

All Saints C.E. School

Kirkby Overblow

Newsletter Friday 8th September 2017



“AT ALL SAINTS WE ALL FLOURISH AND ACHIEVE AS A CHILD OF GOD”

Dear Parents

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer and that the children have had a good start to the new academic year.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new families and new children to the school. We have welcomed 12 new Reception children and 2 children in other year groups across the school. I hope that you and your children enjoy your time at All Saints.

As always this year looks like to be a busy and exciting time ahead. As a staff and a Governing body we are in the process of preparing for our next OFSTED inspection and Church School inspection (SIAMS) this year.

This year our focus for school development are the following key areas;

- Work in partnership with other schools and the regional Maths hub to develop our Maths Mastery provision in school
- Ensuring that all children achieve as highly as possible
- Develop models of teaching and intervention programmes further to target individual children effectively and with greater precision
- Develop our link school work with Aindinet School in Ethiopia and continue to raise money for a donkey library in rural Ethiopian schools.

I hope this year will be a great year for All Saints and look forward to working with you all. Thank you for your continued support.

Louise Newport
Headteacher

WELCOME SERVICE - ALL SAINTS CHURCH SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

All our families are warmly invited to attend our new families' service on Sunday 10th September. Coffee and cake will be served at 10.30am followed by the service at 11am

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FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON - FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

Our annual family fun afternoon will take place after school on Friday 22nd September **3.30-5.00pm**. Children in years 4,5 & 6 will be running stalls during the afternoon and will be given letters to take home next week. We will be looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments during the afternoon, if you could help please let Miss Boyd know. Also donations of raffle prizes and cakes for the cake stall would be very welcome. Please bring raffle prizes to the office from next week and bring cakes along on the day. Thank you

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Due to the ill health of the owner of Otley Kids Club/Kirkby Kids, we have brought the before and after school club under the control of school with immediate effect. The club will be run with the same staff and will continue to run from 7.30am to 8.50am in the mornings and 3.30pm to 6pm every afternoon. The prices will remain the same - £6 from 7.30am with breakfast (£5.50 without breakfast), £7.50 until 5pm and £9.50 until 6pm. Payments can be made through Parentpay (either daily, weekly or monthly) and we are also able to accept childcare vouchers, please let us know if you would like to pay in this way.

As the club is now run by the school all pupils may attend at any time, there is no need to register or complete any forms. Ad-hoc bookings are welcome - there is no need to book for the morning sessions, just come along from 7.30am onwards; and for the afternoon sessions just let us know in the morning or contact the school office on 01423 872491 (it is fine to leave a message on the answerphone) or email admin@kirkbyoverblow.n-yorks.sch.uk . If you have any queries about the club please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

CHAIRS OF GOVERNORS

Our Chairs of Governors, Ann Wright and Mary Walker are keen to spend more time in school this year. One or both will generally be in school each Tuesday afternoon between about 3 and 4pm. They will be able to get to know children as well as be around to informally chat to parents at the end of the school day. We look forward to their visits.

PHONICS WORKSHOP

Mrs Newport will lead a phonics workshop for Mars Class parents on Monday 18th September at 2.45pm. We hope you can join us.

CONSENT FORMS

In your red folders this week are visit consent and data collection forms for all children except for our new starters. Please check the details for your child(ren), sign **both** sides of the form and return to school.

Children in Jupiter Class will also receive rules for responsible internet use and permission forms. Please read through these with your child, sign and return to school. Thank you.

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SCHOOL MEALS

Under the government's 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' scheme, school meals for children in reception, year 1 and year 2 remain free. For children in years 3 and above the charge for meals for the half term will be £78.20. It would help the school enormously if you could pay for meals by your online Parentpay account. If any parents need their account reactivating please let Miss Boyd know or email admin@kirkbyoverblow.n-yorks.sch.uk.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR REMINDERS

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents of the following:

- Please, please take extra care while driving and parking near to the school and ensure that you park safely and do not block or park too close to neighbouring drives or roads. Please do not park on the bend near the school drive. The Shoulder of Mutton have kindly offered parents use of their car park at school drop-off and pick-up times, and parents may also use the parking bays opposite Brig Hall. Please pass this on to whoever picks up your children (grandparents, childminders etc.) thank you.
- If your child will be picked up from school by a person who isn't known to school or who doesn't normally pick them up please let school know in advance by phone (01423 872491) or email (admin@kirkbyoverblow.n-yorks.sch.uk). This is to ensure that all children are sent home safely and is especially important for the younger children in Mars and Saturn classes.
- The cloakroom door will open at 8.50am each morning - please do not bring your child into school before this time (unless they are booked into breakfast club).
- Nuts and nut products are not allowed into school due to severe nut allergies. Please do not include nuts or products containing nuts in packed lunches (including lunches for school trips).
- Snacks – children may bring in fresh or dried fruit or a carton of fruit juice only for morning break. Sweets and other snacks must not be brought into school.
- The only bags permitted in school are book bags and drawstring bags for PE kits. Please do not bring other large bags (Gola bags, rucksacks etc) into school.
- New Department for Education regulations now mean that we cannot authorise absences for holidays in term time, please refrain therefore from booking holidays during the academic year. The new regulations also require schools to monitor attendance more closely so we ask that appointments (such as doctors, dentists, opticians etc.) are made outside of school hours whenever possible.

PARENT GOVERNOR

Please see the attached letter regarding parent governor elections

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