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Newsletter-Week 37

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Dear families.

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Another week and another batch of important updates to share!

Report Update: School reports will be sent out from F2 to Y5 next Monday and in Y6 next Wednesday. Please note that we can only give the report out with children if we have your permission for GDPR approval. Parents who did not select for sensitive data to be sent with children will need to collect from the Main Reception. If you are unsure of which permission level you granted, please contact us to ensure that your report is shared appropriately. We will be sending a feedback form with the report. As staff spend so long creating the reports we would really appreciate just a few moments of your time to share your views on the report and any feedback for the teacher about your child's time in their class. Miss Alderson has worked really hard to ensure that Y3 children get a good quality report, with some help from Mrs Wildsmith, but we will also offer the Y3 parents' appointments at the end of the year so that Miss Alderson gets to know the parents as a new(ish) member of staff! Please note that we will be sending home class work in the final week (we will send out a text asking for carrier bags!) but we do have to keep 4 sets of books per class as evidence for at least the first term of next year just in case the school is inspected. In Y6 we will choose children with siblings in school so that we can pass on the books easily around Christmas time next year.

Sports Update: Another hectic week passes by! Our Y6 class were incredible throughout many sports and events last Monday as they took on the best from 2 other sporty schools! We lost out by a handful of points but the performances of our children, especially in the athletics were amazing! Apologies to everyone who was disappointed by the cancellation of the Athletics Final after so much messing around to get a team there- with days running out we don't expect the final to be rearranged, and if it does we would probably struggle due to every day being so busy between now and July! We would, of course, try our best to make it work if we possibly can!

Well done to our amazing cricket teams who have done so well this week. Children across KS2 have competed against the best that Barnsley has to offer and achieved top 3 placings for the whole region in all age brackets and gender groups. Some incredible play but also a fabulous team spirit that was so pleasing to see! Next week we have lots of football and we start to get the bikes and helmets out for some TPT cycling! It is all go! Mr Venus and I are planning a little Springvale meet up at Leeds Urban Bike Park (Google it, it is free and amazing!) in the first week of the Summer Holidays (Wednesday 24th July) between 10am-12noon or 1-3pm if any families would like to meet us with a picnic please get in touch for some details! This will not be an organised 'school visit' but a chance to meet likeminded cycling fans and enjoy a day on the trails together. Children will be the responsibility of their parents throughout and we would need to meet you there with cycles and helmets, etc.

Lastly, what an honour it was to receive a South Yorkshire Sports Award with staff and children attending a special ceremony in Harrogate on our behalf. It was an inspiring event and it made us really proud to collect such a prestigious award for our sporting clubs and competitions that benefit all of our children!

Transition: A reminder that this Wednesday (3rd) is our full transition day. Y6 children will come in to work with me and all other classes will line up outside their new classroom at 8.45am. This means that F2 children moving in to Y1 need to come round the back of school on to the rear playground for the first time. Meetings for parents in new Y1-Y6 classes will be held at 2.45pm and 3.15pm in classrooms. Access is through the rear doors.

Recent Events: A great time was had by all at recent events such as EYFS Zoolab, the KS1 cycle/scooter day, KS1 visit to the National Railway Museum in York and the Springvale World Cup! We know that these busy weeks can be just as confusing for parents as staff but everyone seems to feel that these are the events that make our school standout from the rest. We want our children to experience as many special events and fun activities as possible! Thank you for your support!

Dogs in School: Over the next few weeks we will be helping a training support dog complete their training by visiting school at drop off and pick up a few times over the coming 2 or 3 weeks with one of our families. The dog is called Berry and it is well trained and almost ready to support someone in need. We have contacted the parents of children who struggle with dogs and made them aware and they are happy for this project to take place. A reminder that, in general, we do not allow dogs on the school property, even if they are carried.

Smoke-Free School: A gentle reminder that we have committed to BMBCs Smoke Free School Policy and as such we do not allow smoking of any kind on school property. This includes all playgrounds, car parks, surrounding areas. We would also like to encourage people not to smoke around the school premises as part of this project. Thank you for your support on this vital project that will positively impact the next generation's health.

Clubs: A gentle reminder that all clubs finish this week. A new batch of clubs will be launched after a week or so back in September! Thank you for record high engagement at our clubs and for supporting the wide range of options that we offer! Tomorrow's final JAM Club has a party theme and there is a special show for Pop Shoppers from 4-5.20pm tomorrow! Audrey is running Pop Shop sessions throughout the Summer Holidays- please get in touch if you would like details!

Music Tuition: We have spaces for music tuition starting in September. Anyone who is interested should contact school to discuss instrument options and costings. Our music provision remains strong and we offer many more instruments than most local schools! As Mrs Andrew will be working across KS1 and KS2 next year on her PPA days we will be having much more whole class music to supplement the singing and private teaching that we have. Y3 next year will have instrumental lessons but the day and instrument are still unconfirmed as yet, we will get in touch when we know more.

Next year, we have talked about taking children out to sing in the community a little more. If anyone knows of grateful audiences and good causes- perhaps at an elderly residents' home within walking distance- please let us know!

Dress-Down Day: A huge thank you for supporting the Cystic Fibrosis dress down on Friday last week. This is a cause very close to our hearts and everyone looked fabulous and we can send in the tidy sum of £185 to a local CF charity to use to support children and their families. We will be drawing up next year's fundraising schedule soon so we are appealing for one or two new good, local causes to support as we always like to share our support and love with the wider community!

Sports Raffle: Thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's Sports Raffle and to those who have purchased tickets. We have raised £90 already and we will be selling tickets from the School Office each day and out and about at events like the EYFS Sports Day and the Sports Awards. The tickets are £1 per strip and the raffle will be drawn at the Family Picnic in the final week. We have some excellent prizes including a very exciting signed football shirt...all will be revealed! Your support is so important to us and all monies raised will be used directly to impact sports standards next year. A reminder that we will be starting a new local sports project next year called 'Penistone for Sport' which will bring high quality PE, fitness and competition to all...even our families! The logo for the new project is below so please look out for letters starting in September when the football and multi-skills events begin!



Have a great week,

Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Week 36 Stats	Average 2018/19 Stats	Week 37 Diary Dates		
Attendance: 96.0%	Attendance: 97.2%	Monday 1st: Y4 Athletics at Dorothy Hyman 9.30-11.45am, KS2 football from 2.30pm		
Late marks: 0	Late marks: 0.5 per	Tuesday 2 nd : Y3 at Metredome Music Festival (packed lunches, return at 3.40ish) Wednesday 3 rd : Transition Day- please line up at new classroom doors at 8.45am		
GREEN LIGHTS: 99.0%	week			
	GREEN LIGHTS: 99.1%	Parent meetings at 2.45pm and 3.15pm in classrooms for Y1 to Y6		
Class of the Week: Y3 Wildflowers with 99%		Friday 5th: Y5 Swimming (10am)		
		Friday 5 th : Y6 Cycling AM (bikes and helmets needed)		
		Friday 5th: Girls' Football v Churchfield (at home) Y3/4 2pm and Y5/6 at 2.45pm		