

'Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners'

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Newsletter 5

Dear Parents,

Apple Day: Date: 11th October 2018 School Apple Orchard near the nursery.



Apple Day is here again. FOSS and the Gardening Club want to celebrate all things apple with you. There will be an apple press so you can taste fresh apple juice, apple products to buy and mulled juice to drink. Feel free to come along at 3.30pm to the school apple orchard near the nursery to join in the fun and try some of the games. This year we are also selling bottles of our own apple juice pressed from the trees at the school. It's delicious. Look forward to seeing you there.

Census Day - KS1 Universal Free School Meals/KS2 pupils - Thursday 4th October

Tomorrow, Thursday 4th 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!

The menu this day is:

- Fish Fingers
- Spanish Baked Bean Omelette (vegetarian option)
- Jacket Potatoes (with beans/cheese/tuna)
- Swiss Bun / Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt

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

The menu for Friday 5th October will be beef wraps, macaroni cheese (vegetarian), jacket potato with either cheese, beans or tuna.

Parent Governors

We currently have three vacancies for parent governors. Our Governing Body support the school in many ways. They meet half termly and help formulate the strategic plan for the school as part of a multi-academy trust. Nomination forms are available from the school office. If you would like to email admin@sowerbyacademy.org they will be pleased to send them back to you.

Harvest Festival Friday 12th 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

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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.

Headteacher and East Barnby Meeting 4pm

On Monday, 15th October Miss Lambden, Headteacher of Thirsk School, will be in school to meet children and parents of Year 5/6 pupils who did not have the opportunity to attend the open evening at Thirsk School last week. This will be followed by a meeting for Year 6 parents regarding the East Barnby Residential visit which will last for approximately 30 minutes. More information regarding these meetings will follow in a separate letter.

Individual Photographs Tuesday 16th October

The school photographer is in school on Tuesday, 16th October. All children will have their photograph taken individually and with their siblings in school unless you inform us that you do not wish your children to have them taken. If you want a family photograph with younger / older siblings not in school, please come into school through the main entrance from 8.30am. It will be on a first come first served basis. Thank you.

Reception Classes Stay and Learn

Mrs Gibson and Miss Drake would like to invite all Reception parents to a stay and learn session on Monday 22nd October at 9am until 9.45am. This will be an opportunity to see your child in the setting and see how well they have settled in. We would also welcome your feedback on our New Starter questionnaire.

Free School Meals

Are in receipt of any of the following:

Universal Credit provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7400

Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16190

Income Support

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

Income related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Guarantee element of Pension Credit

If you are you may be entitled to free school meals. To apply please see the forms on the website or collect one from the school office. Thank you.

Reminder - Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Year 5 Children Wednesday 7th November

Flu vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 5 will take place on Wednesday 7th November 2018. Please visit <https://www.hdfinhs.uk/flu-consent> for the form to consent electronically for your child to receive their flu vaccine in school on this day if you have not already done so.. The code you require is LD53T. Please register as soon as possible. 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 2019 (born between 01.09.14 and 31.08.15 inclusive) you will find all the information you need to apply for a school place at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions. Online forms must be submitted by 15th January 2019. Please share this information with any friends or relatives who also have children due to start school in September 2019. Thank you.

Children in Need

We will celebrate Children in Need on Friday 16th November. On this day your child can wear spots to school and bring a donation.

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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. 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

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 are held on a Thursday after school and run until 25th 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. Please also let the school office know if you are going to attend. Thank you

The Clock Thirsk

The Clock in Thirsk runs a youth club called Little Hands for years 5 and 6 and would like to invite any new members to come along and get involved. It runs on a Wednesday evening from 5pm till 7 pm. If parents would like to know any more information about it please call us on 01845 524494.

Dates For Your Diary

12th October - Harvest Festival

15th Thirsk School Headteacher & East Bamby meeting

16th October - Individual Photographs

26th October - School closes for half term

5th November - School re-opens

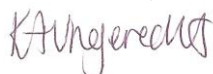
16th November - Children in Need

19th November - Y6 residential week East Bamby

Attendance Last Week

Whole School 96.7% Unauthorised absence 0.7%. Best class attendance Jade Class 100%. Well done.

Yours sincerely,



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