



Newsletter 20th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Work is well underway in all the classes and the children have settled quickly into the themes shared with you in the last newsletter. Planning for each class is on the website, on the curriculum page, under 'Curriculum overviews' and is updated each half term.



Home School links

We are continuously thinking of ways to improve links and communication between home and school. Here are the ways in which we currently engage with you:

- Fortnightly newsletter
- Class newsletters
- Parentmail
- New phone line installed with answerphone
- Termly reports to parents with resulting consultations
- Class Dojos
- School website
- Mrs Beveridge's open door
- Share a Lesson
- Governing Body
- PTFA
- Parent Forum

Parent Forum on the 25th January

Parent Forum is :

- an informal meeting that gives an opportunity for school to share with parents what is happening, any changes that may be on the horizon and the rationale for such changes;
- an opportunity for school to find out how effective or not we are in certain areas and if there are any **collective** issues parents wish us to address;
- it is **not** a decision making body – the Governing Body holds this responsibility and includes parent representatives;
- it is **not** a complaints procedure – in common with all schools we have a clear procedure for dealing with complaints;
- nor is it about your individual daughter or son –specific issues are dealt with individually by class teachers, senior staff or the headteacher.

At our next meeting we will be discussing:

- the termly reports to parents
- communication between home and school
- supporting families' health and well-being
- Outdoor development

As discussed at the last meeting, if you are attending and have topics you would like to raise, please contact the office prior to the meeting to ensure that staff are prepared and therefore able to address them properly. Thank you.



After School Club

After a period of staffing instability, we are now in the happy position of having a regular and enthusiastic play leader in the form of Sarah Willis. We have exciting and grand plans for the development and improvement of the club and Sarah has already acquired a television and wii! She is now looking for:

- dolls and a doll's house;
- a toy farm;
- a garage and cars;
- board games and a games table;
- anything else!

If you have any of the above items surplus to your requirements and in need of a good home, then please contact the office.

Reminder: Parent Consultations

These will be held the week beginning the 13th of February. Year 6 will have additional slots available the week before as Mrs Salonga has unavoidable training commitments – one of the many joys of being a year 6 teacher! More details will be sent out to year 6.

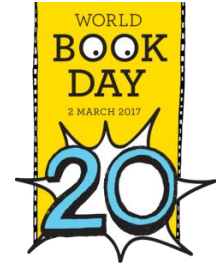
We will be using Parentmail for booking appointments. If you are not already subscribed to the Parentmail service, please contact the school office with your email address.

NSPCC Number Day on Friday 3rd February.

To celebrate maths and raise money for NSPCC, we will be participating in the NSPCC Number Day. There will be lots of different maths activities which will be taking part in. We are planning to spell out NSPCC on the playground using coin donations. Children from different year groups will estimate and then count how much money is on each letter. We would appreciate it if you could start collecting coins and give generously to this worthy cause.

World Book Day

We appreciate how busy everyone is so we are giving you plenty of notice to prepare for this upcoming event. To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, we will be holding a non-uniform day. The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book, however 'normal' or bizarre that character might be!



You may find some useful ideas on these websites:

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/30-last-minute-world-book-10976213>

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<https://www.netmums.com/activities/world-book-day-costume-ideas>

Thank you for your support with this event; we are sure the children will enjoy the day.

Reminder of Dates

Wednesday 25th January at 17.30 - Parent Forum meeting

Monday 30th January – Y3 trip to Murton Park

Tuesday 31st January – Y5 & Y6 Hockey at The Wensleydale School

Wednesday 8th February – Girls football at The Wensleydale School

Friday 10th February – Reports to parents & PTFA School disco (UFS, Y1 & 2 - 6pm-7pm and Y3-6 - 7.30-8.30pm)

Monday 13th February – Parent Consultation all week