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Dates for your diary

- Friday 20th September 2019 Individual and Family Photograph Day
- School clubs finish for the half term on Friday 18th October 2019.
- Tuesday 22nd October Halloween Disco
- Friday 25th October 2019 School Closes for Half Term
- Monday 4th November 2019 School Opens
- Wednesday 6th November 2019 Parents' Evening

A message from the Head Teacher

We are now starting our third week back after the summer break. For some this is their first experience of school.

I have been so impressed with the children and the start they have made. The children have settled into classroom routines and are clear on what their teacher's expect. I have seen some beautiful work produced already by the children which is on display around the school.

The hard work put in by the staff and the children has seen excellent improvements in academic results across the school. This is shared in more detail later in this letter.

We have welcomed new members to the staff team including Mrs. Ogden, Miss Hoogwerf and Mrs. Butler.

This academic year our focus is to continue to challenge all of our children but specifically focusing on the development of reading and writing in literacy sessions and the wider curriculum. Mr. Crosby has been tasked with reviewing the behaviour policy and will be consulting with parents throughout the Autumn Term.

We also want to build on the investment in our outdoor areas. Foundation Stage parents

may have already noticed changes to some of the outdoor learning areas under the new canopy and the new Forest Schools Club which started last week. All Reception children will get access to the Forest School Club this Autumn and we are hoping to involve some of our older children throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support this year. I look forward to seeing you all at some point either on the playground or at school events.

Mr. David Richardson
Head Teacher

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Welcome to the new staff

Mrs. Ogden joins the team after recently completing her Initial Teacher Training (ITT). Mrs. Ogden will be covering Miss Brownson in Zebra Class, while she is on maternity leave with Baby Edie.



Miss Hoogwerf joins the team after recently completing her ITT in York. She will be the new

class teacher in Leopard Class.



Mrs. Butler joins the team as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Mrs.

Butler previously worked at Pastures Primary School.



Academic Results

We were so proud of our achievements last academic year and are already working on improving them further. School is about developing resilience, communication, independence, creativity, having opportunities to collaborate and problem solve.



KS2 children learning new martial arts skills and applying team tactics in football.

However, it is all necessary to learn and master key academic skills that will allow our pupils to be successful at secondary school and beyond.

At the end of our last academic year in Foundation Stage 2 (Reception Year) our Good Level of Development was 77.5%.

This means that our children perform above national and local averages.

In KS1 our phonics results are in line with national averages and above local averages with 82% of our children meeting the expected standard.

In KS1, our children are above the local and national averages for outcomes in reading and writing while in line with the national figure for maths.

We were extremely proud of last year's year 6 pupils who worked so hard across the four years in Key Stage 2 to attain good academic results.

In reading our Y6 children were above the local and national averages. This has taken an enormous amount of work by the staff, children and parents in ensuring that your children are fluent and competent readers.

In writing our children are above local and national averages. We are developing this success to stretch and challenge our pupils even more, so that they can make the best possible start at secondary school.

In maths our children are significantly above local and national averages.

All of this information is combined to give a percentage of children that are working at the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. **We are happy to report that we are above the local and national averages for this as well.**

That is a lot of data to comprehend and understand. However, it shows how hard the school, children and staff are working to be the very best we can be. It doesn't stop though as we can never become complacent. We are focused on being the very highest performing primary school in Doncaster for academic results whilst continuing to develop the whole child in the wider curriculum.

Friends of Sunnyfields

Friends of Sunnyfields continue to raise funds to purchase additional equipment for your children. Throughout the last twelve months Friends of Sunnyfields have donated funds to support the installation of the new Multi Use Games Area on the field. They have also contributed to the costs of the new scooter and bike storage facilities. Friends of Sunnyfields help support the costs of the Children's University Passports which are so popular amongst our children. We have the highest proportion of

children in Doncaster graduating each year at the Children's University.

Friends of Sunnyfields continue to meet regularly to plan for whole school events including Halloween and Easter Discos, Christmas and Summer Fayres. Keep an eye out for posters around school and messages coming through via your School Gateway app for upcoming events.

Next meeting is on 15th November at 2:30pm.

Non Uniform Day

Next month two parents of children at Sunnyfields (Kelly Higgins and Tracey Harrison) will be jumping out of a plane as part of a sponsored parachute jump to raise money for a charity called Beat. Beat is a charity that helps people struggling with eating disorders. We would like to help them with their fundraising efforts. Therefore, on Friday 25th October we are inviting children to come dressed in non uniform to celebrate their individuality. We would like to encourage children to donate £1 to Beat which will be collected by the class teachers.

Lunchtime Supervisor Role

Could you spare five hours per week? Are you looking to start working in a school? Has your child just started school and would you like to see them during the school day?

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to join our team. This is a hugely rewarding job where you will impact on our pupils. If you would like to know more please visit

<https://www.sunnyfields.doncaster.sch.uk/vacancies-1>

Sickness

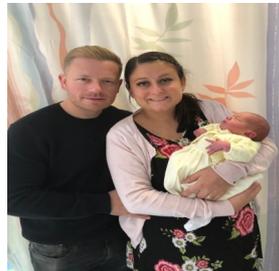
It is really important to let the school know if your child is ill and cannot attend school. The school office will be able to advise how long your child will need to stay off school to avoid spreading infection. We have amended some of our guidance, therefore if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they now should remain absent for twenty four hours after the last episode.

Staff news

Baby news!

It is with great joy that the school can share that Mrs. Hammond has given birth to a beautiful baby girl on Friday 13th September. Ava-Jade weighed in at 6lb 15oz and was delivered at 2:17pm on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Hammond and her

husband Rob are delighted with their new arrival.



Teacher Trainee

The school continues to support trainee teachers as they complete their final elements of training. This year we will be welcoming Mr. Priest to Jaguar Class where he will work alongside Miss Lumley to complete his training.

What's next for Sunnyfields?

The school has revisited and reviewed its curriculum to ensure that it remains engaging, exciting and challenging for the children. Mr. MacConnachie has planned an academic year of sports development with children accessing expert coaching from Doncaster Rovers, Martial Arts Coaching, Gymnastics Coaching and Rugby Coaching. Our grounds will be used for several sports events

throughout the year and we are already starting to think about the next Sunny Fest! The school has supported training for thirty two trainee teachers through the delivery of a workshop by Mr. Richardson on the National Curriculum. They will visit again later in the year to work with Mr. Crosby. Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Gatt continue to work with other schools in their respective roles as

Local Leader of Education and Specialist Leader of Education bringing some of the very best practice back to Sunnyfields.

The children will also be joining local schools in celebrating the Festival of the Christmas Tree with our local Church this Christmas.

We are also hoping to expose our children to the world of work this year through working with adult volunteers visiting the school to share information about their jobs.

Upcoming events at Sunnyfields

- **Friday 20th September Individual and Family Photograph morning.**
- **Friday 4th October Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning**
- **7th-11th October Book Fayre in School**
- **Wednesday 16th October Zebra and Crocodile visit to Conisbrough Castle**
- **Tuesday 22nd October Halloween Disco**
- **Friday 25th October School closes for half term break**
- **Monday 4th November School opens**
- **Wednesday 6th November Parents' Evening**
- **Monday 25th November and Tuesday 26th November KS2 visit to Cannon Hall**
- **Friday 6th December Christmas Fayre 2pm start**
- **Wednesday 18th December Children's Christmas Lunch (Children can wear a Christmas Jumper with their uniform)**
- **Thursday 19th December Children's Party Day (non uniform all day)**

Collection of Children from School

The school would like to remind parents about children walking home from school and being collected by older siblings.

There is no legal guidance on the age that children are allowed to walk home by themselves. However, for children who are younger than eight years we would suggest that they walk with an appropriate adult. Parents are responsible for the safety of their own children the moment that they leave school premises so therefore we leave the decision for older children to walk home by themselves with their parents. The only exception to this is that we do not allow any child to walk home by themselves from an after school club.

Similarly there is no legal age at which an older sibling can collect a child from school. However, we recommend that older siblings should be in Year 11 or older. If parents wish for a younger sibling to collect a child from school they must inform the school of this wish. The exception to this is that siblings are not allowed to collect children before the end of the school day. Collections must be made by a responsible adult.

We will shortly be sending out a letter for you to confirm your preferences for collection.

Lunchtimes and Uniform

To ensure that all of our children have access to a healthy lunch we ask that children have a healthy packed lunch. Therefore, children are not allowed to have fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate as part of their packed lunch. If these are included in a lunch box, the lunchtime staff ask your children to save these until they go home.

Our children look very smart in their uniforms. However, we do have some children that do need to be reminded about uniform. Full details regarding our uniform policy can be found on the school website.

The policy has been written to ensure that our children are well equipped and dressed suitably to work in school. It has also been written alongside secondary schools to ensure that our children are ready for the transition to the next stage of their education.

We would like to remind parents about appropriate footwear.

Children should wear black school shoes. We do allow children to change into trainers at break time and lunchtime.

Important Dates

School closes on Friday 25th October and reopens on Monday 4th November 2019.

The remaining INSET days where we will be closed to children are on:

- 24th February 2020
- 22nd May 2020
- 1st June 2020
- 20th July 2020

The Y6 SATs week is on **11th May-14th May 2020** and Y1 Phonics week commences on **8th June 2019**.
