



Jump Primary School Newsletter



Welcome back to the new academic year 2018-19!

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

As mentioned previously, we have had quite a few jobs completed in school over the holidays. The Nursery has new toilets and has been redecorated with new flooring throughout. Other classrooms have had new lighting/rewiring/ceiling which meant school was a very messy place over the summer. The staff have worked incredibly hard to get everything back up and running in a really short space of time - please bear with us while the last little bits get finished!

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. Please see attached the responses to the annual questionnaire which again were very positive.

We have new children joining us this year.

In Nursery, we have James, Scarlett, Ella, Keaton, Oliver, April, Reuben, Abigail, Cian, Joseph, Zaine and Elliott.

In Reception we have Cory, Amelie and Holly.

In Year 1 we have Scarlett.

Jacob joins us in Year 4.

We hope they all enjoy their time with us.

Dates for your diary:

10th September - Road safety week

20th September - Photo taken of the new Reception class for the Barnsley Chronicle

1st and 8th October - Parents evening 3.30pm -6pm **for Year 5 only** by appointment only. More details to follow nearer the time.

15th and 22nd October - Parents evening 3.30pm -6pm **for all other year groups** by appointment only. More details to follow nearer the time.

24th October - Harvest Festival for KS2 10am and 2.45pm. More details to follow.

25th October - Harvest Festival for EYFS and KS1 11am and 2.45pm. Morning Nursery do not need to return for the afternoon performance. More details to follow.

Week commencing 29th October - Half term holiday.

5th November - INSET day - no children are in school.

6th November - Children return to school.

All classes had the week off timetable this week and completed tasks based on 'settling in' where they looked at electing school council members and the rules and routines of our school.

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 also record when children are being taken out of school early. Please ensure children are only taken out of school for genuine reasons.

As we are starting a new school year, please can I take this opportunity to remind all parents that if issues arise between children in school, these should not be dealt with on the school playground between parents in full view of other children and their families before or after school. Please come into school so issues can be resolved.

Topics for this half term:

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| Nursery - Mrs Hartley | Ourselves |
| Reception - Mrs Bradley/Miss Cooper | This is 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 |

Clubs

- Choir (Young Voices) for KS2 children on Wednesday with Mrs Chafen. More details to follow.
- Multi sports for Year 3, 4, 5, 6 on Monday with Team Active. More details to follow.
- Multi sports for Year 1, 2 on Tuesday with Team Active. More details to follow.
- Boys football for Year 5 and 6 on Thursday with Mr Parkes and Mr Hopkinson. 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 £1.85 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 welcome Miss Cooper who is joining our staff (Wednesday - Friday) as the new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCO) and she will be teaching Reception on Thursdays and Fridays too. We hope she will be very happy here.

Our Nursery teacher, Mrs Hartley, is expecting her second child and will be leaving us at the end of this half term to go on maternity leave. We wish her all the best for her new arrival and look forward to meeting the new addition later in the year! We will be looking to recruit shortly and will let you know who we appoint for Nursery.



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. We hope they find them useful.

A reminder that our school blog on our school website keeps you updated weekly on events happening in school. Please take a look!



Kind regards,
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