

October Newsletter 2018

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Wow - what a fantastic half term to start the school year: a busy open evening for parents, lots of well attended parents workshops and parent sessions in English and Maths classes, 82 children are learning a musical instrument free of charge, 60 Year 6 children are on their 3 day residential visit and we have already had numerous sporting successes!

Open Evenings

We hope you found our recent open evenings both informative and helpful. Thank you for your support - 99% of parents have attended to discuss their child(ren) with teachers, which is excellent! If you have any concerns about your child, at any time, please call into school to make an appointment with your child's class teacher - don't leave it until the next open evening.

Attendance

The table below shows the weekly average attendance figures for each class for this half-term. The school target is 97% so well done to those classes above that figure - especially 2AS and 6KG!

Class	Average Attendance	Number of Late Marks
F1AM	94.9%	3
F1PM	94.9%	8
F2CE	97.7%	4
F2MS	97.9%	3
1ES	97.6%	6
1EW	97.2%	7
2AS	99.3%	3
2VL	98.3%	2

3JC	97.3%	12
3AL	96.0%	6
4JT	97.2%	8
4CB	98.5%	1
5HR	96.2%	3
5EN/KN	97.1%	6
6KG	99.3%	1
6ES/NB	96.9%	8
TOTAL	97.3%	81

We are required to write to parents if a child's attendance or punctuality is of concern. As you can see from the table, the attendance of some children in Foundation 1, 3AL and 5HR is concerning and there are an unacceptable number of late arrivals in 3JC. We will be closely monitoring this over the next half-term. Wherever possible, medical and dental appointments should be arranged out of school hours; where this is not possible we need to see either an appointment card or receive a letter containing the appropriate details. Our aim is to have no children absent without authorisation and we rely on your help and co-operation to achieve this.

Sports News

We have had a very successful start to the school year for our sports teams! Well done to our two Year 5/6 dodgeball teams who took victory in the Doncaster Finals, taking both 1st and 2nd place; our Y5/6 handball team who were victorious in the Doncaster Finals; our Year 3/4 football team who are through to the quarter finals of the Doncaster Cup; our Y5 hockey team who placed 3rd in their latest tournament; our Year 5/6 football team who took part in the Doncaster Schools Cup semi-final in September and have qualified to participate in the next round; and our Year 3/4 football team who placed 2nd in the Golden Boot tournament. Thank you to all parents who attended and gave their support to these events.

Book Fair

Please try to visit our Book Fair which will be held after school in the Early Years Hall for one week starting Thursday 8th November. There will be a large selection of books to choose from and several raffle prizes on offer.

Anti-Bullying GOLD Charter Mark

Mrs Brammer and her Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been successful in being awarded the Anti-Bullying GOLD Charter Mark, for their work over the last 12 months, which is a fantastic accolade for the school. This years' Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have already started their training and are already leading and supporting children in school. They are going to be leading on the national Anti-Bullying Week starting on the 12th November and are inviting all children to wear 'odd socks' to show their support!

Macmillan Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported Mrs Parr (our wonderful school cook) with her MacMillan Bake Sale. The cakes and bakes were plentiful - the school chocolate concrete was gorgeous and very popular! Thanks to your generosity she was able to donate £240.12 to the Cancer charity.

Doncaster in Bloom

In this year's Doncaster in Bloom competition we entered 3 categories as a school: Best School Garden, Unusual Container and Best Local Environmental Group. On 16th October, the Doncaster in Bloom Awards were held at the Mansion House and Mr Wilson attended, accompanied by two of our children, to the ceremony. It was a very successful evening for our school as we were the winner of the 'Best School Garden' award and also received a Silver Gilt Standard for the Best Local Environmental Group.

Morning arrangements

As the dark mornings draw in, please remember that although the main school gate opens at 8.30am the staff are not responsible for the children until 8.50am when the classroom doors open; the children are the responsibility of parents / carers until this time.

Contact Details

To support us in being able to contact you in an emergency and remain GDPR compliant, please inform the school office of any change in address and/or contact numbers asap.

After half-term...

Poppies will go on sale week commencing Monday 5th November. Please send your child with a donation if they wish to buy a poppy.

Children in Need

The School Council are currently planning exciting events for the children to support Children in Need on Friday 16th November

Sponsored Tag Rugby event

Mr Halstead is organising a sponsored sports event on Friday 23rd November - more detail to follow after half term!

And Finally ...

We wish Mrs Featherstone (a wonderful member of our support staff team) all our best wishes as she embarks on her maternity leave. Mrs Dales, who has been a long-serving midday supervisor at our school, is off to pastures new after 14 years and we all wish her well for the future. This half term we also said our sad farewells to Mrs Jones, who has worked in our school office for the last 10 years to embark on a new adventure. Her position has been advertised and we will be welcoming Miss Stokes to the office team, when she takes up her post after the half term break. And finally, belated congratulations to Ms Bradburn, another long serving member of our midday supervisor team, who was married during the summer holidays and is now Mrs Godfrey.

**Have a great half-term holiday
- school re-opens on Monday 5th November 2018.**

Mrs R. Train