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Dear Parents,

## **Excitement at Sowerby School**

Yesterday we had a little bit of excitement at school. A car in the car park was smoking and we had to call the fire brigade and evacuate the school just as a precaution. May I congratulate the fire service who responded immediately and the staff and children for their prompt action and evacuating the building in around 2 mins. We regularly have practice practices to ensure that if the real thing was needed, as yesterday, we followed procedures efficiently. Thank you.

## **Parking in the Bus Park**

I appreciate and understand the frustration of parents when parking at either end of the school day. As a school there is very little we can do around this. However may I politely request that parents refrain from parking in the bus lane and blocking the entrance and exit. There are before and after-school providers that our parents use who deliver children by bus. It would be putting children at risk if they couldn't park in the bus lane shared by All Saints and Sowerby Schools. These providers are often escorting 10 or more children and it would be dangerous for them to park further away and walk them along the road. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## **Den Making Day**

We are holding a Den Day throughout the school in aid of the Save the Children charity on the morning of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We are asking for donations of resources to help our children make dens. We already have some den making resources however as the whole school is taking part at the same time we would be grateful if you could spare any unwanted items such as old sheets, tarpaulin, string, ropes, clothes horse, large bulldog clips etc. Please can you send any items into school on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. A minimum contribution of 50p will be gratefully received for this worthy charity. For more information about Save the Children please visit their website: [www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk). Thank you for your continued support.

## **Cake Stall**

Diamond (HG) and Topaz (CS) class cake stall will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 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.

## **Sports Day**

Please note a change in the dates for your diary section of this newsletter. Sports day will now take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, KS2 children in the morning and KS1 children in the afternoon. Thank you.

## **Cycling to School**

Please can we politely remind parents that, if your child cycles to school that they wear a helmet. Thank you.

### Holiday In term Time

We have recently had several requests by parents to take children out of school in term time for a family holiday. All holidays will be unauthorised unless deemed a special circumstance. We have an obligation to inform the Local Authority of unauthorised absence and they will be issuing all Penalty Notices requested by schools which meet the criteria of ten or more unauthorised sessions leave (in a block or accumulatively over a four month period). Ten sessions is 5 school days. Please find below criteria for a special circumstance:

- Service personnel returning from active deployment
- Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangements is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production of confirmation from the organisation/company.
- Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided.
- When a family needs to spend more time together to support each other during or after a crisis

### Year 5 Enrichment Day

Our Year 5 children will be going to Thirsk School & Sixth Form College on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June for a curriculum enrichment day. The aim is for pupils to experience a day at secondary school and have the opportunity to take part in activities throughout the day. Children will need to be at school for 8.30am on this morning and will be accompanied to Thirsk School by a teacher. Thank you.

### Win £5000 For The School Library With National Book Tokens

Your school needs you! Enter to win £5,000/€5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school - enough to buy hundreds of new books for the library. For more information please visit <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WUA7MIWcHmS>. Thank you.

### Dates For Your Diary

15<sup>th</sup> June - New Reception 2017 children stay and play 1.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> June - Diamond (HG) and Topaz (CS) class cake stall  
21<sup>st</sup> June - Year 5 Enrichment day Thirsk School  
22<sup>nd</sup> June - New Reception 2017 children stay and play 1.30pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> June - Non uniform day for the Summer Fair  
29<sup>th</sup> June - New Reception 2017 children stay and play 1.30pm  
30<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fair 6pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 induction week Thirsk School  
5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 4 residential visit to Carlton Lodge  
5<sup>th</sup> July - Lunch New Reception 2017 children and parents  
11<sup>th</sup> July - KS2 cluster sports at Thirsk School  
12<sup>th</sup> July - Cake stall tea party 2.30pm  
13<sup>th</sup> July - Cake stall tea party 2.30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> July - Y5/6 production 6.00pm  
17<sup>th</sup> July - Big Breakfast  
21<sup>st</sup> July - Sports day KS2 am and KS1 pm  
25<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 leaver's assembly  
25<sup>th</sup> July - School closes 2.30pm for summer break

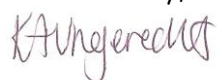
### Attendance last week

Whole school attendance 96.5%

Unauthorised absence 1.9%

Best class attendance: Ruby (SD), Opal (LA) and Sapphire (AS) classes 100%. Well done!

Yours sincerely,



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