



Sowerby Primary Academy

‘Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners’

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Dear Parents,

A busy week as usual here at Sowerby. Parents evenings are all underway and I know that teachers have been contacting parents who have responded, either by phone or Teams to hold these. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher please make contact by Dojo or calling the school office to arrange this.

There has been lots of fabulous work in classes, from Reception finding out all about magnetism, to Y5/6 Mayan culture and everything in between. Thank you as always for your support and working in partnership with teachers to get the best for our pupils.

Have a super week.

Mrs K Ungerechts

Headteacher

Nursery Consultation

Sowerby Nursery and Sowerby Academy are pleased to share the news that we are looking at merging over the coming months. The process does take a significant amount of time, but is started with the 6 week consultation process.

You have had the link to the consultation sent separately, but I have included it here for your convenience. One of the main changes will be extended hours for working parents. Please feel free to let us know your thoughts by taking part.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/sowerbynursery>

Sowerby Before and After Club - September

I understand that Kidzone have informed parents this week that they will no longer be able to provide B&A school at Sowerby. The decision is linked to the extended hours we need in nursery and so makes sense for Sowerby Academy to start our own wrap around care.

The plan is for KidZone to continue until the end of the year and we start in September straight after. It just makes sense to have all the B&A care to be provided by school.

Priority places will be given to current Kidzone pupils. More details of this and costings and applications will be provided in the near future. I hope this eases your worries and reassures you that there should not be issues around childcare and we are taking our families needs into account throughout all of this process.

Healthy Breakfast

We are going to be working in partnership with Greggs and Broadaches to set up a breakfast club at Sowerby Academy..

The aim is for a breakfast to be available at a small sum for children to access just prior to coming into school around 8.15am. It could reduce the number of children popping into Tescos for sweets as a breakfast, or help busy parents.

We would welcome your ideas and views by filling in the questions below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/EF7TH6GR0b>

Thank you for your time.

Uniform

Uniform can be purchased through the Schoolshop website but if you would like to visit them in person they have now re-opened their store. As last year, they are running an appointment only system. Appointments can be booked online from their website www.school-shop.co.uk. Please note the cut off date for end of term orders for guaranteed delivery before September is **29th July 2021**.

Children Leaving School

Please can we ask that when leaving school at the end of the day you keep your children with you and supervised at all times. Unfortunately on Monday, there was a near miss when a child ran out

between parked cars in the bus park. This caused a driver to swerve to avoid them and resulted in it hitting another vehicle. This understandably caused distress all around and could have ended tragically. Thank you.

Road Works

We have had notification that road works are due to start along Topcliffe Road to provide additional parking capacity. The works are due to begin on 26th April and may take up to end of July 2021. There are 3 areas of road improvements and depending on your route to school, you may be affected.

1. Topcliffe Road widening for parking
2. Widening of Castlegate/Kirkgate junction
3. Widening of lanes at Station Road roundabout

Sunny Weather

Now the weather is becoming hotter, please ensure your child brings a sun hat and (named) sun cream into school, each day. Our sunscreen policy is available on the school website if you wish to view it in full. Bring on the sunshine! Thank you.

FOSS - Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Our Year 6 children have now ordered their leavers hoodies. We would like to say a big thank you to FOSS who have offered to pay for these in full. We are very grateful to the support FOSS have given the school historically but especially in these times. Please continue to support them in any fundraising events they have to ensure that this is possible in the future.

Midday Supervisor - Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an MSA - Mid Day Supervisor for the Summer Term initially. This is for 5 hours per week and Band B salary. The hours are 12.15pm-1.15pm. The role would be supervising children at lunchtimes in the playground and encouraging positive play and well being.

If you are interested in this position and want more information, please contact the school office for a job description and application form. The closing date for applications is Monday 26th April 2021.

Simon Carson Multi Sports

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!



EVERY WEDNESDAY
STARTING 21ST APRIL
£24 FOR 6 WEEKS
RECEPTION - YEAR 6

15:30 - 16:30
SUMMER TERM 1
30 SPACES

OUTDOOR MULTI-SPORT



TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT:
SIMONCARSONSPORTSSCHOOL.CO.UK

VENUE:
SOWERBY PRIMARY ACADEMY
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ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION OR QUERIES
CONTACT NUMBER: 07966 767284
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Playing on building site near Aldi

We have had information that there has been several children seen playing on the building site near Aldi, There are large earth mounds and mechanical diggers etc and children were seen yesterday playing on these. Whilst it is the responsibility of the contractors to ensure their site is safe, this does not extend to children gaining access and playing there. There is no confirmation that these are Sowerby Academy pupils, however, if you live near there or your child plays near there, it might be wise to have that conversation with them. We would hate for any of our community to get hurt unnecessarily or behaving in an anti-social manner. Thank you.

Hockey Heros

Wanting to continue to promote physical activity and being active in general, we wanted to share an opportunity for our pupils. An 8 week fun welcoming introduction to hockey for all children aged 5 - 8 year old. Signing up is easy and the programme provides a great value low commitment opportunity to try a new team sport. To find out more visit hockeyheroes.co.uk

Attendance

Attendance is very important and this is monitored for every child. Any child with attendance below 90% is classed as PA Persistent Absence and we have a duty of care to follow this through to see how

we can support this getting better. We would communicate concerns about attendance, in the first instance, by letter.

Attendance last week:

Whole School: 99%

Unauthorised attendance: 0%

Best class attendance week: Diamond, Turquoise, Opal, Crystal, Ruby and Topaz classes 100%. Well done.

School Calendar

Please follow the link to calendar of events this term on our website.

[Up and coming events](#)