

Sowerby Community Primary School

'Sowing the seeds of success: growing courageous learners'

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school where everyone wishes you the very best for a happy 2018!

School Meal Price Increase £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week

From Tuesday 9th January the cost of a school meal will be £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week. There has been no school meal price increase for more than six years.

Cake Stall

Turquoise class cake stall will be held this Friday, 12th January, at 3.30pm in the school hall. The class that sells the most cakes per capita will be treated to afternoon tea with a parent at the end of the summer term. Please come along and support us. All money goes into FOSS funds to fund extra school visits free for you and your children.

Census day for KS1 universal free school meals – Thursday 18th January 2018

Next Thursday 18th January, is census day. This is in an effort to encourage ALL of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to have a school meal. The majority of children do have a school meal and thoroughly enjoy it. If your child would normally have a packed lunch we will cook them a meal on this day and they can try some of what is on offer to experience it. You will be able to send in a packed lunch too if you wish and are concerned your child may not eat a hot meal. We are just providing this option for them to give it a try. It's free why not! The menu this day is:

- Fish Fingers
- Vegetable Risotto
- Jacket Potatoes (with beans/cheese/tuna)
- Shortbread Finger / Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt

We hope that you will support us with this. Thank you very much.

The menu for Friday 19th January will be pasta bolognaise, shepherdess pie (v), jacket potatoes with beans/cheese or tuna and orange brownie and custard.

Head Lice

Head lice is something we all have to deal with in and out of school. We can't eradicate the problem but we can try to keep on top of it. Every now and again we have more cases being reported to us than others and this is one of those times! Please will you

check your children's hair and if you need any help or advice please ask us? It is distressing for the children especially if other children notice too and mention it. Thank you

Applying For A Primary School Place For Your Child

If you are the parent or carer of a child living in North Yorkshire, who is eligible to start primary school in September 2018 (born between 01.09.13 and 31.08.14 inclusive) you will find all the information you need to apply for a school place at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions. Online forms must be submitted by 15th January 2018. Please share this information with any friends or relatives who also have children due to start school in September 2018. Thank you

After School Tennis Coaching with Mary Rose and Adam Scaife

After school tennis coaching is available for children aged 4 to 15 years at Thirsk tennis Club on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday with two qualified coaches. For more information call 07958930173, email: maryrosetennis@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.maryrosetennis.com. Thank you

Reception Parents Questionnaire

We annually ask our new reception parents to fill in a questionnaire to get feedback on what is working well and how we can be even better. A summary of the responses is below. Thank you to all who did respond the governors and senior leaders find this invaluable.

	Please read each statement carefully and tick the answer that best fits your view. 18/44 (41% responded)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child has settled well in school.	44%	56%		
2	I am pleased with the communication between school and home.	78%	22%		
3	I know the relevant person to contact if I have concerns about my child's education.	50%	50%		
4	My child feels safe at school.	78%	22%		
5	My child feels happy at school.	50%	44%	6%	
6	My child does not feel uncomfortable or worried about school.	61%	39%		
7	Since they joined, my child has not been reluctant to go to school.	89%	11%		
8	Since they joined, my child has made friends at school	83%	17%		
9	I am satisfied with the extra-curricular activities and clubs run during the school day.	78%	22%		
10	I would recommend this school to other parents.	67%	33%		

Additional comments included Settled extremely well - down to great school staff; Thanks for a great start - loves the school And Settling well great meeting good to hear from FOSS and previous reception parents.

Some helpful comments were - Helpful to have known twins wouldn't be together (we will try to include this and our philosophy around this in our welcome pack.

More info on day to day activities. (This is a difficult one as each day is very different.) This year for the first time Mrs Gibson ran parent workshops for the first half term to help our parents understand the daily routines and how to help with reading and school routines.

Playtimes may be more staff to supervise. (The playground is a busy place and young children do run about lots with no real awareness of others around them.) We are more than adequately staffed over these periods, but where accidents happen we are very reactive.

All good feedback to have so thank you.

Website Updates

The following updates have been added to the website: newsletter, diary dates and gallery photos

Dates for your diary

12th January - Turquoise class cake stall

16th January - Y5/6 swimming gala

16th January - FOSS meeting 7pm

19th January - Young Voices

23rd January - NSPCC assemblies

26th January - Opal class cake stall

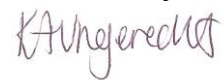
29th January - Reception /Year 1 visit to Harlow Carr

9th February - School closes for half term 3.30pm

Attendance last week of last term

Whole school attendance 96.8% Unauthorised absence 0.5% Best class attendance: Ruby class 99.2%. Well done.

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher