

Welcome

We welcome you all back to the new term and hope that you have enjoyed the long holiday with your children. We are hoping the warm weather stays with us for most of September so the children can enjoy playtimes and lunchtimes outside before the onset of darker and colder days. We welcome the new starters in Reception as well as the children who have joined us in other year groups into school and hope they settle well over the next few weeks.

Nidderdale Agricultural Show on Monday 21st September

Following previous successful visits we are again taking the whole school to the Nidderdale show. The visit gives our children the opportunity to find out more about local customs and farming traditions and gives the school the opportunity to promote ourselves and our well behaved children. The children and staff will be travelling to and from the event by coach within the normal school day. If you particularly wish to take your child with your family then please let Janet in the office know by Monday, as we will allow your child to do this as a valuable educational experience. All children will need to wear their school uniforms and bring a waterproof jacket. Children from Reception to Year Two will be provided with a packed lunch by Lynda, all other children should bring a disposable packed lunch or order a packed lunch from Janet at the usual cost (sandwich choices are ham, cheese or tuna). The staff will organise an itinerary for their individual classes and follow up work will be done in school. There is no cost for this visit.

School Awards

At the end of last term our school was successful in achieving achieved the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award. Mr Chisem has led this initiative and all staff worked collectively to achieve the award.

There will be a range of sporting events and competitions coming up this term (details to follow).

Clubs

We will be sending out clubs letters next week once we have finalised dates with everyone.

Staffing

We hope that you will be understanding about the enforced changes in school due to Mrs Mundy's unforeseen absence. The staff and governors will work closely to ensure that the school runs smoothly in Mrs Mundy's absence.

Miss Broadley was delighted to have the opportunity to return to the school following her successful teaching experience with us and is eager to begin her teaching career with Class One. As an NQT she will be supported by Mr Chisem in school as well as attending relevant training.

Mrs Munro and Mrs Clark both left the school at the end of last term to work at St Aidan's School. The expertise that they built up whilst working at our school enabled them to successfully apply for positions in a much larger school where their skills will be welcomed. Interviews were held in July and Mr Gunnell and Mrs Baron were employed to replace them. They both have a range of experience in working with children and will support the needs of individual children in Class Three as well as running small groups to support children's learning throughout the school.

Mrs Newby who worked as a Midday Supervisor, left the school last term. Mrs Lumley will continue to support the children during lunchtimes along with Mrs Baron, Mr Gunnell and Lynda Hughes. The School is continuing to work with the Dale Teaching School Alliance to provide Initial Teacher Training in conjunction with York St John University. This year we are providing a placement for Miss Rachel Shepherd. She will spend most of her time observing teaching in Class Two this term alongside attending training sessions at the University and within Alliance schools. She will have the opportunity to teach some lessons in Class Two with the support of Mr Chisem.

I'm sure you will be pleased to know that Mrs Gibb, our School Direct student from last year successfully completed the course to achieve her Masters qualification and an Outstanding grade in her teaching practise.

Holidays in term time

Just a reminder that Government policy prohibits parents from taking children out of school for holidays during term time. We would request that parents adhere to this unless they meet the criteria of exceptional circumstances as outlined in the guidance.

Building Works

Work was carried out over the Summer months to repair rotten woodwork in the Class One and Office area of the school, so we shouldn't experience any more leaking roofs. Radiators were also serviced and repaired in the Hall and Class Three. The PTA have raised money this year to replace and enhance the outdoor adventure equipment. The School and PTA worked together to put in a bid for a Parish Council Grant to double the amount raised and will find out later this month whether this was successful. As soon as we have confirmation of the amount we have to spend we will order new equipment so that it should hopefully be in place by the end of term.

Curriculum

The curriculum letters for each class will be sent out to you and put onto the school website by the end of next week so that you can support your child's learning and know what is being taught.

Swimming will resume, again for the whole school, from next Monday 14th September. The cost is £45.00 for one child for the whole term and £40.00 for subsequent siblings. All children, including Reception, will need to bring a swimming costume, towel, swim hat (the pool insist on this at a cost of £1.00) and goggles if they wear them, all in a named swimming bag. There is a team of our staff who accompany the children to the pool each week.

Miss Waddington will continue to take Class 3 pupils for instrumental teaching and singing on Monday afternoons. The other two classes will have music taught within their normal curriculum times. Class 2 will be taught to play the recorder by myself on a Friday morning using the school recorders.

Mr Biggs will continue to come into school to teach PE. He will teach Class One and Two together, followed by Class Three on Friday mornings.

Governors

There are now two Parent Governor vacancies, Mrs Baker resigned from her post in June and Mrs Barrett has finished her term of office but has kindly agreed to shadow a new governor with responsibility for Special Educational Needs for one term. These vacancies are open to all current parents of children in school, further information and guidance on how to apply will be sent out by Friday.

Together we can achieve and celebrate success

Dates for Diaries

Thursday 17th September - PTA Welcome & AGM meeting
at 2pm in the school hall

Monday 21st September - Nidderdale Show

Thursday 24th September—Fellbeck Feast, Half Moon,
Fellbeck (All proceeds are being donated to Summerbridge
School)

Sunday 27th September—PTA Bag packing at Morrisons,
Starbeck

Friday 9th October - School Open Morning

Wednesday 14th October—PTA Meeting 2pm in school

Thursday 22nd October—Halloween Bingo—6pm in the
School Hall

Half term - Friday 23rd to Friday 30th October (School
closed Friday 23rd for staff training)

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A warm welcome to all
our new starters this
term!

