



## Foundation Stage Newsletter



Happy New Year! Thank you so much for all the kind gifts and positive comments we received from you at Christmas. We are looking forward to lots of exciting activities this half term and sharing our learning with you.

This half term as a school we are trying to be **reflective** and a **thinker** and we will be trying to show **peace** and **humility**.

Next half term as a school we are trying to be **resilient** and **determined** learners and we will be showing **endurance, hope** and **trust**.

### Daily routines

Our school day begins from 8.50 and children are usually in the unit and busy learning for 9.00am, when the doors will be shut.

Our school day ends for part time children at 11.50am and all children need collecting by 12 noon.

Our school day ends for full time children at 3.05pm and all children need collecting by 3.15pm

Thank you for supporting us with this.

### Mothers Day Open Afternoon

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, the children would like to invite all of the special ladies in their lives to an open afternoon. Whether you are a Mum, Grandma or family friend we would like to share this occasion with you.

Full time and part time children's 'special ladies' are invited from 1:30pm to create some lovely crafts and spend time with the children and their friends.

Further details to follow.

### Morning routines

Thank you to all of the parents who have supported the children in becoming more independent by saying goodbye at the door and encouraging their child to take their own belongings into the classroom.

Please can all parents say their goodbyes at the door from January, so that the children can begin their learning promptly.

Parents who have important messages to pass on can do so by speaking to a member of staff at the door before 9:00am.

We are happy to arrange a meeting at the end of the school day for a longer message.

### Food for Life

This half term the full time children will be taking part in the 'Food for Life' programme on a Tuesday afternoon.

The children will be learning safe cutting techniques, as well as peeling, grating, whisking, rubbing and rolling. We will also be finding about where food comes from and how it is grown.

Please check the school website regularly for updates on the children's learning this half term. Your child should come in school uniform as usual.

If you would like to find out more about 'Food for Life' you can explore the website below.

[www.foodforlife.org.uk](http://www.foodforlife.org.uk)

If anybody has spare children's cooking aprons at home that they would like to donate to school, we would be very grateful.

## Join our EYFS Community

### Volunteering in EYFS

#### Have you got some time to spare?

You could make a real difference by getting involved. It is fantastic for the children to have a variety of adults to support their learning. You may like to sit and share a book with a child or have a regular time each week to bake or support with craft activities. If you would like to find out more don't hesitate to talk to a member of the EYFS team.



### Early Years Fund

Thank you to the parents who have already donated via Parentpay to Rubens fund for this term. Rubens fund paid for play dough materials, pens and whiteboards for phonics packs and lots more.

You will find Ruben sitting on his table in the cloakroom. Please take time to look through his book on the noticeboard to see what he has bought so far!

### Balance Bikes

We are very excited to have The Road Safety team at North Yorkshire County Council delivering a Bikeability Balance scheme with the full time children. Balance bike sessions will take place for full time children on 11/01/17, 18/01/17, 25/01/17 and 01/02/17. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn some of the skills involved in riding a bike, as well as improving their movement and coordination in a fun and enjoyable way.

Please remember to have a spare set of clothes on your child's peg and to keep restocking this. We do supply our own waterproof trousers and wellies but the children may still require clean, warm clothes to get changed into throughout the year.

Please return any school clothes that your child has borrowed. We would also welcome any donations of spare clothing, pumps or wellies.

## With so many children enjoying outdoor learning we would like to remind everyone to Come dressed for the weather!

Children who are warm and comfortable will be able to learn better outdoors.

The children have already been helping each other to get ready for the weather.

We are devoting time to fastening coats, putting on gloves and being able to put on wellies independently. Please support us by encouraging children to do this at home. Please name hats, gloves, coats and wellies to help us return the children's equipment. We do have some spare hats and gloves in school but would appreciate any donations to our spare equipment.

We are encouraging children to notice the changes in weather and recognise what their bodies need to stay healthy.

We would like to say thank you to all the family members who attended our wonderful Christmas Service. The children were so excited to be able to share their hard work and the Christmas story with you all.

"I like the graceful arms in the Angel Song."

Alexa

"I like the Shepherds and Sheep Song."

Wilson

"I liked the costumes." Darcey

"I liked the Wiggly Nativity Song and the glory part in it." Oliver S

"I like the Angel Song, it was so calm."

Nancy

Thank you also to the FRIENDS of Kirk Fenton for providing refreshments before the service.

### Dates

In Spring Term we will be having Parents Evenings for full time and part time children's parents.

Further details to follow.

Please see the school newsletter on the website on a weekly basis for the latest dates and news.