



Jump Primary School Newsletter



Welcome back to the new academic year 2017-18!

We hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to a new school year.

Many parents commented on how much progress their child had made this year on the reply slips from the reports - this is great to read. Thank you for returning them back.

We have new children joining us this year.

In Nursery, we have Tyler, Perri, Oscar, Harley, Benjamin, Mason, Tilly, Rex, Jack, Skyla, Pearl, Ernie, Pearl and Dominic.

In Reception we have Emilia, Mia, Ruby-Leigh, Franciszek, Willow, Huw, Tahlia, Jack, Serrena, Jack and Clayton.

In Year 1 we have Isabelle.

Jessica and Aiden join us in Year 3.

We hope they all enjoy every minute of their time with us.

Dates for your diary:

29th September - McMillan Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm-3.30pm organised by the PTFA. More details to follow.

10th October - Yr 4 trip to Barnsley Museum

17th October - Yr 4 trip to Frankie and Benny's (as a reward for the best attendance last year)

23rd October - Parents evening 3.30pm -6pm by appointment only. More details to follow nearer the time.

24th October - Harvest Festival for KS2 10am and 2pm.

25th October - Harvest Festival for EYFS and KS1 10am and 2pm. Morning Nursery do not need to come back for the afternoon performance and Afternoon Nursery do not need to attend the morning performance.

27th October - INSET day. No children are in school.

Week commencing 30th October - Half term Holiday.

6th November - Children return to school.

16th November - Yr 4 trip to Ewden Water Education Centre.

20th 22nd November - Robinwood for Years 5 and 6.

All classes are having the rest of this week off timetable and completing tasks based on 'settling in' where they will be selecting new school council members, discussing rules and routines of our school and evaluating our school behaviour policy.

Our school attendance target has been maintained by the local authority at 96.5%. Please be aware that your child's attendance is always monitored closely, particularly when you apply for any leave of absence. Please call into the school to discuss any concerns you have regarding attendance or to discuss any leave of absence (before your child is off school) so that the correct forms are completed. Please don't say your child is ill while you are on holiday - we are required to ask for doctors notes for extended periods of illness.

Please telephone school on the morning your child is ill explaining the reason for absence. We are also going to start recording when children are being taken out of school early. Please ensure children are only taken out of school for genuine reasons.

Topics for this half term:

Nursery - Mrs Hartley	Nursery Rhymes, Autumn
Reception - Mrs Udell	All about me
Year 1 - Miss Barker	Me and other animals
Year 2 - Mrs Baker	Fire! Fire!
Year 3 - Mr Parkes	Who were the Romans and what did they do for us?
Year 4 - Mrs Chafen	Ancient Egypt
Year 5 - Mrs Jacques/Mr Birchall	Earth and Space
Year 6 - Mr Schofield	Anglo Saxons Vs The Vikings

The Harvest festival will soon be upon us - can I ask that you please inform the office staff **in advance** if your child is going to be collected by another parent after the performance? This helps us ensure our safeguarding

procedures are accurate. Children will not be allowed to leave early if a parent/family member hasn't watched the performance - lessons will continue as normal!

Clubs

- Choir (Young Voices) for KS2 children on Wednesday with Mrs Chafen. More details to follow.
- Football for Year 5 and 6 with Mr Parkes on Thursdays. More details to follow.
- Archery for Year 3 on Tuesdays. More details to follow.



Children in Nursery will be receiving their 'Application for School' and Year 6 will be receiving their 'Application for Secondary School' packs shortly. Please note that there are no application forms within the pack as parents are encouraged to apply online. Please let us know if you require any further information or support.

A reminder that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals under a government initiative. Children can just select a meal of their choice at the beginning of each day in class. Meals cost £1.75 each for children in Key Stage 2.

A reminder that in line with our school policy, the only jewellery that should be worn at school is small stud earrings (not hoops) and a watch. Please ensure no other jewellery is worn. Earrings cannot be removed by school staff so on PE days, they must be removed either before school or by the child themselves. If earrings cannot be removed, your child cannot do PE or represent the school at a sporting event.



We need your help! We have enough evidence through the work completed by school and the Junior Road Safety Officers to apply for the Silver travel award except.... When we have surveyed the children about how they have travelled to school, too many have come by car and therefore our work is not having an impact on how children travel to school. Until we can prove that more children are walking to school, we cannot get the Silver!

To help in this, we are having a Walk to School day on Friday 15th September. Please can you support us by parking a distance away and allowing the children to walk to school? You can park at the chapel or even at the top of Roebuck Ridge as this all helps to ease parking outside school. We will survey the children on this day and hopefully we will see an improvement. Thank you for your help - the children are really keen to get the Silver award!



Mr Parkes is organising a Cross Country event this Friday in school for all classes in Year 1-6. Please ensure you have your full PE kit in school and trainers.



During the summer, Jump Environmental Group have worked hard to try and improve the park and are now looking to renovate the war memorial on Cemetery Road. They are a small friendly group bursting with enthusiasm but would love to see more people involved! Can you help at the litter pick on Saturday 9 September 2017 (meet 10am outside the Children's Centre) or attend their next meeting in Jump Club on Thursday 14 September 2017 at 7pm? They are limited to the work they can achieve by their current small numbers. Can you help?

Next week we are having a 'Road Safety Week' where all classes will be involved in looking at a range of activities to keep themselves safe on the road or in cars. Currently in Barnsley last year's figures show a rise in casualties at primary school age so I am sure you can see the benefit of children taking part in these activities.

We hope they find them useful.



Kind regards,

Mrs Falconer, Headteacher

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