



Newsletter Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

The past three weeks have been an memorable start to a new school year. We hope that you were all able to spend time with your family on Monday as we watched the final journey of Queen Elizabeth II.

School meals

We have adapted our school menu to provide a broader range of food and the children are taking to it with gusto! The absence of the choice of a baguette one day caused some alarm but they coped well with the alternatives and some of them ate a lot more. School meals are provided for all children from reception to year 2 so please encourage your child to have one. Although not all children from year 3 to year 6 have a meal provided, we feel that the school lunches provide very good value for money. The criteria for receiving a free school meal has changed slightly to please use the link below to see if you are eligible:

https://fisportal.northyorks.gov.uk/Synergy/fsm_prer_eq.aspx

If your child has a packed lunch, then we have attached some guidance for ensuring that they are as healthy and well-balanced as the school meal. **We are now going to actively discourage sweets being brought into school and so will send these home.**

Educational visits

We value the experiences that visits outside school provide and it is these events which children often remember when writing a reflection on their time in primary school. After all, it is much easier to understand the geography of a river by visiting one! Last year, we took children on several educational visits and, where a cost was involved, we asked families for voluntary contributions toward this. We did not always receive enough to cover the cost and so took any necessary funds from the school budget. **However, from now on, if we do not receive enough contributions, the visits will not go ahead.** Teachers

will remind you of this when planning them. Thank you.



PTFA Update

The PTFA held our AGM last week and a new committee was formed for the upcoming academic year.

Our fundraising efforts last year raised almost half of the money we need for the

refurbishment of the computer suite and we have loads of ideas in the pipeline for upcoming events. Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last year and made all of the PTFA events a success.



Our next event is the **Halloween Fancy Dress Disco on Thursday 20th October.**

Stamps

Shannon, now in year 5, is starting to collect stamps again. Last year, she raised £120 for Brandsby Horses which helped to provide hay and feed for the winter. Please keep any stamps and send them into school.

Dates for the Diary:

26th September – European Day of Languages

w/b 3rd October- Parent/carer consultations

4th October – Pupil photos

10th October – Mosque visit for years 2 and 5

14th October – Harvest Festival in St Matthew's (9.30 am)

20th October – PTFA Hallowe'en Disco

21st October – break up for half term