

# 'Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners'

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**Newsletter 1**

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!

## 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.sowerbyacademy.org](http://www.sowerbyacademy.org) 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. 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.

## 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.

## Family Learning

We are excited to be hosting Family Learning sessions this term. It is for parents and children to learn together over 5 weeks. **Course Aims:** The Halloween arts and crafts course is a themed programme designed to encourage parents/guardians and their children to communicate and work effectively together. They begin on 27<sup>th</sup> September and run until 25<sup>th</sup> October. To enrol on the course please contact your local area office on 01609 780780 or by e-mail on [north.adultlearning@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:north.adultlearning@northyorks.gov.uk)

## 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 fonts; 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.

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- 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 £2.30 per meal for each child, £11.50 per week

Please use Parent Pay to pay for your child's school meals. Thank you.

- 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. 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 keep in their locker. 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

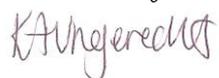
Please can we ask the parents do not park in the school car park or the bus park when dropping off and collecting children, and be considerate to residents who live nearby by not blocking or parking too close to their driveways. Thank you for your support.

### Thirsk Tennis Club

Thirsk Tennis Club are holding coaching sessions on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for children aged 4 to 15 years. For more information please contact 07958930173 or email [maryrosetennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maryrosetennis@yahoo.co.uk)

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

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher

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