



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday 8th October 2019

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of this first half term, so I thought we would send out an early newsletter as this gives us the opportunity to publish the diary dates for the lead up to Christmas, which is a very busy time here at Lees.

Our Reception Class children have settled well into their new routines and enjoyed their very first school disco last week. I have to say that costumes get better every year! Our thanks again to FoLees for organising the discos, their fundraising benefits all our children and is very much appreciated. Their next big event is the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November which is a wonderful start to the festive season.

Our programme of Residential visits is well underway with successful visits so far to Malham for Year 5 and Nell Bank for Year 3. As I write this, Year 6 are checking their bags ready for their visit to Whitby tomorrow and by the end of term our Year 4 children will have spent 2 nights at Ingleborough. These visits are very much enjoyed by the children but could not happen without the help of our staff who give their time for free to accompany the children. I am sure you would like to join with me in thanking our staff for their continued support.

I look forward meeting with you at the forthcoming Parent Evenings and Harvest Festival.

Mr Whitehead Headteacher



Parent Evenings, Monday 14th & Wednesday 16th October 2019

If you have not yet booked an appointment, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. There will be a refreshment stall run by our Year 6 pupils who will use the funds raised towards their end of year celebrations as well as a Book Fair and uniform stall.

New ParentPay system

Letters have been sent home with all children in Years 3-6 regarding this new system for making online payments for school meals. Even if your child usually brings a packed lunch, can we please ask that you activate your account, as per the letter, as you can then pay for occasional meals that your child may take such as Christmas dinner. Please note that this system is for dinner money payments only, our other system Teachers2Parents is for payment of Class Visits and Club fees.

Harvest Festival – St James' Church Cross Roads, Thursday 24th October at 9.30am

We would like to invite parents and friends to our Harvest Festival Service. We shall once again be supporting the Welcome Project, a local charity providing meals for those in need. We would be grateful for donations of dried and tinned foods which can be brought into school on the morning of Thursday 24th October.

Read Together Sessions

These are an opportunity to read together with your child during the school day. The sessions start at 2.45pm in the School Library – dates and further information can be found on the PIW page on the school website.

Morning Playground Routine

Can we please remind parents/carers that they should remain in the main lower playground in the morning whilst children are entering school with their teacher. For the safety of all our children, please do not accompany your child in the line as this prevents other parents/carers from having clear sight of their child entering school. If you need to leave whilst children are entering school, the gate to field and access onto Lees Bank Road is open.

Uniform Reminders

Our full Uniform Policy is available to view on the school website (School Policies Page) but can we please draw your attention to the following. Shoes should be plain black – trainers, canvas pumps are not permissible. If your child has pierced ears then only small gold studs are to be worn and hairstyles should not be extreme or to have shaved patterns.

Bunting Bonkers – A Cross Roads Challenge

This is a challenge to knit 5 miles of bunting for the Village Gala 2020 and break the World Record in the process. There is a collection/drop off point for knitting patterns and flags in the school front office. Please spread the word – more information on the Village Page on the school website.



Dates for Your Diary

Please check the calendar on the school website as we update regularly with new events. Further information will be sent home about the events nearer the time.

Mon 14 October	Parent Evening – 3.30 – 6.30pm
Tues 15 October	Flu Immunisation programme
Wed 16 October	Parent Evening – 3.30 – 6.30pm
Mon 21 October – Wed 23 October	Y4 Ingleborough Residential Visit
Thurs 24 October	Harvest Festival St James' Church Cross Roads 9.30am – family & friends welcome. School closes at 3.15pm for Half Term
Mon 4 November	School opens at 8.55am
Tues 5 November	Open morning 9.30am – 11.30am – for parents/carers with children starting school September 2020
Tue 12 November	Individual Photographs – information to follow
Fri 15 November	Children in Need Day Open morning 9.30am – 11.30am – for parents/carers with children starting school September 2020
Sat 30 November	FoLees Christmas Fayre
Wed 11 December	Years Reception, 1 & 2 Nativity Performances at 2.15pm & 5.30pm.
Fri 13 December	Christmas Jumper Day School Christmas Dinner
Tues 17 December	School Christmas Pantomime – thank you to FoLees for funding this. Carols around the Village tree 6.30pm. Please note this is not a school event so children need to be accompanied by an adult.
Wed 18 December	Christmas Parties – Years Reception - 4
Thurs 19 December	Christmas Service at St James' Church Cross Roads 9.30am – family & friends welcome. Christmas Party Years 5 & 6 School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas Holidays
Mon 6 January	School opens 8.55am