



Newsletter 9th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and the start of a brand new academic year. The children all look very smart in their new uniforms and, as I walk round school, I can see that each class has made an excellent start.



Reception children have had their first full day in school and look very grown up indeed...

...and Year 6 are ready for a hard-working and rewarding year ahead; their last year in primary school.



We always like to celebrate the children's achievements outside school and this week, Nicholas in year 5, brought in the cups he won at Pony

Camp during the summer. He is obviously carrying on the family tradition as his brother won one of the same cups last year! Well done Nicholas.

Help for Heroes Day – 26th September

Help for Heroes will be in school to lead an assembly before running a sport session with some year 5 and 6 children. In the afternoon, all the school will take part in an obstacle mile to raise money for this important charity. Children can come in green/brown/khaki dress (£1 donation please.)

MacMillan Coffee morning



This event will be held in the school hall on the morning of Friday 30th September. A lot

of the children (and most of the staff) are avid GBBO fans so this is an ideal chance for you to make your very own Viennese Whirls and Jaffa Cakes, all in a good cause.

Jewellery in school

The children have been reminded that the only suitable items of jewellery in school are small stud earrings. Necklaces and bracelets can often get caught, lost or broken. Thank you for your cooperation.

Before and After school provision

The club is now established and details can be found on the school website. Before your child attends, please make sure that you have completed the relevant paperwork.

Ready for October, Mrs Bainbridge and the 'Green Team' are preparing our raised beds for each class to grow a mystery plant.



There will be a prize for the class who can grow the largest. That's a clue!



Nursery is now open for full days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please contact the

office if you would like more information.

Dates for your diary.

The diary is filling up fast and here are some of the events already planned for the autumn term. As always, we will do our best to make sure that you are given plenty of warning of future events.

Tuesday 20th September – AGM for the PTFA at 7 pm

Thursday 22nd September – Individual school photos

Monday 26th September – Help for Heroes

Tuesday 27th September – Year 2 Dance Day at Middleham

Wednesday 28th September Parent Forum in school at 5.30 pm

Friday 30th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning

Monday 10th October – Wednesday 12th October – Book fair in school from 3.30pm

Monday 10th October – Harvest Festival in St Matthew's – 9.30 am.

Thursday 13th October – Year 5/6 football at The Wensleydale School

Friday 21st October – **BREAK UP** for half term

Monday 31st October – Return to school

Thursday 10th November KS2 'Goosebumps' at the Empire Cinema at Catterick Garrison

Friday 11th November KS1 'Ice Age 5' at the Empire Cinema at Catterick Garrison

w/b Monday 14th November – Parent Consultations in school

Tuesday 13th December KS1 Nativity 2.30 pm in school

Friday 16th December - Carol Service in St Matthew's at 9.30am

BREAK UP for Christmas

Thank you for your patience during our first week in school. The office is under-manned but Mrs Edwards is doing a sterling job at spinning plates!

And finally ...

Welcome to Mrs Male and Ms Stephenson who have joined our team of midday supervisors. We also welcome Joe- Henry and Jacob in year 6, Aaron in year 4, Jonny in year 2 and Albert in year 1. Lewis joined us **right** at the end of last year so a belated welcome to him too!