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Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter June, 2018

Welcome to the last half term of this school year. We have a very busy half term planned, as each year group conclude their topics for the year and final visits take place. We plan to end the term with our final whole school theme week with 'South Cave at the Proms' giving a musical focus to our final theme week of the year. We also have the sports days to look forward to as well as the transition day and we will also have a number of sessions where we will be welcoming our new starters for September to 'stay and play' sessions throughout June. The Year 5 and 6 children have begun rehearsing for their end of term production of 'Oliver' and we await the results of the Y6 pupils SATs. Staff and children worked very hard in the build up to these tests and we can only hope that the children receive the results they deserve.

School Values

We are looking for children who 'SHINE' by showing all our values (Tru**S**t, **T**Hankfulness, compa**S**sion, e**N**durance and resp**E**ct).

Below is a table identifying the children who received a certificate during Praise assembly, being recognised by staff for displaying these values. Well done to those children for being good examples to others.

Spring 2018

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
SHINE	Thomas Hughes Anya Davies Dolly Dixon Elena Daleo	Lizzy Kitson Mary Sedman Jamie Reid Daniel Farr Daisy Harrison Imogen Seppings-Palmer Jack Harrison	Nathan Wilson Adam Cooper Alex Hunter Isaac O'Neill Eve Sheldon Olivia Walgate Alicia Tyler Poppy Jones Rhys Harper Harriet Probert	Declan Leahy Daisy Hoey Poppy Hoey Felix Rosinke Ruby Fenton Martin Tunas Gutierrez Vitesh Saravanan Elsie Sheldon Isla Knapton Oliver Winks Hazel Norton Jack Moverley Ella Farmer Ava Smith Amelia Fifield Jacob Gibson Luca Minichiello Isabella Neve Maya Richardson-Medd	Mia Bannister Eva Farley Sofia Hancock Seb Manning Gail Shardlow Gisele Dsenis-Constantine Millie Hoey Thomas McDonald Isla Thornton

Summer 1 2018

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
SHINE	Toby Hambleton Emilia Ridge Lily Sutton	Theo Askew Nate Clark Callum Cunningham William Hardy Ruby Hughes Lucy Puckering Annabel Winks George Foley Leo Minichiello Noah Gault Harry Powell	Alyssa Kohler Evie Platt Harry Brown Joseph Whittaker Rhys Harper	Beatrix Branton Joshua Bury Abigail Sweeting Harvey Sykes-Cook James Bradley Charlie Edwards Harriet Brocklebank Isaac Hewitt William McKenzie Megan Chapman Freddie Hogarth Leo Richardson-Medd Jacob Gibson	William Bannister Scott Carter Sophie Dean Evie Good Edith Hodgson Oliver Tyler

During praise assembly we also recognise those children who have received a 'WOW' certificate, given to those children placed on the 'WOW' section of the behaviour chart in the classroom, for exemplary work/attitude/behaviour. They are given the 'honour' of sitting on benches at the back of assembly and feel proud to have the opportunity to tell everyone in school what they did to earn their 'WOW'

School Progress

As you will be aware we have been working with the LA to further develop teaching and learning and leadership across the school. We recently had a review carried out by 5 colleagues from the Local Authority School Improvement Service, the Diocese and Ebor (our support partners), they spent the day with myself and other leaders across the school. The outcome was very positive with the following being examples of things in their feedback report:

The report stated that leaders have a rigorous and focussed support programme for pupils with all senior and middle leaders confident in being able to articulate the current attainment and in year progress scores. The report stated that teaching and learning is good with raised expectations in reading and increased opportunities for greater depth in maths. The report also stated that senior and middle leaders have strengthened parental engagement over the academic year, improving communication and providing opportunities for parental voice. Parents spoken to by the LA monitoring team had commented positively and had noticed that improvements have been made and acknowledged that the school had worked hard to actively engage and involve parents. The report said that leaders can confidently articulate priorities and have acted swiftly following the HMI visit. The summarising statement was that clear evidence has been seen to indicate the school is making strong improvement and is able to evidence why the school evaluation is 'good'.

PE and Sport

We once again offered a large number of sports clubs last half term, with 8 sports clubs on offer through the week (Judo, athletics/fitness training, gymnastics, tennis, netball, unihoc and dodgeball) with opportunities available for all year groups available. In total 160 places each week were offered across the school last half term. I am also very grateful to the parents who have volunteered to run/support some of these clubs (netball, tennis and athletics/fitness). We have also taken part in a number of external sporting events and were one of only 3 local schools to take part in the Y3/4 tennis competition and the only local school to take part in a Y4 fun run at Brantingham recently.

Class assemblies

We have 2 final assemblies planned for this half term – Class 9 and Class 10. These were both due to take place next week, but unfortunately as Miss Sheeley has been off sick this week, she has not worked with her children on it so this will now take place later in the term.

Mrs McNeil's class (class 10) assembly will still take place next Thursday 14th June

Church links

Our KS1 and KS2 final collective worship at the church for this year will take place on the following dates, this information is to make you aware when your child will be visiting the church, unfortunately we are not able to invite parents to these sessions as the church is not big enough to accommodate the whole key stage and parents:

- Wednesday 4th July – KS2 Collective Worship, at church, at 9.15am
- Wednesday 11th July– FS/KS1 Collective Worship, at church, at 9.15am

We also continue to have visitors from the church every Tuesday lunchtime to run the Fusion KS1 crafts group, which the children enjoy. We also hope to have a visit from the church youth worker, who is linked to South Hunsley, to lead a transition activity for Y6.

The church has also once again bought all the children in Year 6 a bible for them to take with them as they leave South Cave School and these will be presented to the children in an assembly at the end of the year.

End of year school reports

The teachers are in the process of writing each child's end of year report. The Foundation Stage reports will give a summary of progress and attainment within all the areas of learning as well as providing you with their end of year achievement towards the Early Learning Goals.

The style of report for KS1 and KS2 was discussed at a parent forum meeting and a staff meeting during the Spring term and as a result the format has changed slightly, hopefully giving a clearer general picture of how well your child is doing in the non-core subjects. As previously, when you receive your child's report you will also receive a letter to help you with the revised terminology relating to assessments and expected achievement. We will also be sending out the reading, writing, maths individual pupil record of objectives achieved for the end of the year giving you a clear picture of your child's achievement against all the objectives for their year group. You will also receive their attendance printout for the year. We are planning to have the reports ready to be sent to parents on Friday 13th July, as teachers need to make their final assessment judgements by the end of June and these will then need to be moderated for accuracy and consistency (we should also receive the KS2 SAT results that week so that these can be included in the Y6 reports). If parents wish to discuss anything in the report, with the class teacher, this can be arranged for the final week.

Goodbye

We will be saying 'goodbye' to 2 members of staff at the end of this term. Mrs Harker, who has worked as a Teaching Assistant at the school for 13 years, has decided to take life a little easier and spend more time with her family. We are very thankful to Mrs Harker for all her hard work over the years, in particular the work she has done supporting children with their social and emotional needs and those requiring speech and language support. We have other members of staff who will be taking on these roles in September.

We will also be saying 'goodbye' to Mrs Dryden, who had taught in Y3/4 for the last 3 years. She has decided that she no longer wishes to work as a full time class teacher and is going back to being a supply teacher and also looking to branch out into other areas. We are very thankful to her, particularly for the work she has done in developing our extra-curricular sports provision and competition.

We wish both staff well in their future.

Class organisation for September

You will be aware that over the last 3 years we have moved to mixed classes across the school, due to the reduction in births within the catchment area in the last decade. This obviously impacts on pupil numbers and class organisation as these children move through the school.

We have received confirmation from the LA that we have 39 pupils allocated to our Foundation Stage and I have worked with staff to agree the best way of organising the classes for September.

Classes across school are set out below:

Key Stage One:

We will maintain 4 classes in KS1:

Class 1 29 x Foundation – Teacher: Mrs Askew

Class 2 10 x Foundation & 18 x Year One – Teacher: Mrs Smalley

Class 3 15 x Year 1 & 14 x Year 2 - Teacher: Mrs Jones

Class 4 26 x Year 2 – Teacher: Mrs Sykes-Cook

Key Stage Two:

The biggest change will be that, as the lower numbers move through KS2, we will only have 25 Year 3 children and 39 Year 4 children giving a total of only 64 children in Y3 and 4, this is a reduction of around 20 children in this phase, which means we will reduce to 2 classes. However, these classes will continue to benefit from the support of Mrs Meffen (HLTA) and she will continue to work alongside Mr Tatton and Miss Davy so that the children can be taught in 3 groups each morning, with Year 3 and 4 being taught separately for English and maths:

Class 5 13 x Year 3 & 19 x Year 4 – Teacher: Miss Davy

Class 6 12 x Year 3 & 20 x Year 4 – Teacher: Mr Tatton

We will continue to have three Year 5/6 classes (but maintain 4 teaching groups for English and Maths each morning – 2 groups per year group, with Mrs Worthington taking the 4th group):

Class 7 15 x Year 5 & 19 x Year 6 – Teacher: Miss Clark

Class 8 14 x Year 5 & 20 x Year 6 – Teacher: Miss Sheeley

Class 9 14 x Year 5 & 20 x Year 6 – Teacher: Mrs McNeil

The Year 5/6 and 3/4 teams have already planned a 2-yearly curriculum cycle to ensure the Upper and Lower Key Stage 2 objectives for the non-core subjects are being covered appropriately. There are no separate expectations for each year group in these subjects within the new National Curriculum, it is entirely up to individual schools to cover the content as they choose.

Staff are currently in the process of looking at relationships, balance of abilities, gender etc. to organise the children into their next classes. The children will find out which class they will be in and who their teacher will be, during a special assembly, at the start of the transition day on Thursday June 28th. We will also be inviting parents to come into school from 3pm on that day, to visit their child in their new classroom and meet their new teacher.

If you have any comments regarding our class organisation, specific to your child, please complete the comment box at the end of the newsletter or e-mail me via the office and we will try to bear them in mind when finalising classes over the next couple of weeks.

Thank you for your continued support in moving the school forward.

Yours sincerely

J.Newby

Comments box

Name.....Child's name..... Class.....