

2nd November 2021



Dear Parents and friends,

In place of our Friday newsletter this week, I wanted to welcome everyone back to school and share a few important bits of information as the second half of the Autumn term gets underway.

I hope that everyone has had a restful break and recovered from the various bugs and illnesses that were doing the rounds before half term.

PE days, Forest School and layers!

We had our first frost this morning and the weather is definitely getting colder. We do still have ongoing safety measures in place to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 and appreciate your help in keeping our children safe by seeking PCR tests when required. Where possible, Sporting Influence will teach the children outside on a Tuesday, as they are visiting a number of other schools during the week. We would therefore appreciate it if you could ensure that your child is 'layered-up' and brings a hat and gloves on that day if they have PE. We also recommend tracksuit bottoms and a couple of layers under hoodies!



Classrooms are also well ventilated with windows and doors open so can feel a bit chilly. We are awaiting delivery of some CO2 detectors so that we can monitor the levels and only open the windows and doors when needed, but in the meantime, an extra layer under uniforms might be required.

Queen's Jubilee Additional Bank Holiday

We have been notified by the Local Authority that during the May 2022 half term break, there is an additional Public Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

They have stated that '*Legislation has been changed for the school year 2021-2022 in order that both teachers and pupils are not disadvantaged by the public holiday falling within the summer half term.*'

Therefore, our training days for the remainder of the year are:

Tuesday 4th January 2022

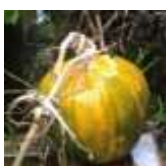
Monday 6th June 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

The term will now end for pupils on Friday 22nd July 2022 at 3.00pm.

Pumpkin Growing!

Back in January this year, our Friends of School very kindly provided pumpkin seeds for us to grow, ready for Halloween. We have loved seeing the end results – well done to (left to right) Saffy-Rose, Cooper, Xander, Dexter & Ashton and Edward for sharing your fantastic results! Your pumpkins look great!



Lovely news...

We would like to congratulate Mrs Plummer and the Plummer family on the happy news that she is expecting a baby in March. We know that Year 2 will be very excited too! We are currently advertising for a full-time teacher who will cover Mrs Plummer's maternity leave. We aim to provide a smooth transition for the children with some overlap time for Mrs Plummer and her replacement to be in the classroom together, so that they can get to know the children well.

High 5 Reader Trip

Our High 5 Reader Award trip has been rescheduled for Tuesday 16th November (this was originally planned for 13.10.21). The children who received their invitations in the Summer term will walk to Ripon Library with Miss Rogan and supporting staff after lunch and return by the end of the school day.

Year 6 Botanical Gardens Visit

We have rescheduled the Year 6 Botanical Gardens visit for 22nd November (due to the need to postpone because of children in isolation on Friday 8th October). Unfortunately, the Durham Botanical Garden has had to close for maintenance until February, so we have organised an alternative visit and workshop at Harlow Carr. We know that the children will have a great experience and enjoy learning about the adaptation of plants as well as looking after the environment.

FOMS Christmas Art – All My Own Work

Tomorrow we will be sending home the templates and instructions for Christmas Artwork to be completed at home and returned to school by **Wednesday 10th November. You can use felt tips or paint only.** The order form will be available online once your child's work has been sent off to 'My Child's Art, who creates the products. Please send your child's completed art work to their class teacher by 10th November, who will then ensure that the Friends of School receive it on time.



Please could you also ensure that your child's work is clearly named. Many thanks.

Remote Learning

If your child tests positive for Covid-19, **every** member of the household needs a PCR test and we will provide a home learning pack and online remote learning **if they are isolating for 10 days.** If your child is off school for another reason, they will be able to access Reading Eggs/Plus, Purple Mash, Classroom Secrets and Times Table Rockstars if they would like to do some online learning whilst they recover.

Lots of updates for a busy half term – as always...we are on the end of a phone or email if you need any further information. Please do keep us informed of any changes at home that may affect your child in any way and we will always do our best to support them in school.

Best wishes,



Mrs Rowett
Headteacher