

In Touch

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Welcome

A huge welcome to the first In Touch newsletter of the new school year. In this issue it is more of a reminder of key information than to celebrate our school's achievements over the last month. For new parents and carers you will receive a monthly newsletter via the website or a paper copy can be taken from the office. You can also keep up to date on our Facebook and Twitter pages too – search Selby CP!

Welcome to all our new children, whether joining in reception or anywhere else in school. We always welcome new children and families into school and we are always here to help make your child's experience at school a happy one where they work hard and enjoy their education.

As always, if you have a problem and you would like any further help or assistance, I can be found on the playgrounds first thing in the morning or appointments to meet with me can be made at the office. Sometimes however, you may find your problem more easily solved through meeting your child's class teacher or someone from the Inclusion Team. Whatever your school query, we always aim to deal with these as quickly as possible.



Upcoming Events

September 12

Year 6 at East Barnby all week

October 7

Harvest Festival

October 21

Last day at school

News in Brief

- Harvest festival will be on Friday 7th October in the morning at St. James' church.
- We now are running Magic Breakfasts – watch out for the extra food around school each day.
- Roary's 2 and 3 year old provision now has places – please book these via the office to avoid disappointment.

Changes to Roary's

All our 2 and 3 year old provision is now called Roary's with the staff working closely across both parts of the setting. Roary's 2 will be overseen by Mrs. Townend, supported by Mrs. Howden and Ms Lomas (new team member), alongside Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Norton. Roary's 3 will be overseen by Mrs. Moss, with Mrs. Townend and Mrs. Winterbottom working in Roary's 3. For ease we will be calling everything Roary's and they will share the same timings and also the same curriculum plan too.

Volunteering

Do you have some spare time or know someone who has spare time? We are always looking for new volunteers in school. Should you wish to be involved contact us in the school office –thank you! We will ask you to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service Check, but we can talk through all the details around this.

Good Levels of Attendance

In the last 2 years we have had the best attendance and we need to keep this momentum going into this school year. Research shows that being at school 95% improves children's chances of achieving good grades at GCSE and we want all our children to do their best in life. Watch out for the monthly attendance news in the next newsletter.

Each year the attendance and punctuality policy is summarised for parents/carers. If you would like to see the full policy please contact the school office.

We believe that children should be at school and on time every day the school is open, unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. We still continue to present a weekly trophy to the classes with the least number of lates and the best attendance. **It is vital that your child attends school as often as possible to aid their learning. Last year the children with the best attendance made the best progress and the best attainment.**

Arrival

- The school day starts from 8:50am, unless your child is in Roary's when they will start at 8:45am
- Any child who arrives in school after this time must report to the front office where they can be marked on to the register as late and we can ensure they receive a hot dinner if required.

Attendance

- In the interests of the safety and welfare of all children a parent is required to inform the school of any absence either by telephone call, note or by completing the letter sent out by school.
- The law states that only the school can authorise an absence. The fact that a parent has provided a note or other explanation does not mean the school has to accept it. The school doesn't accept the explanation where there is any doubt about the explanation offered and where there is no explanation offered at all. In these cases, the absence will be treated as unauthorised.

- If a child is reluctant to attend, it is never better to cover up their absence or to give in to pressure to excuse them from attending. This gives the impression that attendance does not matter and may make things worse. Parents/carers are expected to contact school at an early stage and to work with the staff in resolving problems together. This is nearly always successful! Permitting absence from school without good reason is an offence by the parent.
- Our school works closely with the new Prevention Team, who have a duty to follow up on attendance issues when a child's attendance drops below 90% - this is not many days off school – so it is important that you work with us to have better than 90% attendance all year.

Family Holidays in Term Time

You will already know that these can no longer be authorised. Please do not take holidays during term time – thank you. Should you wish to discuss this, please arrange an appointment at the school office. We are expecting further details and guidance on this during the autumn term.

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.

Behaviour in School



All children in school this year will be agreeing to their own class behaviour charter. We always promote good behaviour and the charters will be available at parents' evening to read.

The teachers and children have together drawn up a set of rewards specific to each class. These are also on display. At playtimes and lunchtimes children have the opportunity to gain star points for good behaviour. Children are also rewarded with star points for being seen showing exemplary behaviour by adults around school. If children break the rules there are consequences as follows:

- Verbal reminder or direction of what is expected.
- Assertive but calm warning.
- "Time out".
- Miss small part of next available playtime (this cannot be earned back but the remainder of the playtime can be earned by continuing to make the right choice). During this time children should reflect on their behaviour and make up work they have missed.
- Yellow report/contact parents
- Purple report/see Mr. Clennan/contact parents.
- If appropriate, a fixed term exclusion.



Unacceptable behaviour is taken very seriously and will not be tolerated for the sake of the other children and adults in school.

All children receiving one of our Golden Letters will have a week where they can have privileges in school. They should see Mr. Clennan for a special golden card when they receive such letters through the post. They will have choices at lunchtimes and will have the chance to discuss these with the lunchtime staff. They will also get the chance to choose a friend to join them as they become the stars of Selby Community Primary School for the whole week. It really is a huge chance to be a star as not many Golden Letters are given each week.

Rewards

Our school has a house point reward system. House points are given for a wide range of things and we have House Captains who will explain their role in the next newsletter.

Summer Improvements

Mr. Craven and the cleaners have been busy throughout the summer holiday getting school ready again for the new year.

The main corridor has been re-painted and hopefully the damp has now been sorted on the corridor. Our fish have a new home in the small hall too, due to fire service saying we had to move them from their previous home as they were a fire risk. Mr. Walker will now be teaching music from our training room, as the old music room has become Miss Cozens' new classroom.

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.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Miss Walker is here every morning at 8am, along with Miss Reardon to deliver our Breakfast Club. It is a great way to start your day and is situated in its own room. Children will be looked after from 8am and then taken to their classrooms on time to begin learning at 9am.



Each school day from 3:20 until 5:45pm we have an after school club run by Miss Reardon and Miss Smith. A booking form is available at the office and a separate letter and booking form will come out in the next few days. Places are limited however you can generally get places for both clubs on the day and you do not need to keep the same days each week.

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.