

All Saints C.E. School

Kirkby Overblow

Newsletter Friday 12th January 2018



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

Dear Parents

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

This year is set to be an exciting and challenging time for All Saints. It has been a difficult decision to move on from the school, but new challenges await me at my new school after Easter. All Saints is a great school and will continue to flourish over the years to come.

This term, we are focusing on developing RE teaching across the school using a new program 'Understanding Christianity'. So far we have seen excellent teaching opportunities for the children with high expectations. I am sure that the children will continue to enjoy these lessons. We are also continuing our work with our link school in Ethiopia and have this week received some work from the children at Andinet School. We look forward to more link project work. Mrs Honey and Miss Cromack continue to work with the Yorkshire Maths Hub to develop the teaching of Mastery Maths across our school. Our staff will also have the opportunity to observe some Shanghai Maths lessons in local schools

This term we will be welcoming trainee teachers from York St. John University into school working alongside Mrs Honey and Miss Allan. We also say goodbye to Mrs Webb-Sear who has been on maternity leave since February 2017. Unfortunately she will not be returning to school, but we wish her well in her future. There will be an opportunity for staff, parents and children to say goodbye to Mrs Webb Sear before half term: further details will follow. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please hand in to Miss Boyd in the school office.

I look forward to sharing my final term at All Saints with the children. The children are what makes our school so special and I know that they will join the whole staff in making this term one of the best yet.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Louise Newport

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

In your red folders this week is a Bags2School bag. Please fill your bag with any unwanted items of good quality second hand adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys (sorry no bedding, curtains, towels, household linen or bric-a-brac please).

Please bring your bags to school on the morning of Tuesday 30th January and leave them at the top of the school car park just inside the double gates. The bags will be collected by a van from this spot. More bags are available from the cloakroom – please help yourself!

The PTA will receive payment depending on the weight of the bags so please fill as many bags as you can! Thank-you

SCHOOL MEALS

For children in years 3 and above the charge for meals for the half term will be £55.20. 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 ensure your child is in the classroom by 9am for the start of lessons. If your child is late they will miss out on vital learning time and this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.
- If you have any concerns or worries about your child at school please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher after school. Please be mindful that in the mornings teachers need to be with their class and only have time to speak very briefly to parents.
- 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).

- 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 between the school drive and Walton Head Lane. 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.
- 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 Kirkby Acorns breakfast club).
- 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.
- If school will be closed due to bad weather we will send out a message by text so please let school know if your mobile number changes.
- Please can parents refrain from using mobile phones in school due to safeguarding children guidance.