



Newsletter 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week we have had! Our Foundation Stage children have loved building dens in the outdoor provision this week and it has been excellent to see lots of great homework flooding in too. From Viking shields to super phonics and reading of stories, there has been some wonderful learning taking place! Our new home reading is going so well. A big thank you and well done to all who are reading at least three times a week at home!

Rewards

This week we launched our 'Star diners' This positive behaviour initiative is to reward children who have demonstrated our key curriculum drivers, 'Be resilient, Be brave and Be world-wise' and every week a child from each class is selected by the teachers. The children absolutely loved the decorated table and being served their dinners with 'posh' plates, fancy glasses and straws.

It is so lovely to have our 'Learner of the week' assemblies back up and running with parents and carers. The children are working so hard to win team points and it has been a super start to the new school year. It is great to start our week and end it with these positive praise initiatives.

Little Millers

We had a great session yesterday at our toddler group. It was lovely to see so many faces enjoying our provision again. Thank you to all who worked hard to get this back up and running. This will be every Thursday morning from 9am to 10:45.

Safeguarding updates

Please be aware of two new apps. The age validation for both of these is 18. Telegram is very similar to snapchat, and there is no way to see what messages have been received once sent.

Telegram



Another app that is giving cause for concern is 'Monkey'

Monkey
Organization



Monkey is a social networking app where like-minded people meet.

'Monkey' is being marketed to young people. Its another social media platform with a 'chat' function. If a child or young person has downloaded either, it might be worth asking them why they have and whose idea it was.

Visitors in school

This week Mrs Gulliver came to school to visit us in her new role as Deputy Chief Executive. During her visit, she commented on the super learning taking place and the wonderful learning environments. We have also had Barnsley football club coaches in delivering some active maths in Years 5 and 6. The children have loved it!

Transport

A polite reminder please to all to drive carefully and with respect to others. This week we have had a bump outside the school gates and also a near miss with children crossing in between stationary cars. Please can we all take care around Lobwood on drop off and pick up times.

MacMillan coffee morning

A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes and money for MacMillan, what a great morning we have had! We will total all this up and let you know how much as a school we have raised for this great cause.

Key diary reminders:

Our Phonics parent workshop with Mrs Firth is taking place on Tuesday 9-10. Please contact Mrs Firth if you would like to attend.

Punctuality

We are having a big push with our parents and carers to try to get the number of children arriving late, less. The school gate is opened at 8.45am and all children should be in class for learning to start at 8.55am. When children come late they miss a vital part of their learning, which impacts on the rest of their morning causing them to fall behind.

Please can we ask that children arrive on time to school, ready to start their learning. Thank you.

Mrs Chambers

Headteacher.