

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

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**Newsletter 9**

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents who are supporting our Covid safe measures and wearing face coverings on the playground at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you too for the very supportive and positive comments either emailed or passed to me for what school is doing to keep things going as normal as possible. Rest assured I do pass on all these to staff in school. This is a partnership and a strong one at that. Stay safe Sowerby family.

### **Absence**

Please can we politely remind you to telephone or email school before 8.30am if your child is going to be late or is ill? This is so that we can keep your children safe and avoid unnecessary telephone calls. If we have not heard from you we will assume something is wrong and contact you. Thank you. Telephone 01845 523037/email [admin@sowerbyacademy.org](mailto:admin@sowerbyacademy.org)

### **Schoolshop – Uniform**

As schools are to remain open during the current lockdown, Schoolshop will be staying open but as required their shop will close on 4<sup>th</sup> November. They will remain open for online orders for delivery or click and collect from Elvington. Once lockdown ends you will be able to book an appointment to the visit the shop.

### **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>

### **Applying For A Primary School Place For Your Child**

If you are the parent or carer of a child living in North Yorkshire, who is eligible to start primary school in September 2021 (born between 01.09.16 and 31.08.17 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

We are running online meetings for parents who would like to know what Sowerby have to offer our learners. We also have a video and presentation to share. Please contact the school office to leave an email for us to get in touch.

### **Parents Consultations SEN Pupils**

The Trust have decided that we will be doing parent Consultations in January following reports to parents at the end of term. We do however, want to hold SEN parents' meetings separately before the end of term to share IPM's and your child's targets. These will be the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November, by virtual meeting or phone if you prefer. A letter will follow for this. Parents evenings for all pupils progress will be in January.

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### **Children In Need**

We have recently had Yellow Day, school photographs, Apple Day, Christmas cards and donations for the Harvest Festival all that comes with a cost. For this reason, we are not doing anything in school for Children In Need this year as we do not want parents to feel under any financial pressure to donate. Parents can make their own decision to donate on line if they wish to do so.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

23<sup>rd</sup> November - Parents consultations for SEN pupils only during this week

16<sup>th</sup> December - Reports to parents

18<sup>th</sup> December - School closes for Christmas holiday

5<sup>th</sup> January - school re-opens

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January - Parents consultations all pupils

### **Attendance Last Week**

Whole school 97.4%, unauthorised absence 0.1%. Best class attendance Diamond class 99.5%. Well done!

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher