



Newsletter Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2016



I would like to welcome everyone back following a wonderful summer break.

The children have returned to school with a terrific attitude towards their learning. There is a very peaceful and settled atmosphere in school makes for a super start to the school year.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club is now up and running and the children who attend are loving it!

Don't forget, your child can attend as and when you need them to at a cost of £2 per day. If you pay in advance for the week it is £8 (which is one day free) and if you pay in advance for the month it is

£30 (which means you get one week free).

PLAYGROUND BAGELS



The children are loving the playground Bagels and staff are noticing a big difference in class on a morning, the children are arriving into class on time really settled and ready to learn.

Menu for Bagel Toppings:

Strawberry Jam

Cheese Spread

Honey

Butter

Chocolate Spread

These are on a first come first served basis ... so be early!

ROALD DAHL DAY



Friday 23rd September

We will once again be taking part in a "Roald Dahl Day" this **FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER**. Throughout the day we will focus the children's learning around this fabulous author's work and also help to promote reading both in school and at home.

I hope all the children will join staff by coming to school dressed as a Roald Dahl book character.

We ask that everyone pays £1- funds raised will be split equally between supporting the Dahl charity for seriously ill children and buying books for the school library.

There will also be a "dahlicious" school dinner menu consisting of:

James and The Giant Feast:

Fantastic Mr Fox's Chicken Nuggets (made with 100% Chicken Breast meat)

Mike Teavee's American Fries

The BFG's Human Beans (preferably children for tenderness!)

Froboscottle (Tomato Ketchup)

Or

Nishnobblers (Jacket Potato)

A selection of Snozzcumber salads

Gloriumptious Scrumdiddlyumptious mouth-watering desserts:

Bruce Bogtrotters Chocolate Cake and Augustus Gloops Chocolate River

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Parents are then invited to join us for an afternoon of Dahl activities with your child from 2.45 in their classrooms.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children are looking fantastic in their school uniforms and I would like to thank you all for ensuring your children are wearing it at all times.

If your child has lost their tie, could you please purchase another one at the cost of £3.00 by requesting an order form from the school office as it is a compulsory item of the school uniform.

All children must have a P.E. kit consisting of Plain White T Shirt, Plain Black shorts and a pair of trainers or pumps.

If any child does not have their kit, they will lose a playtime.

No earrings should be worn on P.E. days or Swimming Days.



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PAINTING SHIRTS

Please could all children from Y1-Y6 bring in a painting shirt for when they are doing Art work? This will help protect their shirts from getting stained. One of dad's old shirts or t-shirts would be perfect. Thank you.



CLASS TOPICS

Here are the Topics each class will be covering this half term:

Nursery- Ourselves/Autumn/Harvest

Reception- Ourselves/Autumn/Harvest

Year 1 – Our Friend

Year2 – This is Yorkshire

Year 3 – The adventures of Howard Carter

Year 4–The Sound of Music/ Town Planners

Year 5–Survival

Year 6– A Taste of Britain/Lord Snowdon

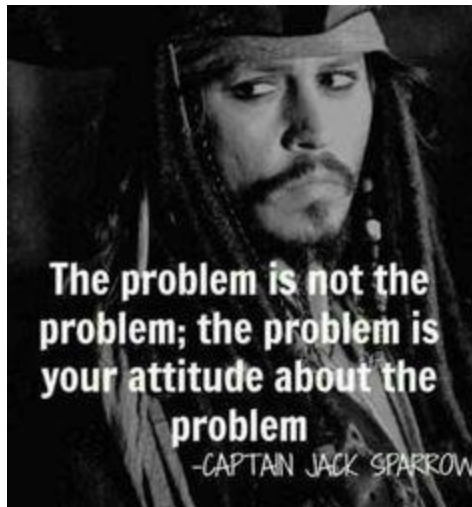
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

May I please remind you that **ALL** children in Reception to the end of Year 2 are now entitled to a free school meal. However, if you are in receipt of any benefit, you will still need to fill out an application form to apply for Pupil Premium. If you are unsure, or have any questions, please speak to the office staff who will be happy to advise you.

VALUES

Each month we will be focussing on a particular VALUE with the children.

This month our focus is on **POSITIVITY**.



CHALLENGE

Can you write an Acrostic poem for the word Positivity?

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school to take individual photographs on **Tuesday 22nd November**. (Details will follow closer to the date).

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



After school clubs with Miss Guest have started again this week...once again they are all very popular and filled up very quickly! If your child was not successful in getting a place in the club they wanted, they will go on a reserve list.

If children miss more than 2 sessions, they will lose their place as there are lots of children on the reserve lists!

SCHOOL TIMES

Could I please remind you all that all children need to be in school promptly at **8.45 (8.30 to collect their Bagel)** and in particular, should be collected promptly at **3.20 p.m.** (With the exception of the Nursery children whose times are **8.30-11.30** and **12.30- 3.30**).

During the cold, wet weather please do NOT arrive at school until around 8.30. Some children are on the playground from 8am on a morning and now that the weather is changing they are going to be cold and wet before they get into school.

Even on wet days, children will not be allowed inside until 8.30 as not all staff are in the building to supervise them (with the exception of the children in the Breakfast Club).

If you want your child to come into school early, then they will have to attend the Breakfast club at a cost of £2.

ATTENDANCE

We pride ourselves in the way we manage and promote "good" attendance and punctuality in our school.

Attendance at the end of last year was very good and we achieved above our school target of 96%. Our aim this year is to exceed our new target of 96.5%.

Attendance is looking good at the moment. However, it could be better. Some children are falling into the "Persistent Absentee" category due to families taking holidays in term time which is very disappointing.

Throughout the year, Attendance will be monitored very closely by Mrs Wilkinson (our PSA) and if your child's Attendance should fall below 94%, you will receive a

letter informing you that if there is no improvement, this information will be passed onto Nichola Brannan (our EWO) for further action.

(Please see the attached "Attendance Matters" leaflet).

Because we have only been back to school for a short time, some children have already fallen into this category due to unauthorised school holidays!

CLASS SIZES

Our pupil numbers are rising daily!

At present our **Year 1 and Year 5** classes are full!

Here is a breakdown of the present classes:

Nursery a.m. 11 – p.m. 9

Reception – 22

Year 1 – 30

Year 2 – 26

Year 3 – 26

Year 4– 28

Year 5– 30

Year 6– 16

Our current total on role is 198

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Our Harvest Festival this year will be held here in school on **Wednesday 21st September.**

All produce will once again be delivered to the elderly residents of Darfield.

Please help us in supporting our Community by donating Harvest gifts.



STAFF UPDATE

Mrs Birkenshaw and Miss Hancox have left All Saints.

On behalf of all the staff and children at All Saints Academy I would like to thank them both for all their hard work and

commitment to the school and wish them both the best in the future.

New staff members

I would like to welcome some new staff members to our team:

Miss Bedford is teaching Year 5.

Miss Glyde is teaching Year 4.

Miss Gulliver- a student teacher working alongside Miss Shepherd and Mrs Parker in the Foundation Stage.

Miss Heatherington- Our new LSA who is supporting Miss Shepherd and Mrs Parker in the Foundation Stage.

And joining us soon to increase our team still further will be:-

Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Mamatei and Miss Birtles are all joining as LSAs in the very near future.

UPDATING PUPIL RECORDS

If you have any changes of address or telephone numbers, please update them at the school office as soon as possible to ensure all pupil data is kept up to date.

In particular, mobile numbers as they need be kept updated for our texting service.

It is going to be a very busy time up to the October half term and I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Courtenay Walls Head Teacher.