

# Newsletter

8 February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

## Key dates

15 February	Last day of school before the half term break
25 February	Children return to school after half term break
20 March	Class photographs
2 April	Parent Pupil Teacher Interviews - 3.30pm to 7.00pm
4 April	Parent Pupil Teacher Interviews - 3.30pm to 6.00pm
1 July	Inset Day

## Merit Certificates

We have changed the way in which merit certificates are awarded to pupils. Each week, there will be a whole-school focus and one pupil in each class will be awarded a merit certificate for excelling in that area of focus.

This week's achievers are:

<b>This week's focus: KINDNESS</b>		
<b>Next week's focus – 'Presentation'</b>		
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Y1W	Lily S	Always thinking of others
Y1/2	Grace P	Taking care of her friends
Y2S	Lucy-Lou C	Helping other children
Y3/4H	Sienna S	Helping her peers
Y3T	Grace H	Always kind to her peers
Y4Mc	Thomas H	Exemplary kindness to his peers
Y5Fr	Alfie B	Being kind in and out of the classroom
Y5/6F	Jake H	Always being kind and respectful
Y5/6J	Sophie O	Coaching others with their work

## Mrs Lightowler

For personal reasons, following the half-term break, Mrs Lightowler will be stepping away from the role of Assistant Headteacher and will continue to focus upon her role as Y1/2 teacher. Mrs Lightowler did not take this decision lightly. We are delighted that we are able to keep her, as she is a very valued member of staff.

## Road Safety – Hazardous Parking Outside School

School has received a number of complaints regarding hazardous parking outside school at pick-up and drop-off times, i.e. at the beginning and end of the school day. The particular focus is upon cars parking on the yellow lines outside school.

For the safety of our children, please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines, as it greatly reduces visibility for anyone trying to cross the road.

We have contacted West Yorkshire Police about this issue and we have received the following response:

***“Thank you for your email regarding the dangerous parking outside your school. We as a NPT are aware of the parking problems at all schools in the district. I myself as a PCSO for Pontefract I have issued numerous tickets to parents from your school in the past. As soon as the parents were aware police/pcsos were coming to the school they would park according to the highway code. Your local NPT officer will come up and pay some attention to the parking problems as and when their shifts permit.***

***With regards to issuing tickets, the police can now only issue them for obstruction. If cars are seen to be parking on ZIG ZAGS or double yellow lines, then it is the local council who deal with that.***

***If the problem persists when parents are dropping off and picking up their children, it needs to be reported (by phoning 101) at the time the problem is happening. The police will only be able to deal with an obstruction where a vehicle is completely blocked in and cannot get out. I would advise yourselves and parents to contact Wakefield Council to make them aware, as only the Council can legally issue parking tickets for double yellow lines and Zig Zags”.***

***Please read the leaflet at the end of this newsletter - “School Parking” – which was sent to us by West Yorkshire Police, regarding this issue.***

## Times Tables Rock Stars

As you will remember from last week’s newsletter, we are re-launching “Times Tables Rock Stars” for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6.

To celebrate this, we will be holding a ‘**Rock Stars Launch Day**’ next Monday, 11 February and we are encouraging pupils to make this a special day by coming to school in **Rock Star fancy dress**.

At the end of the launch day, we invite parents and carers in to school to experience a taster of ‘Times Tables Rock Stars’ with their children. We hope to see you there.

## Piano Lessons

Wakefield Music Services has informed us that there are **four** places available for piano lessons. There will be a fee for these. If your child is interested, please contact the school office.

## Class Assemblies

Please see below, details of upcoming assemblies:

DATE	ASSEMBLY
13/2/19	Mr McArthur
Half term	
27/2/19	Miss Squires
6/3/19	Mr Ward
13/3/19	Mrs Huby
20/3/19	Miss Tokil
27/3/19	Miss Franks

## Weekly Attendance

Please see this week's attendance in the table below:

Class	Attendance %
Nursery am	96.00
Nursery pm	100.00
UFSLC	84.78
UFSR	97.27
Y1W	92.67
Y1/2B	93.33
Y2S	91.38
Y3T	95.86
Y3/4HL	99.33
Y4McA	95.86
Y5Fr	89.00
Y5/6F	96.77
Y5/6J	94.44
Whole School	94.02

I hope you all have a good weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mr J Mitchell  
Head of School



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# School Parking

## Your Responsibility



### RESPONSIBILITY

It is a parent's responsibility to see their children safely to and from school but, in doing so, they should not create dangers to others.

#### SCHOOL ENTRANCES

If you travel to school by car, do not stop (even to drop off or pick up) on "School - Keep - Clear" markings. Park well clear of the school entrance. A stationary car can prevent a driver seeing a child crossing the road. Don't be pressured by bad weather into parking too close to the school - better a wet coat than a visit to A & E!

#### DO NOT PARK ON PAVEMENTS

Inconsiderate drivers who park their vehicles wholly or partially on the pavement not only cause danger - but also commit an offence of obstruction. They cause danger to pedestrians, especially children and mothers with prams and pushchairs. Pavements are not constructed to take the weight of vehicles. The local authority may make a claim against you for the damage caused to the footpath.

#### DO NOT OBSTRUCT

You only visit the school twice a day, so why ruin the quality of life of residents? Parking across or near driveways obstructs the views of those trying to manoeuvre in and out of them. It is also anti-social behaviour.

For further information, call

**0845 6060606**

and ask for your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

You can also contact them via TYPETALK on:

**18001 0845 6060606**

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