

'Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners'

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Newsletter 16

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school where everyone wishes you the very best for a happy 2020.

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. Thank you.

SATs Meeting For Year 6 Parents

There will be a SATs meeting at 4pm next Monday, 13th January, for parents of Year 6 children. We will give you the dates, discuss the format of SATs and how we organise this in school to help you children. Useful revision links will also be given to you should you wish to use them. This meeting is for parents only. Thank you.

Music For Life - Brass Instrumentalist Tuesday 14th January 2020

Once again we are having the Music For Life concert at Sowerby Primary Academy for all the children to attend with James Stretton a brass instrumentalist. The children really enjoy the Music for Life concert and we hope that you will support this by a voluntary contribution to the school of £1.65 towards the cost of the performances for children in Years Reception, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 and £2.15 for children in Year 3 who will also be participating in the workshops. Please make payments on Parent Pay. Thank you.

Census Day - KSI Universal Free School Meals Pupils - Thursday 16th January 2020

Next Thursday, 16th January, 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 KSI 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 KSI so why not!

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. Parents can register for a place through North Yorkshire admissions online. From 1st October to 15th January only. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>

Cake Stall

Turquoise class cake stall will be held this Friday 10th January 2020 at 3.30pm in the school hall. Please come along and support us. All money goes into FOSS funds to fund extra school visits free for you and your children. Please note as cakes are made at home we cannot guarantee that items are nut/allergy free so please buy at your own discretion. Notices are displaying giving this advice. Thank you.

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Year 1/2 Science Project

Please can Year 1/2 children bring in clear tights week commencing 6th January 2020. They will be making cress heads and these will be used for their science investigation. Thank you.

School Trespass Problems

We are seeking your help at the end of the school day. As Thirsk School and Sixth Form end earlier than Sowerby, we are having some problems with their pupils using our school as a short cut. We have tried being on the yellow gate on Topcliffe Road from 3.15 but this is not sustainable. It is perfectly fine for older siblings to come onto our site to collect younger ones or meet their parents here. We do not wish to stop this happening. However, if you have an older child that has no reason to be on our site please can you remind them that they are not to use this as a short cut through. We MUST try to safeguard our primary pupils and with lots of 'other' pupils on site this becomes difficult. Thirsk School are aware of the issue and are supporting us in speaking to their pupils but your help would be appreciated too please. The names of any repeat offenders will be passed onto Thirsk School staff. Thank you.

The Sun Free Books for School

We are collecting vouchers from The Sun newspaper for free reading books for school. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain some lovely new books so please bring any vouchers you receive. Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary

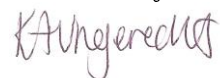
10th January - Turquoise class cake stall

13th January - Y6 SATs meeting for parents

14th January - Music For Life day

Attendance last week of last term: Whole school 94.2%. Unauthorised absence 0.6%. Best class attendance Amethyst class 99.2% well done!

Yours sincerely,



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