

Newsletter

28 September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well and had a good week. September has flown by and there are certainly chillier mornings to contend with.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a few matters. As a result of testing out some of our procedures since September, we have made the following changes:

Movement into school at the start of the school day is going well. We are able to have an overview of all the children and keep the lines flowing into school. If the weather is inclement, we will open the external doors early.

Members of staff will be there to supervise the children, so that they can proceed in to school on arrival.

Consent Letter

A letter was given out yesterday for your child to take home. The letter included a permissions form for you to complete, which asks permission for your child to take part in several aspects of school life, such as photographs, locality walks and permission to use the internet. There is a very important section in which we ask you to identify those adults who have your permission to collect your child from school. Please return the completed form to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

First Aid Notifications

Any child receiving a bump to the head will be notified in the usual way, by text.

Key dates

Tues 2 October:	UFS - Y5 Parents/Carers Evening 3.30pm to 7.00pm
Wed 3 October:	UFS - Y5 Parents/Carers Evening 3.30pm to 7.00pm
Wed 10 October	Open morning for prospective Parents
Wed 7 November	Open morning for prospective Parents
Mon 5 November:	Training Day (School closed to pupils)

In addition to this, teachers will receive a carbonated slip, giving details of an injury and the first aid given during breaks and lunchtimes. This slip will be passed on to the child's parent/carer, so that the situation can be monitored, as appropriate.

Parents/Carers Evening

I look forward to meeting you next week at parents/carers evening, on Tuesday and Wednesday, for years 1 to 5. Year 6 children had their parents/carer consultation meetings yesterday, during the day.

Thank you, parents and carers, for working in partnership with us to ensure that your child/ren enjoy school and achieve as much as they can.

All the children continue to be a delight; so cheery, well-mannered and eager to share their learning and interests with me.

Attendance

Our target this year is to improve our overall attendance and achieve in line with national at 96%. Last year we did not meet this target and so, unfortunately, Wakefield issued 21 penalty fines last year, mainly for holidays taken in term time.

Beverley Riley, our Principal Attendance Officer, has spoken to NHS England to discuss its 48-hour sickness-absence rule. They have confirmed that the 48-hour rule only applies if sickness is a bug or gastro-enteritis. A child or adult may return to school the next day, if the sickness is not bug-related.

Starting this Friday and continuing each Friday during term-time, every child who has achieved 100% attendance during the week, will receive a raffle ticket. A draw will take place each Friday and the prize will be a Book Token for £5.00, presented at the celebration assembly. Tickets will accumulate over the half-term for a prize draw the Friday before half-term (26 October). It will all start again from zero after half term. The children seem quite excited!

Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform has their name in it, so that we can match up any missing articles when misplaced. Thank you.

Student Council

Our Student Council consists of pupils from Year 1 to Year 6, who are the voice of other pupils in the school. Two students in each of the following classes make up this year's Student Council:

Y5/6F, Y5/6J, Y5Fr, Y4Mc, Y3/4HL, Y3T, Y2S, Y1/2B and Y1W.

Christmas Dates and Events

Please see the dates already in the diary for Christmas 2018 (parents/carers will be notified, should other events be arranged nearer the time):

Thursday 6 December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 11 December, 5.00pm	EYFS Christmas Concert
Wednesday 12 December, 9.15am	EYFS Christmas Concert
Wednesday 12 December, 5.00pm	KS1 Christmas Concert
Thursday 13 December, 9.15am	KS1 Christmas Concert
Date yet to be confirmed	KS2 Christmas Carols at All Saints Church

Attendance this week

Class	Attendance %
Nursery	96.36
UFSLC	88.26
UFSR	94.55
Y1W	97.33
Y1/2B	97.93
Y2S	93.33
Y3T	97.86
Y3/4HL	97.10
Y4McA	100.00
Y5Fr	91.00
Y5/6F	93.55
Y5/6J	96.15
Whole School	95.38

Yours sincerely



Mrs G Lindley
Head of School