

Friday 21st September 2018-Newsletter 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to say the children have all settled back into school after the holidays really well. Thank you to all the parents who came along to 'Meet the Teacher'-it was nice to see you all and for the teachers to have the chance to put faces to names. Please remember to check our school website and school app on a regular basis for news and information. www.woodbank.sch.uk

Investors in People



I am thrilled to announce that school has recently been accredited with the Investors in People Award- we went straight in at Silver Level, which was a great achievement. Thanks must go to Mr Taylor for leading us through the process. We are very proud of the award.

Attendance and Punctuality



Children are expected to come to school **on time** and we aim for each child having at least 96% for good attendance. It is so important that your child gets to school on time and attends regularly. If your child is persistently late or absent from school it **does impact on their learning**.

School Improvement Priorities 2018-2019

We are in the process of writing our School Improvement Plan for this academic year. We are going to continue to work on the teaching of reading, looking at questioning and comprehension. For maths we are looking at the teaching of mastery and we are doing lots of work around children knowing their times tables. We are having a whole school drive on writing, which will include handwriting and spelling. We are also going to be reviewing our School Behaviour Policy.



Staffing Update

Our new staff are all settling in very well.

The children and staff have made them all feel very welcome.

Mrs Garforth has been keeping in touch and is making a steady recovery.

We have appointed a speech and language therapist, Miss Coen. She is going to be working in school every Tuesday afternoon, initially working with some children in Reception and Year One. If Miss Coen is going to be working with your child we will let you know.



New School App

Have you downloaded our new app yet? It's simple to do and you will get all the latest news and information from school.



Open Door Policy

We want to work in close partnership with you as parents and we do operate an Open Door Policy. On occasions, however, it may be necessary to make an appointment. No problem or concern is too small-please share it with us.

Some Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

- 19.09.18 PTA AGM 6.30 pm
- 28.09.18 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2.30 pm
- 03.10.18 Harvest Festival 9.15 EYFS/KS1 and 2.30 KS2
- 12.10.18 EYFS Parent Phonic meeting 3.00 and 5.00 pm
- 18.10.18 Break for half term
- 29.10.18 Back to school
- 31.10.18 Monster Ball 6.00-8.00 pm
- 01.11.18 School Photographs TBC
- 01.11.18 Parents' Evening
- 08.11.18 EYFS Parent Reading Meeting 3.00 and 5.00 pm
- 16.11.18 Anti Bullying Day and Dress Down Day for Christmas Fair
- 04 & 05.12.18 EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2.15 pm
- 07.12.18 Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30
- 12.12.18 Pantomime Trip
- 13 & 14.12.18 Breakfast with Santa 8 am
- 19.12.18 EYFS/KS1 parties
- 20.12.18 KS2 parties
- 21.12.18 Break for Christmas at 2.30 pm



Safeguarding



We have been asked by the police and the LA to warn parents about ensuring privacy settings are set on all social media accounts. There are some worrying Instagram accounts i.e. [i_know_you_Radcliffe](#).

Obviously primary school children should not have one of these accounts but if you have allowed this then please check that all settings are on private. Your child could be at risk otherwise.

Times Tables Rock Star



All children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been given a log-in for this exciting computer program that helps your child learn their times tables (it's in their reading record). Please encourage your child to practise their times tables in this fun way. There will be prize at the end of each half term for the child with the highest number of "coins". The current leader is Chloe Lindsay, Y5/6, with 139,695 coins!

School Uniform



Our children always look very smart in their school uniform. Please ensure your child wears black shoes **not** trainers. Nail varnish is not permitted, and a watch and stud earrings are the only type of jewellery that can be worn. Hair styles and cuts should be smart and appropriate -no tramlines please!