



Newsletter

October



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Parents Evening

Your child should have brought home a letter and reply slip to confirm a telephone appointment with your child's class teachers to discuss how they have settled back into school, the progress they have made so far and their next steps in learning. If you haven't received this, please telephone school so an appointment can be made.

Arriving at School

Thank you for your support, patience and co-operation with the staggered start and finish times to the children's school day. As part of our risk assessment and safety measures, we are limiting contact between pupil bubbles. We therefore ask that you arrive at your allocated time and not before or after. This will avoid the opportunity for children to mix on the playground with others not in the same bubble as them and we can promptly get all children into class. For Y3/4/5/6 children, can parents please remain on the school playground/field so children can walk to the doors independently to be greeted by a member of staff. This will reduce the number of parents walking up and down the narrow paths. It is essential that all parents and children follow the one-way system around school. **Please note:** some parents will be dropping children off at Forestwood School at the bottom carpark and will be walking the short distance against the one-way system to return to the carpark.

Flu Vaccinations

The nursing team will be in school on **Wednesday 21st October** to administer flu vaccinations to Reception—Y6 children. You must give consent for your child to have the vaccine.

If you haven't returned the letter and you would like your child to have it, please collect a letter from the office ASAP.



PTA

Home & School Together

Non-Uniform Day

At the end of this term, we would normally hold a Halloween Disco for all children to attend and to raise money for our PTA. Unfortunately, we are not able to celebrate in the unusual way but the school council have requested a non-uniform day. The staff think this is an excellent idea and have agreed to hold the non-uniform day on **Friday 23rd October**. Children can come to school in comfortable clothes and bring £1 to donate to the PTA. As children will be playing outside for break and lunchtime we would like them to wear sensible clothes to suit the weather and **not** Halloween fancy dress. Year 3 & 4 will be having PE in the afternoon so they can either wear comfortable clothes they can also wear for PE or bring a change of clothes and footwear to school.

Mackie Hill Before and After School Club

Pricing Policy October 2020 – March 2021

Please note changes to the before and after school club pricing policy. As we launch our new online payment system, we are no longer able to offer a discount for siblings who attend the clubs. In light of this, we have decided to freeze the price of the clubs to reflect the slight increase some families may incur. The pricing policy will continue to be reviewed annually in March 2021 inline with school financial regulations and procedures.



Breakfast Club - Early Bird) 7:30am - 8:45am

- Breakfast Club) 8am - 8:45am

After School Club - Session 1) 3:15pm - 4:45 pm

- Session 2) 3:15pm - 5:45 pm

- Session 2) 3:15pm - 6pm (special request)

Update on Scheduled Events in School

I am sure you have been expecting me to write to you to confirm the cancellation of upcoming events, but it is still unfortunate that I have to make these difficult decisions. In order to keep all children, parents and school staff safe, we are unable to hold all Christmas nativities and celebrations at school. We have discussed and considered online concerts and nativities but as we have children in school who, for safeguarding reasons, are not allowed to have their images shared or live streamed we are unable to do this. The safety of our children must come first.

Miss Robinson has also received confirmation this week that Herd Farm have cancelled the January residential visit for Y2 & Y3 children. Any parents who have already begun to pay for this visit will receive a letter informing them how the money will be returned to them. We are still waiting to hear from Robinwood to confirm if the February visit for Y4, 5 & 6 will go ahead. We shall let parents know as soon as possible but ask them not to pay any more towards the costs of this visit until further notice.

Finally, school photographs have been rearranged from this term to the Spring term when we hope to allow more visitors into school.

Homework Arrangements

To continue home learning safely, we have adapted how we communicate homework with you. Homework will now be put onto the School APP each week. Until further notice, we cannot accept homework back into school and would like you to return it electronically using the following email address:

homework@mackiehill.wakefield.sch.uk

In the email subject follow the below system of year group and pupil name: Y1JoeBloggs

You can either take a photograph of your child's work to send to us or they may choose to complete work electronically. Please note: this is a receipt only inbox meaning you will not get a reply and teachers will celebrate homework in class each week. We look forward to seeing your fantastic home learning!

Thank you.

*Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. J Elliott.*