

Dear Parents/Carers

September 2017

We hope all our families have had a lovely summer break. We have missed seeing you and your children and we are so delighted to welcome you back today. A belated Eid Mubarak to our Muslim families!

Our holiday sessions went well and children and parents enjoyed a variety of activities and events.

### **Attendance**

Attendance last year, was very nearly 96% - this is the national average. Thank you to all parents who encouraged their children to attend school and those of you who did not take children out of school during term time. We are continuing to have a focus on improving attendance and continue not to authorise any term time holidays. Fines will continue to be issued to parents who do take children out of school. I attach the holiday dates for 2017-18 and 2018-19, please do refer to this before booking a holiday. Every school day missed does have an impact on how pupils progress in their learning. It isn't always possible to catch up missed learning when they miss school and this leads to gaps in their learning.

### **Attendance rewards**

- 100% attendance for the full year – if children come to school every day in 2017-18 they will be invited to go to Yorkshire Wildlife Park.
- 100% - full term, trips will be organised to the park, to the museum or to a cinema experience at the local high school.
- 100% - each half-term – children will be issued with a non-uniform pass for the Wednesday after each holiday.
- If all the pupils in a class attend every day in a week – they will have a fast pass to dinner and an ice-cream.

### **Punctuality**

Doors open promptly at 8.30 am and children begin work as soon as they arrive in the classroom. The first session is a basic skills session that is essential to ensure children do well in their work. If children miss this session they fall behind. Please make sure children are at school on time every day. If you are struggling to get your children to school on time please contact Jade or Liz Coulon who may be able to offer some support.

### **Rewards**

We will continue to award the very popular lego heads for good behaviour, effort in class, completion of home reading and homework etc.



### **Homework and Home reading**



We have invested over £10,000 on improving our reading books. Your child's reading has been assessed and they have been given a colour banded book to help them improve their reading. It is really important that they are given opportunity to **read every day at home**. Please do encourage this and sign their reading record to say you have listened to them read. Children are also given spellings to learn and times-tables. Again your support to help them practise these will help them be successful.

## Uniform

We saw a marked improvement in school uniform last year and we would like this to continue. Children need to wear:

- **Plain black or white head dress for the girls if required (no sparkles or objects dangling)**
- **Plain** white/black ankle or knee-length socks.
- **Plain black shoes**
- **Plain Black/grey/red plain tights.**
- *Shalwar Kameez or Jilbab* (long baggy over garment) are not permitted.

## PE Uniform

- White t-shirt and black/red shorts or leggings
- Plimsolls
- Tracksuit
- Swimming kit (Y4)

We welcome constructive feedback from our parents - please do speak to the parental involvement team, Natasha Mahmood or our parent governors if you have any concerns or suggestions.

## Diary Dates

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2- Author vising school
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 9am	Macmillan coffee morning in Portakabin Cake donations appreciated.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 4 Trip - Chocolate experience
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Life Caravan in School - All classes will be visiting Harold badge/pencils can be bought from office.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October-Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 - 'Stay Safe' trip (One class at a time)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents E-safety session
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest festival- Please bring in food donations (tins, dried and packet food) by Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October. KS1 2pm KS2 9am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-uniform day for NSPCC

**Further details for each class will be on the class newsletter to be sent out in the near future.**

## Free School Meals

Please contact the school office if you need help to claim for free school meals.

## Friday after school club and breakfast club

We have a few spare spaces at breakfast and Friday after school club. Breakfast club is 50p per day and Friday after school club is £5 per session.

Yours faithfully



Nicky White  
Principal