

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

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**Newsletter 5**

Dear Parents,

### **Our Family is back together again**

I am delighted to welcome back our Y2 bubble, so we are a full school family again. Thank you to our families for isolating as you did and keeping everyone safe. The school is buzzing again. Such a pleasure.

### **Apple Day 14<sup>th</sup> October**

We can't 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

### **FOSS – Friends of Sowerby School**

FOSS do a great job year on year fund raising to support our children for educational visits free of charge and so much more. Currently their ability to run Fairs and events has been stopped but they have discovered that they can raise money or YOU can via Amazon. If you follow the link below, search for Friends of Sowerby School (please take care to choose the right one). Then when you do your Amazon shopping put smile before amazon in the google bar and you donate 0.5% of anything you spend to FOSS. There is NO COST to you as donor. Great Idea. School also uses Amazon and we have signed up. Just think as you shop for Christmas you will be helping FOSS too.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1061455-0>

### **School Pick up and Drop Off**

Please can we politely remind you to social distance when dropping off and collecting your children and also not so sit on the benches. Please make sure your children are with you at all times, that they are not to play on any of the equipment and you leave school premises as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **ParentPay**

We are currently having technical problems with ParentPay which are being looked into. We apologise if you have been charged for a school meal your child has not taken. This will be rectified in due course.

### **Young Minds Mental Health Day 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

We are joining the charity Young Minds in marking mental health day on 9th October. The campaign is called **Hello Yellow** and is focused of 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 9<sup>th</sup> October, 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>

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### **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/>
2. Enter the School Code 145369 and click “Find School”.
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](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions). Online forms must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Letters were also sent home with your children last week. Thank you

### **Dates For Your Diary**

9<sup>th</sup> October – Young Minds Mental Health Day  
14<sup>th</sup> October – Apple Day  
16<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Immunisations  
23<sup>rd</sup> October – School closes for half term  
2<sup>nd</sup> November – school re-opens

Attendance Last week:

Whole school 96.2%, unauthorised absence 0.3%. Best class attendance Pearl and Emerald classes 99.1%. Well done!

Yours sincerely,



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