

# A PIECE OF PYE NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Families

We have had a fantastic start to the school year. The children have been working very hard and have already made some excellent progress. We have welcomed a lot of new children and families this term which is fantastic. The children have settled so well and are making lots of new friends.

We are looking forward to sharing these with you at Parent's Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to everyone who has made an appointment so far. It is not too late! It is your chance to see your child's work and to collect your child's behavior and effort report. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks to all parents for supporting the morning procedures. The buzzers have really helped us get that learning started very quickly and all children are starting their phonics and spelling lessons quickly every morning.

Thank you to all parents who are supporting their children with reading every day and returning books and reading diaries. We have around 95% take up and support with this now which is making a huge difference.

Our attendance has also started brilliantly, with the majority of children having great attendance and hardly missing a day. As a result our overall attendance is 96.5%.

So thank you for all your support so far. Our children are really stepping up to meet our even higher expectations of their learning and behaviour.

*M. Andrew*

## LUNCH TIMES

We have made some exciting changes this term. We are most excited about our Family Lunch times. There are four sittings now for lunch and children are served their meals by the adults on duty. Lunch time is now an even more pleasant experience for children and adults.

**Please remember the two rules about packed lunches (see parent handbook):**

1. NO FIZZY DRINKS
2. NO SWEETS OR CHOCOLATE BARS. (Chocolate biscuits are fine)

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR LUNCHTIME PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE DOING A FANTASTIC JOB.**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**Remember this week we have:**

- HARVEST FESTIVAL FOR YEARS 3 AND 4 ON THURSDAY AT 9.15AM- ALL WELCOME
- Time to Shine Events:  
Year 1 on Tuesday at 9.15am- all welcome  
Year 2 on Wednesday at 9.15am- all welcome
- Parent's consultation Evenings Wednesday 3.30-5pm and Thursday 3.45pm-7pm, please come to reception for your appointments.

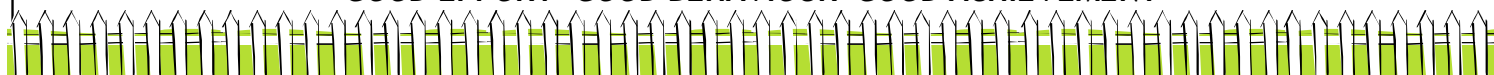
**Next Headteacher's surgery at Coffee Morning November 8<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**PLEASE SEE PARENT CALENDAR FOR DATES FOR NEXT TERM AND PARENT PACK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

## EFFORT AND BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

We hope you enjoy your end of term reports (to be given at Parent's Evening) and seeing how well your child is behaving at school and how much effort they are putting into their learning every day. Great behaviour and effort is so important if children are to achieve the expected standard each year. The curriculum is exciting but challenging but our children are rising to that challenge.

**GOOD EFFORT+GOOD BEHAVIOUR=GOOD ACHIEVEMENT**



## We have had some great topics this term and learned so much!

Here is a quick update from some of our classes.

### Year 6



It's been a very busy start to the school year for Year 6 Marvels. They made a great start to the half-term with a great performance in our Memory Master competition - where two of our pupils came second in times tables and in spelling. During our work on Refugees we have had to chance to construct a

refugee camp during our forest schools day and had a visit from the British Red Cross to find out what we can do to help those in need. In our science lessons we have completed a heart dissection and made (fake) blood to help us to understand the circulatory system.

Throughout this half term Y6 Awesome Allstars have been learning all about refugees. As part of our learning, we were visited by the British Red Cross who helped us to understand the reasons why refugees might have to flee their homes. We explored the terms 'asylum seeker,' 'migrant' and 'refugee' and we also thought carefully about how we can be welcoming to refugees through our actions. We learned a lot from the visit and we have really enjoyed all of learning about refugees this half term!



### Year 2

In Y2 Champions this half term we have been learning all about creatures and their habitats.

We used the stories of The Gruffalo and Mad About Minibeasts to learn the names of different creatures and where they live. We wrote sentences, made clay minibeasts and painted pictures by mixing colours. We also had fun going on a minibeast hunt! We found so many different creatures and had chance to look at them closely.



**Year 4** Linked to our topic on food from around the world and the digestive system,

Y4 made pizzas. The children learned the safe way to chop their ingredients and food preparation. They were delicious!!



## Nursery

The Jewels have had so many new children this half term we have had great fun getting to know each another. We have been learning some new songs and rhymes and using them in our play. Here is a few of our favourite, ask your child to sing them with you at home. 'I'm a Little Tea Pot, Incy Wincy Spider, 5 Currant Buns in a Bakers Shop'.



## Year 5

**Thunder and Lightning:** Year 5 have really enjoyed our topic about Roald Dahl's book, 'The BFG'. We have done lots of great activities such as making dream catchers, investigating a crime scene and writing a newspaper report. Here we are in the forest area, where we had a fun time doing a BFG quiz trail and using natural materials to make giant masks. We also enjoyed a visit to the Showroom cinema to see 'The BFG' film so we could compare the film and the book. The children have also been challenged to read other Roald Dahl books and we have had a great response. A great start to the year, Y5!



**Foundation Stage:** This half term The F2 Explorers and Investigators topic has been 'Once upon a time'. As part of their learning the children went to Greens Windmill in Nottingham. They learnt how to make bread, just like the Little Red Hen in their story book! They made bread when they came back and let their parents taste this after our Harvest Celebration! It was delicious! Our parents also enjoyed joining in with the actions from the songs at our Harvest Festival!



**Year 3:** Shimmering Stars and Tenacious Tigers travelled to York and visited the Jorvik Viking Centre, as well as The Dig archaeological site. The children were able to dig for Viking artefacts, and then closely examine original artefacts from 1000 years ago. They also saw how the Vikings lived and the jobs they did at the Jorvik Centre. The children were very enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed their visit! The journey back in time was fascinating!



## Year 1

In Year 1 we have really enjoyed our Wacky Weather topic. We have been using our senses to write descriptions of the weather. We have also linked our learning to the crazy weather we have had recently which has been really exciting and windy. We also enjoyed acting out the story of The North Wind and The Sun, where we all showed our fantastic acting skills.





## **A QUICK REMINDER:**

Standards within the curriculum are high and we need parents help if children are to reach their potential.

What do we need you to support your child with?

1. Great Attendance - here every day they can and no term time holidays.	2. Being on Time - don't miss any lessons!
3. Great behaviour and effort- supporting the school's approach.	4. Wearing the proper uniform, including appropriate shoes
5. Reading every night at home.	6. Bringing the book bag EVERY day.
7. Learning spellings and word meanings.	8. Completing homework from the jigsaws.
9. Bringing their PE Kit	And .... joining us at Parent's Evenings this week!

**REMEMBER TO KEEP PRACTISING THOSE SPELLINGS AND TIMES TABLES  
READY FOR OUR MEMORY MASTER COMPETITION!**

***CURRENT ATTENDANCE IS 96.2%***

**ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLIES NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>:**

YEARS 1 AND 2 9AM

YEARS 3 AND 4 9.30AM

YEARS 5 AND 6 10AM

FOUNDATION STAGE 10.30AM

**THANK YOU FOR A GREAT START TO THE NEW YEAR  
HAPPY HALF TERM**

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