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Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents,

MacMillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Cancer Care coffee morning last Friday which raised £260.00 and to the TA's, who did an amazing job. We are so grateful for their hard work pulling it all together. What a great day.

Census Day - KS1 Universal Free School Meals/KS2 pupils - tomorrow Thursday 5th October 2017

Tomorrow, Thursday 5th October, 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 and those in KS2 who do not usually have a school lunch. The majority of children in KS1 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 for KS1 so why not! For KS2 children schools meals are £2.10 per day. The menu this day is:

- Cheese and Tomato Pizza
- Stuffed Courgette (vegetarian option)
- Jacket Potatoes (with beans/cheese/tuna)
- Chocolate Surprise Cake & Chocolate Sauce / Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt

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

Cycles and Scooters

If your child cycles to school or comes on a scooter, please can you ensure they bring a lock to secure them during the day. Also make sure that they have a helmet. Thank you.

Harvest Festival Friday 6th October

Every year we hold a short celebratory service in church to celebrate the harvest. We collect non-perishable goods (tins, packets and toiletries) for Thirsk Clock and the homeless, and take them to church as a gift. Please send any donation to school on the morning of the service with your child. If you would like to help walk your child's class to St Oswald's Church with us please contact your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you there if you can make it! There is not a lot of room in church when all the children are in. There is a section of the church dedicated to parent seating but if it is full, please be prepared to stand! Thank you.

Parents Evenings week commencing 9th October 2017

Parents Evening for children in Reception to Year 6 will take place week commencing 9th October. This interview is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress. Letters were sent home with your child last week to book your appointment time. Mrs Clark, our Home school link worker, is always here to help if appointment times are difficult. Please don't hesitate to contact her on the school number. Thank you.

Year 6 Visit to Crucial Crew

Our Year 6 pupils are looking forward to visiting Crucial Crew on 12th October where they will learn all about health and safety.

Apple Day Tuesday 17th October



FOSS would like to invite everyone to an apple day on Tuesday 17th October, 3.30pm-4.15pm in the apple orchard (near Sowerby Nursery). Come along and enjoy all things apple with free tasting, a juicing demonstration, crocheted apple throwing and printing. There is something for everyone. There will also be delicious crepes, toffee apples, mulled apple juice, homemade chutney and apple cakes for sale.

Reminder - Flu Vaccinations - Reception and Y1 to Y4 Children Thursday 12th October

Flu vaccinations for children in Reception and Y1 to Y4 will take place on Thursday 12th October. 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 on this day.

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

Thirsk Royal British Legion Brass Training Band

We very much enjoyed our visit to your school last week and the chance we had to encourage you to try out our brass instruments. Your enthusiasm was wonderful. If you would like to join us and see if playing with our training band is for you, please come along on Tuesday evenings at 7.00 pm to Thirsk Auction Mart where we have our band room. We practice from 7.00pm to 7.50pm in school term time. You will be provided with an instrument, and with free tuition. This could be your chance to learn to play music in a fun group setting. We offer a four week free trial. If this musical activity is for you, then after four weeks we will ask for a £25 deposit for the instrument (returnable when you return the instrument, provided it is as it was when we lent it to you) and our subscription is £20 per year per junior member. There is no uniform or music that you will need to buy. If it is not for you, then no problem - during those four weeks, just let us have the instrument back (in one piece!) and there will be no cost to you. We look forward to seeing you and playing brass music with you soon. Any queries please email Maureen Worley at m.worleyjg@gmail.com.

Website Updates

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

Dates for your diary

5th October - Census day encouraging school meal uptake
6th October - Harvest Festival, St Oswald's Church 9.30am
9th-13th October - Parents evening week
10th October - Y5/6 tag rugby
11th October - Academy consultation drop in session 4.30pm-5.30pm
12th October - Flu vaccination for Reception, Y1 to Y4 children
12th October - Y6 visit to Crucial Crew
17th October - Individual Photographs
17th October - Apple day 3.30pm-4.15pm
19th October - Stay and play session for Y1 parents 9am -10am
19th October - Disco Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 4.30pm-5.30pm
19th October - Disco Year 3,4,5 and 6 6pm-7pm
20th October - Y5/6 girls football
20th October - School closes for half term
30th October - School re-opens 8.50am
30th October - 3rd November - Y6 residential to East Barnby

10th November - FOSS pantomime
23rd-30th November - Book Fair

Attendance last week

Whole school attendance 95.7%

Unauthorised absence 0.8%

Best class attendance: Ruby (SD/LF) and Crystal (SHe) classes 98.5%. Well done.

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher**