



Sowerby Primary Academy

‘Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners’

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Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

The staff, governors and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all at the start of this new academic year and hope that you all had a happy summer break. We extend a special welcome to our new families and look forward to getting to know you all very well in the coming weeks and months. WELCOME BACK!

Mrs K Ungerechts

Headteacher

Newsletters and Website

We send out a weekly newsletter on a Wednesday via email to keep you informed about events in school.

School Website – www.sowerbyacademy.org

Our website keeps you up to date with news as well as giving you a glimpse of what the children are doing in class on our gallery page. We will post information on this site by 7.30am as well as notify the local radio stations in the event of closure for bad weather and any other emergency closures. Please be re-assured we always endeavour to keep the school open.

PE Uniform

Children coming to school in PE kit worked well last year and we would like to continue this. The PE days will be circulated for each class on Class Dojo.

It is important therefore, that the PE kit worn is plain white T-shirt, black, blue shorts/ tracksuit bottoms (both of these without any logos/sports markings), Sweatshirt in case of cooler weather. Again plain in design please.

This is to be part of the Uniform and not a fashion show. We want children to look smart even on PE days.

Hair tied back if possible and no earrings.

Reminders

REMINDERS at the start of a new school year to help things run smoothly. Thank you!

- **Communication With Parents** Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.
- **Registration / Update Details** Please let us have any changes in address/telephone numbers/emergency contact details/doctor/any other information that you feel we need, as soon as possible. This is our only way of contacting you should we need to. Thank you.
- **Absences** Please will you 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
- **Naming Property!** Please can we ask that you name EVERYTHING and encourage (as will we) your children to look after it? We will try to keep a weekly check and if things are named they can be returned quickly to their owner. Thank you.
- **School Dinners Key Stage 2 – Prices £2.50 per meal for each child, £12.50 per week** Please use ParentPay to pay for your child's school meals. Thank you.
- **Packed Lunches / Playtime Snacks – Healthy School Status** Please can we remind you that children should not bring chocolate/sweets, fizzy drinks in cans or bottles as part of their packed lunch, or, for a snack? It is important that children have a drink in their packed lunch.
- *****Ear Rings***** We would like at this point in the year to remind everyone about our policy on ear rings. Children can wear studs during the day but **MUST** take them out for PE – this includes swimming and sporting events – including sports day in the summer term. Teachers are not allowed to do this for them. If your child can't do this for themselves please will you ensure they don't wear ear rings on the days they have PE. We

cannot allow children to cover them with plasters. We would always advise children to have their ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays. Thank you.

- **Parking** Please can we ask the parents do not park in the school car park or the bus park when dropping off and collecting children, and be considerate to residents who live nearby by not blocking or parking too close to their driveways. Thank you for your support.

Before and After School Club - Dragonflies



Thank you to all the families who have expressed an interest in our Before and After School Provision. If you would like to register for a place please fill in the registration forms and other paperwork and return to school as soon as possible. The sessions are from 7.30am-8.50am and 3.30pm -6.00pm.

Registration forms link here <https://www.sowerbyacademy.org/dragonflies>

Their email is: dragonfly@sowerbyacademy.org

Alternatively if you contact the school office they will be able to give you a registration pack from Monday 12th July. Please get one for each child.

If you know that you will need a place but do not know which days yet - Please register for a place and you can let us know the days later on. Thank you.

Greggs Free Breakfast Club

Please note the door open for breakfast club each days at 8.30am each morning. Children cannot arrive earlier. The entrance is through the main door on the left of the Infant playground. Thank you.

School Times

The school day commences at 8.50am and finishes at 3.30pm for all pupils.

Girls Cricket

Thirsk Cricket Club are holding cricket taster sessions for mums and girls for the next two Thursdays (9th and 16th September).

Sessions are 18:00-19:30 at the athletic club and are free. Please wear basic sports gear. Come along and give it a try!

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.

School Calendar

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

[Up and coming events](#)