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Dear Parents,

The staff, governors and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all at the start of this new academic year and hope that you all had a happy summer break. We extend a special welcome to our new families and look forward to getting to know you all very well in the coming weeks and months. **WELCOME BACK!**

The children are delightful and have made a very good start to school. We appreciate the trouble you have taken to have them so well prepared – they all look very smart and ready for a great year ahead!

I would also like to welcome Mrs Cameron our new Y2 teacher and Mrs Macklam ATA in Rec/Y1. We are pleased that they have joined our happy team. Thank you.

Newsletters

We send out a weekly newsletter on a Wednesday to keep you informed about events in school. If you would like this letter to be sent by email please give your email address to the office. Thank you.

School Website - www.sowerby.n-yorks.sch.uk - information

Please remember we keep a calendar for you on the website which is updated regularly as the term progresses. Our website keeps you up to date with news as well as giving you a glimpse of what the children are doing in class on our gallery page. We always hold six weeks of newsletters for you. In addition to text messaging, we will post information on this site by 7.30am as well as notify the local radio stations in the event of closure for bad weather and any other emergency closures. Please be re-assured we always endeavour to keep the school open.

Sports for Champions

On 26th September we are delighted to welcome in school Beth Dobbin a 200m Olympic sprinter. She will be doing work with all Y1-Y6 pupils' circuit training and fun activities. Sports for Champions gives children the opportunity to work alongside an Olympic athlete and also help raise money for promising athletes and school together. The idea is that children are sponsored to do the event and the money raised will be shared between school and Sports for Champions. The children will be bringing home a sponsor form this week. The deadline for returning the sponsor form and any money raised is Friday 22nd September. The class who raise the most money get a trophy award. Thank you for your support.

Year 3/4 Forest School and Year 2 Gardening

This half term Miss Armstrong's Year 3/4 class will be taking part in forest school sessions every Monday afternoon in the school's wildlife area. Planned activities include pond dipping, bug hunting, campfire cooking, making shelters and foraging as well as creating things with clay and wood. Miss Henn's Year 2 class will be doing gardening sessions every Tuesday afternoon in the school's vegetable garden. Please can you ensure your child has a waterproof coat for these sessions. We could really use some more parental or grandparental volunteers to make these activities possible (you don't have to have children in the class to help out!). If you might be able to help us for a couple of hours either on a one-off afternoon or as a more regular volunteer please contact Polly Millington

07495759093. Other Year 3/4 classes will get the opportunity to do forest school activities in the subsequent half terms.

Sensory Garden KS2 Children

If your child would like to spend time in the sensory garden at lunchtime they will need a change of shoes or wellingtons. Thank you.

Recorder Groups with Mrs Crook

Recorder Groups with Mrs Crook are starting again this week. For those children who are already playing the recorder, please come along on a Wednesday lunch time. Any child from Year 4 or above who would like to start learning, please come along on a Friday lunchtime. If your child would like to join, they will need a descant recorder, easily available from local music shops or on-line for under £10. Music will be provided.

Flu Vaccinations

Please visit <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/> for the form to consent electronically for your child to receive their flu vaccine in school this autumn. Children in Reception, Year 1,2,3 and 4 are being offered the flu vaccine this year. This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. This can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. Please complete the online form (one for each child) by the end of September 2017. Please ensure you read and understand all the information before you complete the online form. Please visit <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/> for more information about the flu vaccination. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please go to the website shown above which includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. If you have any queries please contact the childhood Immunisation team on the above number or email address. Last year, most children offered the vaccine in schools had the immunisation.

REMINDERS at the start of a new school year to help things run smoothly. Thank you!

- **Communication With Parents**

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there is any adjustments we need to make to help support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.

- **Registration / Update Details**

Please let us have any changes in address/telephone numbers/emergency contact details/doctor/any other information that you feel we need, as soon as possible. This is our only way of contacting you should we need to. Thank you.

- **Start and finish times**

School starts at 8.50am. Please will you telephone school before 8.50am if your child is going to be late or is ill? This is so that we can keep your children safe and avoid unnecessary telephone calls. If we have not heard from you we will assume something is wrong and contact you. Thank you.

- **Naming Property!**

Please can we ask that you name EVERYTHING and encourage (as will we) your children to look after it? We will try to keep a weekly check and if things are named they can be returned quickly to their owner. Thank you.

- **School Dinners Key Stage 2 - Prices £2.10 per meal for each child, £10.50 per week**

Please will you send dinner money in on a Monday in a clearly marked envelope with their name stating which days your child is staying for dinner.

- **Packed Lunches / Playtime Snacks - Healthy School Status**

Please can we remind you that children should not bring chocolate/sweets, fizzy drinks in cans or bottles as part of their packed lunch, or, for a snack? It is important that children have a drink in their packed lunch. We are very pleased with the take up of free school meals in Reception, Year 1 and 2. We do hope that more children in Years 3 - 6 will take up the offer of school dinners where there is lots of choice during the week, a nutritionally balanced meal and all the ingredients are fresh and cooked on the premises. Fresh fruit is available for sale at the fruit stop for 30p in KS2 and KS1 get free fruit every day for one playtime. Thank you.

- *****Ear Rings*****

We would like at this point in the year to remind everyone about our policy on ear rings. Children can wear studs during the day but **MUST** take them out for PE - this includes swimming and sporting events - including sports day in the summer term. Teachers are not allowed to do this for them. If your child can't do this for themselves please will you ensure they don't wear ear rings on the days they have PE. We cannot allow children to cover them

with plasters. We would always advise children to have their ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays. Thank you.

- **PE Kit and Bags / Deodorant**

Children need to have their PE kits in school all week. Children wear white T shirts, navy blue or black shorts and plimsolls for PE. Children in KS2 will need additional outdoor clothing preferably black, navy or school blue tracksuits and trainers for PE outside in the colder weather. These need to be kept in a drawstring bag to hang on their coat peg. Please remember they need their white T shirts and shorts in case they are working on apparatus inside. Tracksuits are not suitable for this. Thank you.

Some of the older children have started to bring in deodorant for use after PE - not a bad idea - but this needs to be of the roll-on variety in consideration of children with breathing difficulties. Thank you.

- **Dogs**

Please can we remind you that dogs should not be brought into school or onto school premises? Thank you.

- **Parking**

Please can we ask the parents do not park in the school car park or the bus park when dropping off and collecting children. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary

26th September - Sports for Champions

9th -13th October - Parents evening week

17th October - Individual Photographs

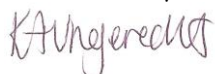
20th October - School closes for half term

30th October - School re-opens 8.50am

30th October - 3rd November - Y6 residential to East Barnby

Have a great week! We look forward to another successful and happy year. Welcome back!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K Ungerechts

Head Teacher