



Newsletter 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to all our pupils and families for this new academic year. I would especially like to welcome our new children in nursery and reception classes and the other children and staff – Mrs Jo Spensley as Office Manager and Mr J Butterwood as Acting Assistant Headteacher - who have recently joined us. We have had a wonderful first week back. The children have come back ready to learn and look incredibly smart. Thank you, to you as their parents and carers for making sure that they are ready for the new school year. We have spoken to all the children about the high expectations throughout the year on both their behaviour and the dress code and hope that you will continue to support us with that.

Vision – ‘It takes a village to raise a child.’

On Tuesday, I shared with staff the vision of the school for the next academic year. We articulate the bold vision that education is the collective responsibility of everyone in society to have the best possible start in life. We aim to provide every pupil and every member of staff to experience a positive, enriching environment where they are happy, where they thrive, achieve, where they feel safe and have a sense of belonging. We want every child to be challenged, supported and celebrated. We want every member of staff to feel valued, respected and developed. This year, we are raising our expectations and standards in all areas of school life, and through learning at home.

We are all striving for the same thing, to provide your child with the best possible start in life, and we need your help to provide an extra 10 minutes at home reading, practising timetables etc.

Arbour

Can all parents please ensure that you are signed up to the Arbour App. More communication will be sent through this platform to inform you of meetings, events and positive notes home.

Punctuality

Can we please remind all parents and carers to be punctual with their children at the start of the day. The official start time of the compulsory day is at 8.55am and pupils are actively learning by 9.00am, any children with missed learning time need to catch up during the school day. The children will receive extra house points as a reward for coming to school on time.

Attendance

This year improving attendance is a huge focus of ours in school and it is an area on our school development plan. I hope you support us in achieving the national attendance target of 97% each week and ensuring your child/children are in school daily and on time. Every day is a learning day.

We are very pleased with this week's attendance and hope we can continue with these super figures! Well done to our class who are top of the attendance leader board this week!

Annual Whole School Events

From our Parent Voice results last year, you said you would like to know the events in school in advance. Below are some key dates for the upcoming year. Class teachers will be organising shared learning events and will let you know these dates in due course.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY:	Thursday 10 th October 2024
HARVEST	Monday 14 th October 2024 Y1-Y6 1.30 @ Church Thursday 24 th October 2024 11am EYFS Harvest Festival
PARENTS EVENING	Tuesday 12 th November 3.30pm-6pm Wednesday 13 th November 3.30pm-6pm Tuesday 29 th April 3.30-6pm Wednesday 30 th April 3.30-6pm
FLU IMMUNISATIONS:	Wednesday 13 th November 2024
CHILDREN IN NEED:	Friday 15 th November 2024
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:	TBC
REMEMBRANCE WEEK:	11 th November 2024
FRIENDSHIP & KINDNESS WEEK (National Anti-Bullying Week):	Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th November 2024
CHRISTMAS FAIR:	Thursday 12 th December 2024 2pm-3.30pm
NATIONAL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY:	Thursday 12 th December 2024
ELF RUN (Barnsley Hospice):	TBC
CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY:	Thursday 19 th December 2024
CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE:	Y1-Y6 Wednesday 18 th December 1:30pm
YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS:	Weekly 11 th September 2024 - 15 th January 2025
ONLINE SAFETY WEEK:	Monday 10 th February-Friday 14 th February 2025 Inc. Safer Internet Day 11 th February
WORLD BOOK DAY:	Thursday 6 th March 2025
COMIC RELIEF:	Friday 14 th March 2025
THEATRE PRODUCTIONS:	Pantomime? TBC
SPORTS DAYS:	Wednesday 9 th July 9.30 – EYFS and KS1 1.30 – KS2
ANNUAL REPORTS TO GO OUT TO PARENTS:	Tuesday 15th July 2025
YEAR 6 LEAVERS PERFORMANCE:	Monday 14 th July 2025
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:	Early Years Foundation Stage Nativity Wednesday 18 th December 10.30am and 2.15pm Key Stage 1 Nativity: Tuesday 10 th December 9.30am and 2pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Show Monday 16 th December 2pm and 6pm Tuesday 17 th December 2pm

We hope you have a lovely, safe weekend and see you on Monday.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss. K Glyde

Acting Headteacher