



Weekly Newsletter



Autumn term – Issue 01 – Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your support in the first few days of welcoming back the whole school community. It has been wonderful to see everyone back smiling, learning and playing with their friends.

You will have noticed that our new trim trail is currently being fitted and our new outdoor 'gym equipment' will be fitted during the next few weeks.

We are still watching the transmission rate before confirming the invite to parents for Friday assemblies and the open school event. As a headteacher, my responsibility is to keep everyone in the community as safe as possible. I really don't want to restrict parents coming into school. But I also want to rest assured that no event in school is a cause of an outbreak in our local community. I hope you understand my reasoning behind this. We will let you know as we get information.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vasey

Star Learners for this week

Class 1 – **Eva** and **Violet** for an excellent attitude as they started in Year 1 and providing a positive role model for our younger children.

Class 2 – **Kasen** for settling into Class 2 so well and **Bertie** for working hard to make a time line of the Stone Age, well done!

Class 3 – **Olivia** for excellent effort on her book review which included independent home learning. **Frankie** for the enthusiastic way she has started this week, it is a great sign of the marvellous things to come.

Weekly Attendance

Current whole school attendance: %

Well done everyone!



We are asking parents to try and make appointments for dentist, doctors etc. out of school times wherever possible.

We recognise that due to our rurality attending medical appointments can be difficult often requiring children to have to miss a large majority of the day if not all of it. Therefore, we ask that parents and carers show us proof of appointments i.e. appointment letter so that we can take a copy for the file.

Request for holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. As a school we promote good attendance which is seen to be attendance of +95%. I am following DFE guidance and County Council Policy which says that holidays due to farming or tourist industry business commitments are not exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your support with this matter. Miss Vasey

Information for Class 3

Swimming– Reminder

The annual swimming lessons start on **Wednesday 15th September** for 10 weeks, the last session on Wednesday 1st December (**omitting 13th October – due to residential and 27th October – half term**). We are going to Catterick Pool for 50 minute lessons. This will involve children who will be in **Years 4, 5 & 6**. The children will leave school at approximately 12.45pm and will return around 4pm. They will be accompanied by Mrs Cuffe-Soan, Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Guy. Children will need their swimming costumes, a towel and a drink and snack. If you wish to collect your child from Bainbridge, please inform the school office so that we know who to take back to Hawes.

The cost is £40.00 per pupil – please pay via Parentpay. If you have any financial difficulties, please see Miss Vasey or Mrs Alderson.

Residential

Wednesday 13th October – Friday 15th October

It is coming up fast! We will be sending out information and a packing list next week. We will provide an updated power point with information for children and parents. We will talk about it in school and answer any of the children's questions. We won't be holding a meeting as such, due to current restrictions but if parents have any questions or concerns then please let Mrs Cuffe-Soan or Miss Vasey know.

Deadlines and Reminders

P.E Days

Remember – All long hair needs to be tied up and no jewellery- earrings should be taken out or covered with tape.

Children are asked to come in their PE kit- This is a white t-shirt and black shorts and pumps.

Class 1 – Mondays and Fridays (We will build up to Nursery being involved in this session)

Class 2 – Wednesdays and Fridays – only Year 3's on Wednesday as Y4's are swimming (wear uniform)

Class 3 – Swimming on Wednesday (wear uniform) and Fridays

Please send your child in their P.E kit on PE days.

Labelling of School Uniform

Please ensure that your child's school jumper or cardigan is clearly labelled. We have so many children who lose clothing that isn't named; this makes it very difficult for staff to track down the owners.

Some of the above uniform can be obtained from the school shop website e.g. sweatshirts, polo shirts and baseball caps. - **School Uniform – Website – www.school-shop.co.uk**

Clubs

After School Sports Clubs for Autumn Term

Friday – Multi-Skills for all children

3.15pm – 4.30pm starting **Friday 17th September**

Children will already be in their PE kits if they wish to bring additional layers/football boots they can – in a small bag.

If your child signs up to a club, we expect them to attend every week unless they are ill, or something crops up unexpectedly. If they are unable to attend the club, it is parents'/carers' responsibility to let the office know, not the child's. Thank you for your support with this.

School Office Update

Home time Arrangements for Autumn term

As part of safeguarding your children, we are asking you to complete the after-school home time arrangements form below so that we can be sure your child is safe, (we will also send out a hard copy for you). If these arrangements change, **you need to inform the school**

office otherwise we will refer to the usual pattern of after school arrangements. If in doubt we will safeguard the child by keeping them in school.

Up-to-date Pupil Contact and Medical Information

Please ensure you inform Dawn in the office of any change of contact or medical information, via Scholarpack ParentApp preferably. It is very important school are kept up to date so we can safeguard your child. The easiest way to check the details we hold for your child is to download the Parents App - search 'ScholarPack Parents' App on Apple and Google app stores, then download. Once you have installed the app and opened it on your phone, click 'let's get started'. You will be prompted to enter a link-up code and your mobile number.

FREE FAMILY SWIMMING



Our school utilises sport premium funding to fund the family swim scheme initiative, which enables every family to access free swimming. We provide a 'family swimming card' to all pupils.

These cards can be used at both Richmond Swimming Pool and

Catterick Swimming Pool. The card entitles families to enjoy free swim sessions during the public swimming times offered by the pools, providing that the child pictured on the family swim card is taking part in the swim session.

We hope that you are able to swim as a family utilising the scheme as it really helps pupils to progress between lessons and is a great way to exercise. We have worked with the swimming pools to make use of the cards as straightforward and as accessible as possible.

- Family members taking children swimming show the school 'family swimming card' for their child(ren) at the reception desk of the pool. Reception staff will ask parents to sign for admission but will not ask for any payment.
- Older and younger siblings (not on roll at our schools) are welcome to be included in the free swim session
- Grandparents (or other family members) are welcome to accompany children in their family using the card, although the number of adults accompanying any pupil is limited at two. Swimming timetables can be viewed at: Richmond Pool - <https://richmond-swimming-pool.rltrust.org.uk>

Catterick Pool - <https://www.nuffieldhealth.com/catterick>

Please note that these timetables change periodically. Both pools offer fun sessions at the weekends, and the swim cards can be used in the same way to access these sessions free of charge also.

All schools receive Sport Premium funding. Each school can choose how they spend the money. It must be used to enhance sports provision. For further information on how we use the funding, please visit our website.

We would like to thank Richmond and Catterick Pools for continuing to work with us to make the scheme possible.

If you need a new card, please contact school. All new parents will be given cards for their children next week.

Taxis

If your child is not going on the taxi, for whatever reason, please could you let the taxi driver know, so they are not sat waiting to collect children. Thank you

SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure you don't have any arrears on Parentpay, all dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday for the week/term ahead (lunches are free for children in Reception Y1 and Y2 and £2.50 per day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). If your child has milk, and they are aged 5 and over, (Milk is free up to the child's 5th birthday) the money must be paid via COOLMILK on the **Tuesday before**.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Free School Meals Eligibility

Free school meals are available for children whose parents meet the criteria. Please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to check if you are eligible.

Diary of Events

Wednesday 15th September – Swimming starts for Years 4/5/6

Friday 17th September – Multi-skills afterschool club starts at 3.15pm

Tuesday 21st September – Y6 Taster Day at Kirkby Stephen Grammar School

- St. Francis Xavier School Open Evening

Thursday 30th September – Kurling workshops for all classes

Wednesday 13th – 15th October – Class 3 residential trip to Dukeshouse

Tuesday 19th October – School photos – Individuals and family

Friday 22nd October – Finish for half term

Monday 1st November – Training Day

Tuesday 2nd November – Children return to school

Monday 8th November – Flu immunisation for children

Tuesday 16th November – Bags2School

Friday 17th December – Finish at 2pm for Christmas

Health and Safety Information

It's always helpful to know where to go to get information. If you want to know more about e-safety you can of course ask at school, but you could go online and have a look at the

websites below, for information applicable to all ages of children and young adults. Contact: Think 'U' Know [http:// www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) Kid Smart <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

MEDICINES

Please can we remind parents that any medication needs to be handed into the office and a parental permission form needs to be completed. We are not permitted to administer any medication without this, and children must not have medication i.e. creams, tablets, Calpol etc. in their bags in case other children access them. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Website Update

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>

If your child is under 5 they will have been registered using the bulk registration process but **parents still need to register using the form/website**. They will then get an e-mail when their child turns 5 reminding to make payment for milk when their child turns 5, in line with School Food Plan legislation.

There are also links to Parentpay and Cool Milk on the home page. **Please remember not to pay for milk if you are going on holiday as they do not give refunds**. You need to pay for dinners and milk in advance.

Dinner menus are on the website or you can use the NYCC link

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-meals> Holiday dates are also on the website for parents to refer to. There is also a link for a free school meals application, **please apply if you are eligible as school gets an amount per child to assist with their learning and to help with the cost of trips etc.**

Home time Arrangements for Autumn Term 2021

Name Class Date.....

Please circle the usual arrangements for term.

Day	Collected	Walk alone (UKS2)	Bus /Taxi	After school Club	Dalesplay
Monday	Collected	Walk alone	Bus /Taxi	After school Club	Dalesplay
Tuesday	Collected	Walk alone	Bus /Taxi	After school Club	Dalesplay
Wednesday	Collected	Walk alone	Bus/Taxi	After school Club	Dalesplay
Thursday	Collected	Walk alone	Bus/Taxi	After school Club	Dalesplay
Friday	Collected	Walk alone	Bus/Taxi	After school Club	Dalesplay

Signed.....Parent/Guardian