



AUTUMN 1 TERM

NEWSLETTER Week 5 : October 2nd 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to announce to you all that Mrs Leiper safely delivered a Baby Boy named Jack Kevin Leiper last Friday 25th September. Mum and Baby are doing really well and Ellie Mae is enjoying being a big sister. Congratulations to all the family.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please can you place your order and return it to school by the 9th October 2015 along with the cost of your order. Please make any cheques payable to -

PURPLE COW PHOTOGRAPY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This week would like to wish

Patricija Stikane

Lucas Selby

a very happy birthday.



PERMISSION SLIPS FOR SCHOOL TRIPS

We have started to plan trips and visits for your child to enjoy this year. Please can I remind parents that they need to return the permission slips for all school trips (as without the permission slips we are not permitted to take children out of school on the visits) with the money for the full cost of the trip in a sealed envelope with their child's name, class and what the money is for clearly marked on the front. We still have a number of parents who have yet to do so and until this is done, school are unable to confirm the booking and this may result in our booking being offered to another school.

In our letters, we legally have to ask for a 'voluntary contributions' towards the cost of the visit from parents. However, I am sure that you will understand, school cannot afford to cover the cost of these school visits without these 'voluntary contributions' from parents and without them, these trips may have to be cancelled. I thank parents in anticipation of their support in this matter as, I'm sure you will agree, trips out of school are a very valuable (and more importantly, enjoyable) part of our school curriculum!

CHANGES TO END OF KEY STAGE ASSESSMENT

As you will already know, the children will no longer achieve a level when they leave Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 at the end of this academic year. In the summer of 2016, children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be the first to take the new SATs papers. These tests in English and Mathematics will reflect the new National Curriculum and are intended to be more rigorous. There will also be a completely new marking scheme to replace the existing National Curriculum levels.

At the end of Year 6, children will still be tested in reading, mathematics, spelling, punctuation and grammar. These tests will still be set and marked externally. Instead of a level, this year if your child is in Year 6, you will be given your child's raw score (the actual number of marks they get) in each subject alongside their scaled score. This scaled score will indicate whether your child has reached the national average or is above average for their age.

In Year 2, the teacher will use the information from the SATs papers to help make a judgement on attainment linked to their own teacher assessment of work completed in lessons. Your child will either be judged to be working at the national standard, above the national standard, working towards the national standard or working below the national standard in the core subjects.

FOOTBALL SPONSOR

We have now sorted out a date for the Football Sponsor Day that has been arranged with Barnsley Football Club. We will be holding the Penalty shoot outs on Monday 19th October. Thank you to all the parents who have already sent in sponsor money. We are hoping the day will be a great success.



INSET DAY

Just to remind you all that we will be having an
INSET DAY on

TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

School will be open as normal during the rest of that week.



Government Target for Attendance in schools is 95% and above. Please help us improve our figure for last year which was below government guidelines.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS

The proud winners of the attendance awards over last week were:

w/c 21st - 25th September

Reception 95.71%

Attendance for the School Year last week was 92.62%

Government Target is 95% and above

TEAM POINT WINNERS



Congratulations to **GREEN HOUSE** for winning the House Cup last week

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will take place this year on Friday 16th October. We have realised that due to swimming the Year 4 children would have been unable to take part so I have rearranged the time for the afternoon of the same day. The Harvest Festival will now start at 2.15pm and will last until bedtime. Sorry for any inconvenience caused to anyone who has already made plans.



EARLY COLLECTIONS

We have had an increased number of Parents wanting to collect their child/ren from school early. This not only disrupts the class but the children miss out on valuable elements of their education. Please try where possible not to collect children until bedtime. Under exceptional circumstances only please notify the office of early collections beforehand. As the office only has minimal staff at bedtime, it may not always be possible to collect your child straightaway.

MONEY

Please can any money being sent into school be sent in an envelope with your child's name, class and what the money is for clearly written. Loose cash/coins will not be accepted by staff. Envelopes are available at the school office window to you to use. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7th October

Year 5 & 6 trip to Bradford Media Museum

Friday 16th October

Harvest Festival

Tuesday 20th October

Year 1 & 2 Inspire Afternoon

Thursday 22nd October

Halloween Disco

Friday 23rd October

Break up for October Half term

Monday 2nd November

School re-opens for Autumn 2 term

Thursday 5th November

Parents Consultation Meetings

Tuesday 17th November

INSET DAY

Friday 4th December

Christmas Fayre

Year 6 Robinwood Residential

Monday 7th—Wednesday 9th

Wednesday 9th December

FS & KS1 Concert 9.30am

KS2 Concert 2.15pm

Thursday 10th December

FS & KS1 Concert 9.30am

KS2 Concert 2.15pm

Monday 14th December

Foundation Christmas Party

Tuesday 15th December

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party

School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

Friday 18th December

Break up for Christmas Holiday

Monday 4th January 2016

School re-opens for Spring 1 Term