

Welcome

Welcome back to school! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and managed to enjoy some quality family time together! As you will know, a new chapter of our school is about to begin and I am delighted to be part of it. I will endeavour to meet all of you over the coming weeks and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with you all. 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 19th 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 12th September, as we will allow your child to do this as a valuable educational experience. All children will need to wear their school uniform 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 and the children will be back at school for normal finishing time.

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.

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 12th September. The PTA have kindly offered to pay a contribution towards the cost of the transport therefore, the cost is £35.00 for one child for the whole term and £30.00 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. The children will be supervised by one of the teacher's and Mrs Weatherhead, however we would be grateful for two parents to help each week or on a rota basis. Please let Janet know if you are available.

Mrs Weatherhead is continuing to provide support across all three classes, however, we would be very grateful to any parents or grandparents who may wish to come into school to listen to readers. If anyone is interested please see Janet in the office as we will need to complete a DBS check.

Staffing

Mrs Mundy had a good send off at the end of last term when she retired from her role as Headteacher. She was very sad to leave but is really looking forward to starting the next chapter in her life. We are very grateful for all her hard work and the legacy that she has left. She presented the school with a new bell and planted a tree in the front garden. She was delighted with the gifts of a road bicycle from the parents & governors, a kindle from the staff and a magnolia tree in a plant pot emblazoned with pictures of the children. We have been without a cleaner/caretaker for some time now, however the school has been cleaned well by the Cleaning Services' mobile team. The Cleaning Services have now recruited a new cleaner/caretaker Mrs Wyss who started yesterday. Mrs Wyss has a child in Reception we hope she settles into her new role and we wish her well.

Breakfast Club

Following the success of the Breakfast Club we will continue to run this on a daily basis from 8.00am. Lynda Hughes will now be running this facility. Please contact Janet by the Friday to book for the following week. Bills will be sent out on a Friday night and the cost remains the same at £3.50 per session.

PTA

Thank you for all the support given to the PTA either by being a member of the committee or by supporting the fundraising events.

The AGM is on Thursday 8th September at 2.00pm - all welcome!

They have already organised the following events and we hope you continue to support them.

Thursday 6th October - Bingo with Pie & Pea supper

Friday 21st October - Bags 2 School

Saturday 29th October - Halloween Disco

There will be details about all the above events sent out over the next few weeks.

Dates for Diaries

Here are a few of the dates that have been organised, however a full dates for diaries will be sent out over the next few weeks.

Monday 19th September - school visit to Nidderdale Show

Thursday 29th September - Years 3 - 6 Swimming Gala

Wednesday 5th October - Open Day 9.15 - 11.00am

Half term Monday 24th - Friday 28th October

Monday 31st October School re-opens

Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th November - Parent Consultation Evenings 4.00 - 6.00pm

School Awards

At the end of last term our school was successful in achieving the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award for the second year running.

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.

School Ambassadors

As announced last term at the leavers assembly this year's ambassadors are:

Dominic Jackson & Connie Parkin

We wish them well in their role for this year.

Together we can achieve and celebrate success

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A warm welcome to all our new starters this term!

