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Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year. I hope that you've had a fabulous summer holiday and are ready and raring to go for our new school term. In this letter there are some key updates and dates which will be useful.

Meet the Teacher

Next Wednesday 12th September from 3:30 until 4:30pm we are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' event. Some parents said that it was too long until parents' evening to get to know the class teacher so this year we have arranged a short session. You'll be able to introduce yourself, look around the classroom and also pop along to the hall for a drink. We hope you'll be able to join us for this informal get together. Just drop in anytime from after school until 4:30pm.

New Staff

Welcome to Miss Drayton (Year 2), Miss Green (Year 3) & Mrs Hinton (Year 6) who join our teaching team this term. Also, a huge congratulations to Miss Hall who has gained her HLTA certificate over the summer.

Early Year Build

Our new early years block has started to be built. It is not expected to be complete until next April and over the next few months there will be lots of work happening on site. In the end the disruption will be worth it as we will have 4 classrooms for our youngest children, with state of the art facilities, something our 90 year old building has never been able to offer. In order to make things run more smoothly, please note all entrances have been signed around the rest of the school to ensure we can get children and parents in more smoothly across other year groups each morning.

Leadership Questions

I always try to be out the front each morning and evening. Mr Russon (Deputy Headteacher) will be joining me some days as well should you have any questions or queries. If you have anything pressing, it is best to discuss with the class teacher first. If it cannot be solved then please talk to a phase leader:

Mrs Hobson – Early Years

Miss Poole – Year 1, 2 & 3

Mrs Smales – Year 4, 5 & 6

Alongside the Phase Leaders we have 3 Assistant Headteachers – Mrs Burdett, Mrs Chamberlain (SENCO) & Mrs Smales.

It is always better to talk and 90% of the time the class teacher is the best way of solving any queries or problems.

Good Levels of Attendance

Our levels of attendance over the last two years have not been good enough. Attendance will be one of our key priorities this year as we try to ensure that as many children as possible achieve 97%. It is important to be at school every day to avoid gaps in learning.

It is important your child is here every day and if your child is absent for whatever reason you should let the school office know ASAP. We have a duty of care to follow up every absence and if we cannot make contact we might have to make a referral to the police for a welfare check etc.

Headlice

We have a headlice team in school, where if you give us permission we will check your child's hair regularly. We have found this new method to be effective in reducing headlice, which is no longer the problem it was. If you would like more details please speak to Becky Railton.

Medicines

Under normal circumstances, staff in the school are not expected to administer medicines to children. However, under special circumstances this can be arranged following consultation with the child's parent/carer. All medicines are kept in the office with the exception of asthma inhalers which are kept in the classrooms so children can use when needed. It is essential that parents/carers come into school and complete the relevant forms before medicine can be administered. All medicines must be provided in complete packaging with full pharmacy labeling intact with the prescribers instructions for administration. Parents/carers are of course welcome to come into school at any time to administer their child's medicine themselves.

Illness & Accidents

There are times when children become ill at school or have an accident that we feel we must speak to parents/carers about. It is therefore essential that we are kept informed about changes to contact details and telephone numbers. Update forms will be sent home shortly, which must be completed and returned to school as soon as possible so that records are kept up to date. Parents/carers should also note that current guidelines state that children who have been absent from school because of sickness or diarrhoea should not return until they have been clear of symptoms for 48 hours. We will also be requesting more than 1 contact name and number to ensure we can always make contact quickly when needed.

Home School Support

If you are having difficulties at home that could be impacting upon your child's education, then please make an appointment to see Becky Railton, who can provide support, advice or sign post you to an agency who can help you to improve things at home. Becky is available most days and appointments can also be made via the office.

Social Media

Don't forget we have a Facebook and a school twitter account. Please search for Selby Community Primary. Just remember I sometimes don't have the answers straight away and outside school times the response may not be quick. **You shouldn't use this as a means of communicating absence or booking children into clubs in case I do not pick the message up.**

Newsletters will be released once a month (preferably by email) with letters sent home using our Arbor online system. Any missed newsletters or letters can be found on our website. www.selby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk
As always thank you for your support and co-operation.

Best wishes,

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