Dear Parents,

**Apple Day 14th October**
We can run Apple Day as we would normally, but the FOSS would like to bring Apple day to the children. The plan is that each class will have an Apple Package for the teachers to deliver teaching resources and fun activities and some apple product tasting. Children can come in non-uniform on this day. (PE suitable if a PE day please). The idea is to bring in a £1 donation from all the children to fund this. All funds raised go to providing visits and trips and enhancing the curriculum free to all pupils. As FOSS cannot fundraise as they traditionally do, we must try to support their efforts during this time. Thank you

**Photographs**
If you are not ordering your photographs online please return your order and payment to school no later than Wednesday 7th October. Thank you.

**Young Minds Mental Health Day 9th October**
We are joining the charity Young Minds in marking mental health day on 9th October. The campaign is called **Hello Yellow** and is focused on raising money and awareness of young people's mental health. The children's wellbeing has always been our priority, but now more than ever we'd like to promote mental wellbeing through discussion and raising awareness.

On the 9th, we will be carrying out some activities on promoting mental wellbeing, talking particularly about boosting resilience. Children are invited to wear something yellow to school (if all they have is a minions costume, that's fine too).

If you would like to support the Young Minds charity by making a donation, please follow this link to our school Just Giving page. [https://bit.ly/2EOi7Yg](https://bit.ly/2EOi7Yg)

**Census Day - KS1 Universal Free School Meals Pupils – Thursday 1st October 2020**
Tomorrow, 1st 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:
- Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v), Pea & Potato Croquette (v) and Fruit Crumble and Custard

**Flu Vaccination**
The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception to Year 7. The Flu team are scheduled to visit Sowerby Primary Academy this Autumn as part of this programme. If you would like your child to receive this immunisation, please ensure your consent form has been submitted no later than 4/10/2020 – if you submit your consent form after this date your child may be missed when they visit school.

**How do I give my consent?**
1. Go to [https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/](https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/)
2. Enter the School Code 145369 and click “Find School”.

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www.sowerbyacademy.org
3. Complete the form with your child’s information and parent/guardian contact information*
4. Click the green “Submit” button.

To find out more Please visit https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine for more information about the childhood influenza vaccination programme.

**Applying For A Secondary School Place For Your Child- Parents of Year 6 children**
If you are the parent or carer of a child living in North Yorkshire, who is eligible to start secondary school in September 2021 (born between 01.09.09 and 31.08.10 inclusive) you will find all the information you need to apply for a school place at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions. Online forms must be submitted by 31st October 2020. Letters were also sent home with your children last week. Thank you

**Friends of Sowerby School (FOSS, Parent Teachers Association).**
**Monday 5th October. Time 8.00pm to 9.00pm Venue: On-line via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4682215649?pwd=RWtCMnp3bGlXandIRElSQVZ2OHk0UT09

Meeting ID: 468 221 5649
Passcode: 9Qu9iG

It's that time of year again to have our annual general meeting (AGM) 2020/2021. FOSS warmly invite every parent at Sowerby Primary Academy to join us. The Zoom meeting details are above. FOSS have a motto which is "Supporting Educational Adventure" and monies raised go directly to supporting your child/ren in the school. You are welcome to attend out of interest or with a view to joining the FOSS team. Either way we welcome you. Your ideas and enthusiasm are important. If you would like to join FOSS there's no expectation to be very involved; we all know the reality of busy home lives, family and work. A lot of the voluntary role is about being enthusiastic and finding a small way to help. Kindness, support and fun are key! We have the usual President, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and Trustee role's which may interest you. We also have fundraiser roles which allow the parent to bring their skills and ideas to the group. This year may look a little different from a fundraising point of view. However, we would like to remain active, and fit in meaningfully to the school community. It's a good start by having the AGM. It’s exciting to open the invitation to a new on-line community of parents. We are a registered Charity and work as a small team of very caring and active volunteers. Check FOSS out on the school's Facebook page. For more details, please email the FOSS committee foss.sowerby@yahoo.com and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible. Or contact the school office who will pass on your details and I’ll happily speak to you in person. We look forward to meeting you at the AGM (or in the playground).

**Attendance Last week:**
Whole school 94.3%, unauthorised absence 0.3%. Best class attendance Amethyst class 97.2%. Well done!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Ungerechts
Head Teacher

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