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## Newsletter

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year.

Firstly, it is wonderful to see your children back in school and hear about everyone's great adventures during the Summer. Secondly, a big thank you from the staff and myself on the efforts families have made to ensure children have the correct school uniform and P.E. kit. We have had numerous comments from visitors to the school on how smart the children are looking, and we agree, they look fantastic.

The children have settled well into their new classrooms and have enjoyed finding out about their new topics for this half term.

Look out for a **Parent Information Booklet** that will give you information on the topic areas and curriculum your child will be learning this half term. Many parents have asked for curriculum information so they can link home activities to school learning. I hope you find this booklet useful. If you have any questions about this then please contact your child's class teacher.

### Before and After School Club

The new before and after school club was launched on Tuesday 4th September. Parents can book places for children via the school office and complete the necessary paperwork. We aim to provide engaging, fun and reliable childcare for families of our school.

The Before School Club will run from **7:30am—8:45am** and the After School Club is from **3:15pm—6pm**.

Please contact the office for additional information.

### Class Assemblies

Parents/Carers and wider family members are welcome to join us at your child's class celebration assembly. This is a great opportunity to celebrate your child's learning and to speak to class teachers and school leaders. Class dates are listed on this letter. You are welcome to join us from 8:45am for a warm drink in the library before the assembly starts at 9am.



### PTA

The PTA are holding the annual Coffee Morning to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support on Friday 27th September at 8:35-10:30am in the school hall. I am sure you all agree this is a fantastic charity to support and we would love to see you at this event.

We welcome any donations of cakes, buns and biscuits that we can sell. These can be brought into school on the morning of the event or the day before. Thank you!



### Upcoming Events

- Friday 27th September 8:45—10:30 Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 4th October – Year 6 celebration assembly
- 16th October—KS1 Harvest Festival at St James Church Parents Welcome
- 17th October—KS2 Harvest Festival at St James Church Parents Welcome
- 18th October— Year 5 celebration assembly
- 23rd October—Individual school photographs
- 25th October—Year 4 celebration assembly
- 6th November—Remembrance Assembly. Parents Welcome
- 8th November—Year 3 celebration assembly
- 15th November—Year 2 celebration assembly
- 22nd November—Year 1 celebration assembly
- 29th November—Nursery and Reception celebration assembly
- 5th December—Whole school pantomime

**Dates for residential parents meetings, Halloween disco, Christmas concerts and parties and PTA meeting to be confirmed.**

## Parent/Carer conduct whilst on school premises

We would like to acknowledge and thank the vast majority of parents who act and behave in an appropriate manner and with a respectful attitude whilst on the school grounds. Parents are guests on school premises and any inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.

This government document explains parental access into school:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/controlling-access-to-school-premises/controlling-access-to-school-premises](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/controlling-access-to-school-premises/controlling-access-to-school-premises)

We will continue to ensure that our children, parents and staff are not subject to any unacceptable behaviour and steps will be taken to bar people from the premises if required.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Elliott (Headteacher) & Mr D Barry (Chair of Governors)

### Safeguarding & Early Help Hub

Keeping children safe in school is a key priority for all staff and the school governors. We have 2 designated safeguarding leads in school. You can speak to Mrs Elliott (headteacher) or Mrs Vasey (deputy headteacher) if you have safeguarding concerns about your own or any other child(ren).

In Wakefield, the council has high aspirations for children, young people and their families. Most children and young people do well but from time to time families require additional support for a host of different reasons.

The Early Help Hub has been created by Wakefield Partners such as the Council, NHS, Police, Fire, Voluntary Community Sector, Schools and others, so we can all work together to help if it is needed.

If you think you would benefit from some additional support then please contact the early help hub using the below website address. Alternatively, you can call into school at any time to speak to either Mrs Elliott or Mrs Vasey and they will be able to assist you.

[www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/early-help](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/early-help)

### School rooms available for rent

From time to time we receive enquiries from groups and clubs within the community about renting the school hall and other spaces on an evening. We are pleased to say that we can now allow access to the school premises for a small fee.

If you are interested in renting the hall or another space then please contact the school office for more details.

Look out for details of new clubs starting after school soon!

### Sports Award



We are delighted to announce that Mackie Hill has been awarded the School Games Gold Award! As part of our application, we were asked to demonstrate evidence of our sports provision, dedication, participation, workforce, resources and clubs. We are thrilled to be awarded the highest level in this award.

A special mention to Miss Robinson and Mrs Purser for their continued dedication to coordinating and delivering an award worthy sports curriculum to our pupils.

*Mrs J Elliott - Headteacher*