

## 'Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners'

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Newsletter 5

Dear Parents,

### Governor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for parent governors. Our Governing Body support the school in many ways. They meet half termly and help formulate the strategic plan for the school as part of a multi-academy trust. Please find all the information and a nomination form with this newsletter. Further forms can be obtained from the school office. Thank you.

### School Places For Reception 2020

As a school we only have 45 places in our reception classes and some families were disappointed last year when they did not get a place here. So if you know anyone who is thinking of sending their children to our wonderful school please share with them our open evening dates 9.30am on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 5pm on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Parents can register for a place through North Yorkshire admissions online. From 1<sup>st</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> January only. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>

### Census Day - KS1 Universal Free School Meals Pupils - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

Tomorrow, Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, is census day. This is in an effort to encourage ALL of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to have a school meal who do not usually have a school lunch. The majority of children in KS1 do have a school meal and thoroughly enjoy it. If your child would normally have a packed lunch we will cook them a meal on this day and they can try some of what is on offer to experience it. You will be able to send in a packed lunch too if you wish and are concerned your child may not eat a hot meal. We are just providing this option for them to give it a try. It's free for KS1 so why not!

The menu this day is:

- hot dogs vegetarian hot dogs (v), curly fries, salad and fruit jelly for pudding

### Surveys and feedback from parents

We have sent out via text a link to questionnaires for feedback from you as parents. For Reception there is a new starters survey to complete. For Y1-6 a school parents view one and for Y7 parents, whose children have left us an exit survey. Myself and the Chair of Governors have already looked at some of the feedback and acted on this immediately. We will send you details of all 3 surveys shortly after they close. The deadline is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October please. The links to complete a survey Y1-6 survey is: <https://bitly/2ohnLJC> The Reception Survey is: <https://bitly/2nzRP3L> and the exit survey for Y7: <https://bitly/2oersjl> Thank you.

### Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Year 6 Children

Flu vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 6 will be taking place this term. Please visit <https://www.hdftrhns.uk/flu-consent> for the form to consent electronically for your child to receive their flu vaccine. A letter has already been sent home with your child giving you further information and instructions to give your consent. Thank you.

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### MacMillan Cancer Care Cake Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported the MacMillan Cake stall last Friday. £156.52 was raised for this good cause. We are so grateful for your support.

### Aldi's Kit For Schools

This September Aldi's Kit For Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a healthy legacy for their school. Every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive sports kit. To complete the poster and receive the kit we need to collect 300 GB Team stickers. These are available from Aldi every time you spend £30. Please pop them into the box in the hall in school. Thank you.

### Individual Photographs

The school photographer is in school on Tuesday 15th October. All children will have their photograph taken individually and with their siblings in school unless you inform us that you do not wish your children to have them taken. If you want a family photograph with younger / older siblings not in school, please come into school through the main entrance from 8.30am. It will be on a first come first served basis. Thank you.

### Reception Classes Stay and Play

Mrs Gibson and Miss Drake would like to invite all Reception parents to a stay and play session on Wednesday 16th October at 9am until 10am. This will be an opportunity to see your child in the setting and see how well they have settled in.

### Head Lice

Head lice is something we all have to deal with in and out of school. We can't eradicate the problem, but we can try to keep on top of it. Please will you check your children's hair and if you need any help or advice please ask us? It is distressing for the children especially if other children notice too and mention it. Thank you

### Dates For Your Diary

15<sup>th</sup> October - Individual photographs

16<sup>th</sup> October - Stay and play session for Reception parents 9am - 10am

18<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest festival

22<sup>nd</sup> October - 9.30am New parents evening for reception 2020

23<sup>rd</sup> October - Year 5/6 parents meeting with Thirsk School Headteacher at Sowerby

25<sup>th</sup> October - School closes for half term

4<sup>th</sup> November - school re-opens

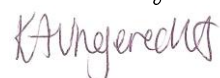
12<sup>th</sup> November - 5pm New parents evening for reception 2020

15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need - dress in spots, pyjamas or onesie

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 residential week East Barnby

Attendance last week: Whole school 98.1%. Unauthorised absence 0.2%. Best class attendance Jade and Emerald classes 100% Well Done!

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher

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