

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

We waved the Year 6 children off on their way to East Barnby this morning for a week of Outdoor Pursuits and adventures....! They all seemed very excited at the prospect of a week at the coast. Here's hoping that the weather improves as the week goes on; we are sure they will have a great time whether it rains or shines!

We have a busy week ahead for the children who are at Moorside with a swimming gala for some of our Year 5 children on Wednesday and our MacMillan coffee event on Friday, organised by the Friends of Moorside. We hope to see as many of you as possible at 2pm in the Infant school hall...

Our Eco and Forest School lessons have got off to a great start – it has been lovely to see the children taking part in so much learning outside. As the weather changes, please ensure that your child has suitable footwear/layers/waterproofs so that they enjoy the sessions without being cold and wet. If you have any wellies at home that are too small, we would really appreciate any donations to the school's 'spare kit supplies'.

Abacus

Abacus is our weekly Mental Maths homework to enable children to practice a skill through a timed activity/game. The teachers set appropriate tasks so that the children progress in their learning at their own pace. Well done to Mr Price's class with 67% of the children having a go at the allocated tasks. If you are having any difficulty in accessing the website or need to find out your child's login details, please speak to their class teacher.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
w/c 18.09.17	34%	20%	21%	67%	32%	16%

Nursery Garden

This week should see the completion of the new planters and the climbing equipment in our Nursery Garden. For any gardeners connected with the school, we would welcome any of your spare perennial or vegetable plants from your garden to fill the raised beds. We would like to create a herb patch, a vegetable garden and have flowering plants that will attract bees and butterflies. We would ask that you label your donations, so we know what they are. We will do our best to use any plants you may give us, and please be aware we can't guarantee that they will grow! Many thanks.

Hello... From Sally Price our Parent Support Advisor

My role in school is to provide support, advice and information to the families within our school community. I can help you with any worries that you may have in relation to your child's education, behaviour and wellbeing. I am also here as someone to talk to if you need it!

Advice and support is confidential although concerns relating to the safeguarding of children will always be dealt with in accordance with the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. I may not have all the answers, but hopefully I can help you to work out how to find them!

On Wednesday mornings from 9-10am, I host an informal "drop in" coffee morning in the Infant school. All parents and carers of Infant and Junior parents are welcome. Please pop in for a brew...

I hope to see you soon!!

Class Updates

Nursery – We had a very exciting week watching the builders create our new outdoor area. This week we are thinking about boxes, what we can use them for, why they come in different sizes and what could be inside them?

Reception – Our 'Spark' has taken us into looking at castles this week. We will link this to our maths work by counting knights and working out what one more will be. The children will be given lots of opportunities to mark-make and write linked to their interests. This may be a list of what a princess or a knight needs, a drawing and some labels of a knight, princess or castle or something else that they want to write.

Year 1 – In Year 1 we will be working on reading and spelling vowel sounds. We will start to say and compose sentences using personal pronouns like he, she and we and use these sentences to form short stories. In Maths, we will continue to work on more and less to compare quantities developing our mathematical language to describe this.

Year 2 – In Science we are learning about South American animals. We are adding and subtracting in Maths and in Literacy we are writing our own Fairy Tales.

Year 3 -This week in Year 3 we will be improving our skills in mental addition and subtraction and investigating the patterns we can find. In Literacy, we will be practising commas and using them in our creative writing. In Science we are continuing to look at classifying living things and we are hoping to create our own classification tree!

Year 4 – This week in Year 4, we will be writing persuasive letters to local Garden Centres to persuade them to donate plants for our Nursery open day. We hope we are successful! In Maths, we are moving onto Adding and Subtracting using mental methods. The children are having great fun finding out about the Rainforests in South America and we will continue with this this week.

Year 5 – This week we are continuing to focus on speech punctuation in Literacy - please support your children by looking at how speech is punctuated in their reading books. In Maths our focus is rounding and counting forwards and backwards in powers of 10. In Music we are learning to compose our own lyrics for a song that is in beats of 4. Finally, in French, we are learning how to say the names of family members.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.69	96.30	98.52	96.43	100.00	98.15	96.86

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year6
95.65	97.86	100.00	96.67	100.00	98.15	95.60

Some children are arriving at school late – this does have an effect on their start to the day, as it disrupts classroom routines. Please ensure that your child is in school on time, so that they can settle into tasks with their peers.

Diary Dates

25 th – 29 th September	Y6 – East Barnby Residential
Fri 29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning – 2pm Infant Hall
Tues 17 th October	Individual Photographs
Wed 18 th October	Harvest Assembly – Infants 9.15am, Juniors 10.00am
Fri 20 th October	Half term