tired it will be of great benefit to encourage them to have a sensible bedtime and morning routine.

Morning

- Mornings should be as calm as possible, if the evening/bedtime routine is followed and children know that their school equipment is prepared and they are ready to face the day.
- Sticker charts can be used to encourage children to brush their teeth, get dressed and ready for school. (Please see Becky Railton, HSSW for further details).

Evening/Bedtime

- Ensure homework is completed on time daily and if your child(ren) are finding the homework difficult, please make an appointment to see their class teacher(s) to discuss this.
- Help your child to pack their book bag, set out their uniform, shoes and coat ready for morning and give them the responsibility of doing this
- A warm drink and a warm bath at bedtime can help to relax your child(ren).
- Reading your child a story at bedtime or playing story CD or relaxing music can be very beneficial.
- Sticker charts can be used to encourage children to brush their teeth, get dressed and ready for bed, do homework, etc. (Please see Becky Railton, HSSW for further details).
- Ensure that your alarm is set at a reasonable time for the morning and fail-safe.

Ben Smith 401 Virtual Marathon Challenge – Wednesday, 5th October 2016

We had 36 eager children who joined Mrs Hopwood and Ben Smith for his final 'virtual marathon (26.2 miles). The children who are members of our school running team were going to jointly run a marathon as part of the 401 Challenge on the 5th October. However, they went the extra mile and ran a total of 158 laps of the school field which was a grand total of 50.56 miles, earning £36 for Kidscape and Stonewall! Please see the newsletter in future when the children receive their joint medal for taking part.



Anne Fine Visit – Wednesday, 5th October 2016

On Wednesday 5th October we had a fabulous treat with a visit from the author Anne Fine. She is the second Children's Laureate and a distinguished prize-winning writer for children of all ages, with over forty books to her credit. Her talks to the children were informative, hilarious and told in a true story telling fashion! Alongside the anecdotes and sharing of her secrets to how her stories evolved the children had the opportunity to buy books from the Roving book company. With a vast amount of purchases made and signed copies of Anne's books to be treasured forever there will be countless quiet homes along the Flaxley Road area where children will have been transported into another world or set off another adventure all from the comfort of their settee! We were very lucky to have had Anne visit our school and spend so much time entertaining our children. Thank you to Mrs Smales for arranging Anne's visit.



Harvest Festival – Friday, 7th October 2016

Harvest Festival is traditionally a time of giving in the community and the Harvest Festival at St James' Church was a joyous and lively event with many parents and carers in attendance. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the service and to those who donated substantial amounts of food which has been gratefully received by Selby Food Bank for distribution to people who are in the greatest need. Thank you also to everybody who helped our children walk to and from the Church.

Cross Country – Monday, 17th October 2016

Kasey and Eva in Class Da Vinci have written a report about the event that they took part in recently.

Cross Country is where schools get together and run across a huge field and race the top 10 or 15 children in local schools. Each year there is a Cross Country Tournament. At the event a man or woman calls different groups and genders. You will stand in a line and wait for the person to shout 'go' so we can start running.

Each year group has to run a certain length depending on their age. Years 3 and 4 would run one full lap around the field, Year 5 would run 1½ laps and Year 6 would run 2 whole laps around the field. At last when we finish our run they would tell us our scores and then we go to our group and rest.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to the 20 children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Selby Library They are pictured here with Jenny Brookes who joined us in assembly to present their certificates.



Stay and Learn Coffee Morning – Friday, 14th October 2016

At drop-off we invited parents and carers to stay and take part in some learning and proved to you all that learning isn't really scary! We had over 80 parents and carers who came to join us which is fantastic news. Thank you to everybody who joined us for the stay and learn session and again to everybody who then came along to the hall for refreshments. All proceeds from the coffee morning will go to MacMillan Cancer Support. A final figure for the amount raised will appear in the newsletter next month, as we had so many cake and bun donations that we are selling them again in school this week.



Sand Pit Delivery

The children in Mrs Darwin's and Mrs Hobson's classes were very excited earlier this week when Jack from Playscheme replaced our old, worn out sand pit with a brand new one. Here are the children thanking Jack for putting it in place and filling it with sand.



Virtual Vikings – Years 5 and 6 – Wednesday, 19th October 2016

On Wednesday 19th October years 5 and 6 will be videoconferencing through Jorvik Viking Centre and talking to a Viking. This is to help us enhance our history unit work through an exciting new type of technology. This takes place in school; we are not visiting the Viking Centre, due to their flooding earlier in the year.

As the videoconferencing session is being provided by the Jorvik Viking Centre there will be a cost of £1.00 per child to cover the session. Thank you for your contributions so far, we have had many.

Dress-up Day – Classes Lennon and McCartney

At the beginning of the new term, all the children in classes Lennon and McCartney enjoyed coming to school dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up - this launched our theme of time detectives. After half term we will be going back in time to find out about old toys. Parents get ready to dig out your old toys and photos!



New CO-OP Store Opening – Thursday, 27th October 2016

The new CO-OP store opens near school during the half-term break on Thursday, 27th October and 10 of our children have been invited to join in the opening ceremony. Look out for further details in the next newsletter.

Annual Flu Vaccination – Years 1, 2 and 3 – Tuesday, 15th November 2016

Flu vaccinations are due for children in Years 1, 2 and 3. If you need another copy of the Form, please call at the school office. Immunisations for those children with consent will be carried out in school on the afternoon of Tuesday, 15th November.

School Website – Healthy Lifestyles

We have a new 'Healthy Lifestyles' area of our school website which can be located on the right-hand side of the Home Page. Here you will find healthy, fast and affordable recipes and ideas for your children's packed lunches and your own mealtimes. There are also links to local clubs and interactive websites encouraging children to be active and healthy.

Unicef News

Recently we have sent out flyers which explain how we have become a Rights Respecting School and we hold a Level 2 Award which is the highest level achievable. This means that at our school we teach children about Children's Rights. These come from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child UNCRC.

As a result of our work our children have been taught about Rights and how to respect the rights of others. We have increased the levels of respectful behaviours in school and how our children are expected to behave.

Please can we extend our Rights Respecting ethos to our parents and carers. Please ensure that when you are anywhere in the school environment that you should show respectful behaviour and language. This includes speaking in a controlled and low voice, using appropriate language (no foul language or swearing). If you are upset or angry about something that has happened to you or your child at school, please try to keep calm when voicing your concerns. You can either talk about your concerns to your child's class teacher or to the office staff who will make an appointment for you to discuss your concerns with the appropriate member of staff. Please be assured that all concerns will be investigated and dealt with fully when all the circumstances have been ascertained.

Lost Property

Please have a final look in the lost property bin which is located in the small hall. Any items which are not collected by the end of the day on Friday, 4th November will be washed and donated to charity.

Lollipop Lady

Frances is employed by North Yorkshire County Council as a School Crossing Patrol Person. Therefore, it is important that to enable her to cross your children safely you show a good example by listening carefully to her and follow her instructions, so that she can cross you safely. Thank you for your co-operation.

Class Lennon and McCartney

Please can you remember to send your child daily with any necessary changes of clothes in a named bag, in case of toilet accidents which can be common at this age.

If you borrowed any clothing from school, please ensure that it is washed and returned, as we are short of spare clothing.

If you have any pants or socks that your child has grown out of, please send these to Class Lennon and McCartney where they will be gratefully received.

Police Message

This message has been received from North Yorkshire Police to be relayed to all parents/carers:-



Terrifying 'knocker' SCAM:

Police forces across the country have been issuing alerts after a wave of crimes involving gangs of men who claim to be selling cleaning products but actually are scoping out the victims house in preparation for a burglary at a later date. The scam often involves sellers - also known as Nottingham Knockers - who claim to be a reformed convict trying to make a new life for themselves or to be deaf or dumb and in need of cash to pay for their carer. The crooks go between houses appearing to offer a range of cleaning products but are secretly checking how much cash may be in the house, whether the home is occupied or empty at certain times, how valuable the belongings are and how well protected the house is. A few days or weeks later, a different member of the gang returns to burgle the house using the intelligence gathered by the initial doorstep trader. Some scammers reportedly even sniff the bank notes they are paid with to judge whether they may have come from a larger wad of cash being stored somewhere in the house. So-named because the original scammers hailed from Nottingham and would come knocking door-to-door to trade their wares, the scam has spread across the country, sparking a number of police alerts. Forces across the country have issued warnings to vulnerable residents, especially the elderly, to be on their guard. In some cases doorstep hawkers have forced their way inside a property after being told to go away. Those who do pay up risk being added to a list of willing customers and are then targeted by other street sellers. More at: <http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/714206/Nottingham-Knockers-scam-police-warning-burglaries-doorstep-duster>

Energy Drinks

Please do not send your children to school with energy drinks or sports drinks, as these are not suitable for Under 16s and due to the high caffeine and sugar content have a detrimental effect on children's behaviour thus affecting their learning.

Litter on Site

Mr Craven does a sterling job in keeping our school looking clean and tidy. Please set an example to our children by using the bins provided around school for disposing of any litter.

Marvellous Me

Many of our parents and other family relatives are registered for Marvellous Me. If you are not and would like to be, the office can provide the log in details, so you can be kept up to date with everything that is happening in school.

Parents' Evenings

The dates for these are January as we had our stay and learn session. I've spent most of this week looking through all children's books and can say 'wow' they have had a busy half term and worked extremely hard. The standards of presentation are really high and they have covered some amazing things. Thank you to the staff and children for getting stuck in to work which is not always easy, but sticking with the challenge and enjoying the progress they made by the end.