



Newsletter Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to school!

We hope that you've all had a great summer break and are looking forward to whatever this year may bring.

Here are our Reception Superstars at the end of their first day of school. They'll sleep well this weekend.



The first newsletter of the school year tends to be full of reminders, so here we go.

Parentpay

At the end of the summer, we had debts amounting to over £3000 across the range of payment items in school. We have received some payments over the summer term (thank you) but there are still several outstanding debts from last academic year.

We would really appreciate it if these could be paid as soon as possible. However, if you are experiencing difficulties, then please get in touch and a payment plan can be discussed.

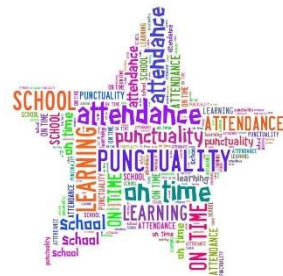
Communication

Although Class Dojo is a great way to communicate with your class teacher, staff are not able to access these messages during the school day, except during breaks, and so messages are not always read.



In addition to this, and to ensure consistency across year groups, each class has now set 'quiet hours' from 5pm to 8am. This means messages will come through but won't necessarily be answered until the following day, **unless** urgent and very important.

Attendance



Pupil Leave of Absence from school during term time

We are already receiving requests for holidays during term-time. Leave of absence will only be authorised if the appropriate criteria have been met - please see the school's leave of absence in term time information on the school website. Following Government guidelines since September 2013, the headteacher is not authorised to grant leave of absence during term time in any other circumstances than those stated.

As detailed last year, taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Please note that

NYCC is issuing penalty notices to parents/carers for unauthorised absence.

The school will be closely monitoring all absences and patterns of absence to ensure our attendance figures return to our normal level of 97 to 98% - this may include requesting confirmation of appointments etc. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly in line with government regulations.

Medical Appointments

Please ensure where possible that all medical appointments are made outside school hours. We understand that this may not always be achievable but would urge you to ensure that your child has the highest attendance levels as possible.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their new school clothes. Please make sure that they are named so that any stray items of clothing can be returned to their rightful owners. We know how much these items cost so will do our best to make sure that this happens.

Thank you to Rachel Strong who took **all** of the lost property home in the school holiday and has returned it to school, clean and ready to be used.

Our uniform for PE is dark leggings/ shorts or jogging bottoms with a school top or dark 'hoodie'. T shirts can be white or navy blue. The children have been reminded of this and we will ask them to change into school uniform if they come in other clothes.

Earrings

Earrings should be small studs. However, these **must** be removed for the days your child has PE. We would strongly advise that, should you wish your child to have their ears pierced, this is done at the start of the 6 weeks' holiday to allow healing before the school year commences in September. If your child is not able to remove their earrings,

then they will **not** be able to take part in PE lessons.



A big hello and welcome to our new starters across the school.

In nursery we have Jack, Sophie, Ivy, Kairo, Alfie, Charlie, Ralph, Emelia Evelyn and Olivia.

In other year groups in school, we would like to welcome Olivia, Charlotte, William, Primrose and Delilah.

We would also like to welcome Mr Burge who will be teaching year 4 with Miss Burn.

We are sure that they will all be very happy at Leyburn

Information about a local sporting opportunity

Squash Stars is an unmissable junior programme for kids aged 5-9 starting on October 13 2024 at Leyburn Community Leisure Club. This six-week programme builds fundamental skills and confidence, encouraging kids to reach for the stars on and off court.

For just £20, your child will get six sessions and a Squash Stars t-shirt. All equipment will be provided by the club.

Find out more and enrol your child at squashstars.co.uk

Direct booking link: <https://www.squashstars.co.uk/Play/GroveSquare/Course/f149faf9-2469-4c31-bca3-c5f87e201237>

Golfing star in our midst!



Nate, now in year 4, has been very busy over the summer with his golf.

Playing against the best juniors in the North of England, he qualified for the Grand Final in Lincolnshire where he was placed 6th.

He then finished second in one of the major tournaments and so has qualified for a World Championship Event in Ireland next year.

What an amazing achievement!



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Dates for the Diary:

w/b 9th September Rocksteady lessons begin

18th September Year 5/6 Girls football

27th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

4th October – Harvest Festival - St Matthew's 1.30 pm

8th October – Individual school photographs

15th October – Scholastic Book Fair

w/b Monday 21st October- Parent Carer Consultations years 1-6

Friday 25th October – break up for half term

Monday 4th November– back to school

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Tuesday 5th November - Immunisation

6th November – Year 5 trip to Bradford Mosque

Anti-bullying week – 11th -15th November

Odd Socks Day - 12th November

15th November – Children in Need

20th November - Year 3/4 football

3rd December – KS1 Nativity 2-3 pm

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5th December - Year 2 skipping festival

12th December – Christmas jumper/hat day and Christmas lunch day

13th December - Christmas Craft afternoon

w/b 16th December – Christmas parties

16th December – Rocksteady Concert 10.00 am

20th December - St Matthew's Christmas Service – 1.30 pm

Friday 20th December – Break up for Christmas