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Newsletter

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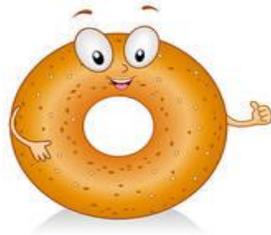
The new term has started wonderfully. The children have returned with a terrific attitude towards their learning. There is a very peaceful and settled atmosphere in school which makes for a super start to the school year.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is going from strength to strength 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



Don't forget that playground bagels are still available from 8.30-8.45 from the Year 2 classroom. These are available for all children.

Bagel toppings

Strawberry Jam

Cheese Spread

Honey

Butter

Chocolate Spread

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

Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival is taking place here in school on Wednesday 27th September and we would love parents to come along and join in our celebrations. We would like you to donate fresh produce which will be distributed to the elderly residents of Darfield.



Twitter

Please follow our twitter feeds to find out what is happening in school and in your child's class.



Roald Dahl Day



Friday 29th September

We will once again be taking part in a "Roald Dahl Day" this **Friday 29th September**. Throughout the day we will focus the children's learning around this fabulous authors work and also help to promote reading both in school and at home.

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

I hope all the children will join staff by coming dressed up 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 for 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 milk)

Mike Teavee's American Fries

The BFG's Human Beans (Preferably children for tenderness)

Frobscottle (tomato Ketchup)

Or

Nishnobblers (jacket potato)

A selection of Snoozzcumber salads

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Scrumdiddlyumptious mouth-watering desserts:

Bruce Bogtrotters Chocolate Cake and Augustus Gloops Chocolate River

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school to take individual and class photographs on **Tuesday 17th October**.

WEAR IT PINK DAY



researching the cure

This Years 'Pink Day' in support of Cancer Research will take place on Friday 20th October. Further details will follow closer to the date.

PARKING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

It is with regret that I have to remind parents **once again** about parking outside of school.

It is illegal (AS WELL AS BEING IRRESPONSIBLE) to park so close to the school entrance on the Yellow markings and you could receive a fine from the police who have been informed and will be carrying out some spot checks.

We have also had some complaints about parking on the grass verge across from school and on corners.

It is your child's safety at risk!

Please park responsibly.



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 from year 1 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.

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.



Head Lice

It would be very helpful if **ALL** parents could check their children for Head lice and treat them if need be.

If you need further advice please contact our school nurse on **08006126221** or your GP or local pharmacist.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

May I please remind you that **ALL** children in Reception to the end of Year 2 are 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



After school clubs with Miss Guest have started again. 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!

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.

CLASS TOPICS

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

Nursery- Autumn

Leaf Man/ Tattybogle

Reception- Autumn

Leaf Man/ Tattybogle

Year 1 – Great Fire of London

Year 2 – Entertainment

Toys from past/present

Year 3 – Ancient Egypt

Year 4–The Rainforest

Year 5–Natural Disasters

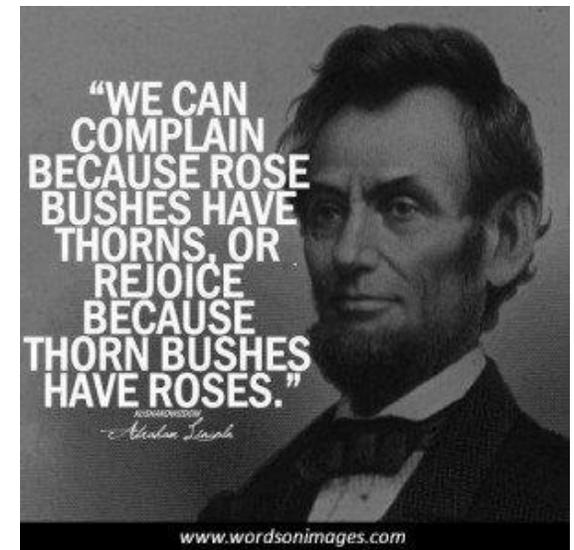
Volcanoes

Year 6– The Roman Empire

VALUES

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

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



Courtenay Walls Head Teacher.