



## School Newsletter

### October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

#### Pumpkin Party and Disco



The children enjoyed the end of term Pumpkin Party and Disco last night. It was lovely to see them enjoy the dancing and games and taking the time to select their tattoos and glow sticks. We were delighted that so many children enjoyed preparing their pumpkins with their families and were amazed at the creative ideas on display. In all there were nearly 100 pumpkins!

Many thanks to our amazing Friends of Dunholme (FODs) who once again deployed their collective skills to make the evening a success. A record breaking amount of just over £800 was raised! Well done and thank you!

#### Christmas Card Designs



FODs, once again, have organised the Christmas Card Design activity with all children having the opportunity to take on the role of designer. The children have been very productive creating their own designs and their sample card will be coming home after half term.

#### Learning in term 1

The children continue to focus on developing their writing skills. As you know we are continuing to work on: consistent handwriting, spelling and extending vocabulary.

Shortly, we will be reviewing the impact of the No-Nonsense Spelling Scheme introduced last year. This will include asking for your views and the views of the children.

We are pleased with the response to the recommended reading lists for each year group and in particular the level of engagement. The children are really motivated. We are working hard to extend children's vocabulary through reading so writing develops and matures. If you haven't seen the recommended list it can be found on your child's class page on the website.

#### New lunchtime team



The new lunchtime team are in place and are working well together under the leadership of Mrs Karen Sharp. Together the team have reviewed systems and listened to the views of children to make lunchtimes smoother. Thank you!

We are pleased our new School Administrator Mrs Natalie Wallace has settled in and is enjoying working with us. She is pleased to be getting to know all of our families and friends and is always open to helping if you need support or clarification. Don't hesitate to contact Mrs Wallace or Mrs Faria if you need to.

#### Parent Consultation Evenings

We were delighted so many parents/carers were able to attend with nearly 95% of parents either coming on the evening or having made an alternative arrangement with their class teacher. If you haven't seen your child's teacher please contact us to make an appointment. Thank you to parents who responded to our post-it survey. We will shortly send out the summary in response to our questions on transition arrangements and reading.

#### Open Mornings

Whole School Tours for prospective parents of children starting in reception in 2018 will be on the following dates and times:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** from 9.15am to 10.15am or 11am to 12pm

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** from 2pm to 3pm.

If you know anyone who is interested in coming to any of these sessions please ask them to contact the school office.

#### Open Morning for existing families

We would like to invite families of children already attending school to see us in action on Wednesday 8th November from 9.15am.



### Reading in unusual places

We have had so many inventive photographs of children reading in unusual places. If you haven't had an opportunity to capture your child reading then it would be lovely if you could take a photo over half term and email to the classteacher by Friday 3 November. You classteacher's email is on the class page of the website. We are hoping to have a photo of every child. Please let the classteacher know if this isn't practical.

### Y6 Residential to North Norfolk

The Y6 children will be heading off to North Norfolk on Monday 30 October for their curriculum week focusing on geography and team building. This residential visit is always enjoyed with past pupils sharing their joy of completing the Pirate Challenges, securing the tidiest dormitory or achieving the amazing mixed terrain walk along Blakeney Point. Next term will be packed with follow up work for our Y6 geographers and explorers! If the signal allows they will be uploading tweets and news via the website whilst they are away. As always, a big thank you to our fantastic staff for their commitment to this visit which obviously takes them away from their own families and home comforts! You are welcome to come and wave the children off on the Monday, they will be leaving at 9 am.

We start back for term 2 on Tuesday 31st October. I hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to welcoming you all back then.

*Patricia Ruff*

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**Don't forget the FODs non uniform day on 10th November! If your child wishes to participate then please bring a donation of chocolate or sweets. Thank you!**



### Open Morning for existing families

**Wednesday 8th November 2017**

Parents and carers are invited to come into school from 9.15am until 10.45am to have a look around and see us in action.

You are invited to stay for our Collective Worship at 10.10am which will finish at 10.30am.

We look forward to seeing you then!



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

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**A letter will be coming home next term from the Team Captains regarding this years Poppy Appeal !**

**Poppies and related merchandise will be available for sale in school in the week commencing 6th November.**