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NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates from September 2016 to January 2017

2016



September

Monday 5th
 Tuesday 6th

Training Day – School closed to children
 School Starts

October

Wednesday 11th
 Thursday 13th
 Friday 21st

Parents' Evening
 Harvest Festival @ Church 2pm
 Sycamore Class Celebration Worship @ 9am
 Break up
 School Starts

Monday 31st

November

December

Friday 2nd
 Friday 9th
 Monday 12th
 Tuesday 13th
 Thursday 15th
 Friday 16th

Silver Birch Celebration Worship @ 9am
 Christmas Craft Afternoon
 Christmas Production @ 1.30pm
 Christmas Production @ 1.30pm and 6pm
 Christingle Service @ Church 2pm
 Visit to Pantomime – am
 Party Lunch
 Christmas Party - pm
 Break up

2017

January

Tuesday 3rd
 Wednesday 4th

Training Day – School closed to children
 School Starts

Sycamore Class

Welcome back

- Hair Cut ✓
- New School Shoes ✓
- Clean behind ears ✓

Well that's my tick list for a new school year sorted.

I am really looking forward to this year; working with children new to the class but also working with so many familiar faces. Every morning Sycamore Class will be concentrating on English and Maths. We will be all working together on the same theme although learning objectives and tasks will be differentiated according to age and needs. At storytime the children in Years One and Two will share stories with Mrs Thomas. Year Three children will share stories with more depth with Miss Wilkinson. I've been working hard on planning for maths – lots more investigations.

The beginning of the school year often triggers an ingrained instinct to buckle down and get to work. In Sycamore Class we all (children and adults) need a willingness to make mistakes, stay true to yourself and be an individual, work hard and have perseverance. Words from Dwight D Eisenhower: "Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination".

Let's get this school years started!

Miss J Wilkinson

Sycamore Class

Religious Education

This term the theme for Religious Education is 'Celebration'. The children will be reflecting on celebrations in their own life, as well as learning about celebrations that are important for those with faith. This is a lovely topic to begin our new school year with as it lends itself to many creative and fun activities. It also supports the transition for our younger children, as the class share what has been an important event for them. It is also an area that all children have experience of in one form or another. As teaching and learning progress the children will look in depth at Christian and Islamic celebrations, comparing and contrasting similarities and differences. Within this the children will learn about the cultural context for special events, for example the way in which a Christian and Muslim family welcome a new baby into the world.

Mrs Wall has made a celebration box that contains artefacts and objects relating to various celebrations. If your child would like to bring something to share with the class contributions to the box from home are warmly welcomed. This could be a photograph of a wedding, a christening gown or gift, a birthday badge or Christmas card. These items will be looked after and returned at the October half term break.

Sycamore Class

Science

Our focus for the first half of the Autumn term is Light. The children will be investigating and experimenting with different sources of light. The class will learn about sight and vision, as well as the sun and shadows. There are a lot of engaging activities planned such as; playing blind man's bluff, dark den building, storytelling with the title 'The day the lights went out', making shadow puppets, silhouette sketching and constructing pinhole cameras. Mrs Wall will be sharing particular books to further support the learning objectives for Science. Animated versions of these can be found on 'Youtube' if you wish to share them with your child at home. These include; Night Monkey Day Monkey by Julia Donaldson; Oscar and the Moth: A book about light and dark by Geoff Waring; and Light Is All Around Us by Wendy Pfeffer.

Topic

Our topic title this term is Time Detectives. To embed the learning in Religious Education and Science, the children will be having an in-depth focus on Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night on the run up to this historical event. Mrs Wall will teach about this from a historical perspective and Mrs Stockhill will be supporting this on her afternoon with her music teaching. On the weeks leading up to Bonfire Night the children will be learning about this period of history through design technology and art, by investigating different buildings and structures, and by comparing and contrasting now and then.

Mrs Wall will support this further with the History and Computing teaching, as she focuses on how toys have changed throughout history.

Silver Birch Class

In the mornings Years 4, 5 and 6 will continue to work on Maths and English. In Maths, each area of learning, for example place value or fractions, is taught in a block to allow for the development of depth and give sufficient practice to embed learning. In English, we study a text for a period of time which provides a context for text, sentence and word work, including spelling.

Spellings will be given fortnightly as before and children will be given tasks to do at home. This may involve completing a table, finding examples for a rule or writing sentences. It is very important that children are encouraged to practice their spellings at home frequently and complete their homework tasks. There are now lists of words that children are expected to know in the National Curriculum and these will also be included. Children will need a dictionary at home to check spellings and meanings of words. The proficient use of a dictionary is a skill in itself at KS2.

We have now added to the class library and have two new shelves of recommended reads particularly for Years 5 and 6. We hope that these will inspire the children to challenge themselves, try new authors and read a wider range of genres, both modern and classic. The children will be encouraged to produce more detailed book reviews and recommend books to their friends. Above all we want them to enjoy reading and not want to put a book down! It is very important that children read at home. They should read at least 3 times a week and this should be recorded in their diary and signed by you. Even if your child is a

fluent reader it is still important to ask them to read an extract out loud to you, to talk about their book and answer questions. Sit down and have ten minutes quality time together with a book.

I have include the statutory requirements for reading for Years 5 and 6 to give you some idea of the standards expected.

Pupils should be taught to:

- maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by;
- continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks;
- reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes;
- increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions;
- recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices
- identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing making comparisons within and across books;
- learning a wider range of poetry by heart;
preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding
- through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience understand what they read by;
- checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context;
- asking questions to improve their understanding;
- drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence;
- predicting what might happen from details stated and implied;
- summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas;
- identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning;
- discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader;
- distinguish between statements of fact and opinion;
- retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction;
- participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously;
- explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary;
- provide reasoned justifications for their views.

In the afternoons Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be exploring the theme Time Detectives through Art and Design, Design and Technology, Music, History, Geography and Computing. We will be studying Mexico and looking at the 'History of Clothing over the Decades'.

In Science we will be studying 'Light and Sound' and 'Earth and Space' through lots of practical activities. Look out for the Big Book at the end of each unit so you can see what we have been learning.

On a Monday afternoon we all travel to Malton Sports Centre for our PE curriculum. Please ensure your child/children have the correct PE kit including warmer clothes when the weather turns colder. They also need to bring a water bottle.

On Wednesday afternoons Mrs Stockill will be teaching French and Music.

If you have any questions please ask Mrs Beresford. Thank you.

School Governors

Chair of Governor/Community
Community
Foundation Governors

LA Governor
Parent Governors

Staff Governor
Headteacher

Mr Femi Shellard
Vacancy
Mrs Trish Lake
Rev Andy Bowden
Vacancy
Mrs Lucy Bannister
Mr Nick Carnes
Mrs Gemma Wall
Miss Janette Wilkinson

These are our Governors, if you have any worries you can contact any of the above who are often on the playground at the beginning of each school day.

Menu

We will be continuing with the same menu as we had before the summer holidays. If you require another one, come into the office and get one. Otherwise there is one on the website for you to view.

After School Clubs this term

Monday: Football – 1st session 19th September.

All clubs start straight after school.



Weaverthorpe Weebles

We returned on Monday 12th September. Come and have a chat and a cuppa from 9.15am to 11am Mondays in the porta cabin at Weaverthorpe Primary School.

12th Sept – reopened
19th Sept – Music and bubbles
26th Sept – Trip (TBC)
3rd Oct – Singing and dance
10th Oct – Autumn walk out
17th Oct – Library van visit
Close for half term; reopens 31st October.



Lunchtime Clubs

Tuesday – 3 ball rounder's (Miss Wilkinson)
Thursday – Craft Club (Mrs Thomas)
Friday – Construction (Miss Wilkinson)

Newsletter Dates

Friday 7th October 2016

Friday 4th November 2016

Friday 2nd December 2016

**Spring Term Value Award Winners**

Well done to Kate for winning the Endurance cup, Isaac the Friendship cup and Joseph for winning the Thankfulness cup last term.

**Our Church School**

St Andrew's Church, Weaverthorpe

The collective worship theme this term is Generosity.

2016

Thursday 13th October – Harvest Festival at the Church – 2pm

Thursday 15th December – Christingle Service at the Church – 2pm

**Letters and Information sent home**

Please remember to check your children's bags regularly for letters and information sent home during the week.

**Play Equipment and Field**

Please can we remind parents that the children must not play on the school field and equipment prior to the start of the school day and at home time.

Thank you

Harvest Festival

You are warmly invited to our school Harvest Festival.

Date: Thursday 13th October 2016

Time: 2pm

Venue: St Andrew's Church

All donations of mini hampers will be much appreciated for our Harvest Boxes that will be distributed to the local community.

Thank you.

Attachments

- ✚ Sports letter
- ✚ Bags to School – flyer
- ✚ Bags to School – Bag
- ✚ Dementia Friends flyer



Secondary School Applications

It is that time of years again when you need to apply for your child's secondary school. If you have a Year 6 child you need to apply for a place at your selected school. This can only be done online. Application close 31st October 2016

Please click the link below and it will take you to the application.

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23545/Apply-to-start-secondary-school-for-the-first-time-and-selective-school-information>

Uniform

If anyone would like some uniform ordering please come in the office and get an order form. I will do an order at the end of September. Thank you.



Friends of Weaverthorpe School

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Only 3 weeks left to make a donation. There will be a bucket in the playground at the start and end of the school day, the week before the run for any loose/spare change.

Money raised so far: £120
Target: £450

Local mum Vicky Bennett is fundraising for Friends of Weaverthorpe Primary School by running a half marathon on Sunday 9th October through the Royal Parks of London. All funds raised locally will go towards the school Pantomime trip, £450 is the target. If you'd like to sponsor her please take your donation to Weaverthorpe school office or give to a member of 'Friends',- Jess Boyes, Shanie Burton, Jill Cade, Jo Sim or Vicky Bennett herself. Many thanks for your continued support and to everyone that has donated so far.

Friends are still collecting stamps. If you have any please bring them into the office and they will collect them from there.
Thank you

Friends of Weaverthorpe School

Did you know that whenever you shop online, be it for a hat or a holiday, packed lunches or pencil cases, you could be raising a free donation for Friends of Weaverthorpe School, at no extra cost to you?

Simply sign up for free at easyfundraising.org.uk - it's as easy as 1,2,3

All you have to do is:

1. Go to

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofweaverthorpeschool>

2. Sign up for free

3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Friends of Weaverthorpe School. It couldn't be easier!

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