



# Sowerby Primary Academy

‘Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners’

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## Newsletter 28

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our weekly Sway newsletter. We are loving sharing with you via Sway. Y6 are excited this week to be re-launching our Ambassadors. Pupils who have stood out for all the right reasons and are able to wear purple sweatshirts so that others know they are great role models for them to follow. They can be relied on to undertake responsibilities in school. They will be changed every 2 weeks. Very proud children, teachers and parents.

*Mrs K Ungerechts*

*Headteacher*

## Class Photographs

Next Tuesday, 4th May, your child will be having their class photographs. All children need to have a cardigan or sweatshirt in school with them to wear for the photograph. We will do this in bubbles and maintain safety measures during the whole process. Thank you.

## Transition Y6-Y7 and Reception

Y6 transition

Y6 pupils have had a visit already from teachers from Thirsk School and Sixth Form. They have received lots of forms to fill in and return and the transition week is week beginning 12th July.

New Reception starters for September 2021

We will be contacting these parents, some current parents and some new to school about transition activities. Many of these will be from June onwards so regulations will have eased somewhat and we can also take advantage of doing some of these outside or after school. Once plans are approved we will be delighted to share this with you.

## KS1 Lunches

In a bid to encourage more pupils to enjoy a school lunch each day we will, for the rest of this term, be providing each KS1 child (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) with a lunch. We would like to ask you to encourage your child to try a school lunch each day, but please feel free to continue to send in a packed lunch for those who may not want to participate. There is no cost to parents as all KS1 children are entitled to a free meal each day. If you have any questions or queries please contact the school office.

## ParentPay

Please can we politely remind parents of KS2 children to keep your Parentpay account in credit to prevent you going into arrears with school meals. We understand parents are very busy and we will send a text message to you if this happens. Please action these messages as soon as you can. Thank you.

## 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 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. The plan is that this will start form Monday 10th May 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.

## 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: 97.8%

Unauthorised attendance: 0.1%

Best class attendance week: Opal class 100%. Well done.

## Bank Holiday

School is closed next Monday, 3rd May, as this is a Bank Holiday. Children will return to school on Tuesday 4th May.

## School Calendar

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

[Up and coming events](#)