

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the school,

Welcome back everyone; it has been great to see you all on the playground this week. It is only a seven week half term and it's pleasing to see that the pupils have settled back into their learning. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have joined our lovely school this week.

Thank you for the positive comments regarding your child's parents consultation meeting. If you have missed your appointment slot, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time to speak with your child's class teacher.

The British Legion Poppy Appeal

As part of teaching children British Values, we will once again be supporting the British Legion's Poppy Appeal. For a small donation, we will shortly be selling poppies and other branded items. All money raised goes directly to help serving service personnel, veterans, and their families. In school, we will be presenting our Remembrance Assembly and holding a minutes silence, not only to remember all those who fought in the two World Wars, but also the 12,000 British Servicemen and women who have been killed or injured since 1945.

School dinners

With the colder weather now fast approaching, a wide variety of tasty & nutritious hot meals are available if your child would like something warm to eat at lunchtime. Our new payments and ordering system, SchoolGrid, has been successfully launched – please contact the school office if you require any assistance with ordering meals at home.

Safeguarding at home time

Recently, there has been an increase in families arranging for someone different to collect their children, without notifying school. This has led to some awkward

and uncomfortable conversations for my staff.

We cannot let any child go home with a different adult unless you have contacted the school office and informed them of the change.

I'm sure you appreciate the importance of ensuring a safe 'handover' at the end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Catch up tutoring reminder

If your child is eligible for catch up tutoring after school, you will have received an invitation letter before half term. Sessions begin this week – please return your reply slip to school to confirm whether your child will be attending. Please let the office team know if you do not want your child to take part in catch up tutoring so that we can allocate this valuable place to another pupil in school.

Let the festivities begin!

November is the time when our pupils start their rehearsals for various Christmas concerts. This year we will be inviting parents into school to watch some of the concerts, whilst others will be recorded and viewed on our website. Department Leaders will shortly be writing to families in order to provide further details of the upcoming festivities and how to obtain tickets for concerts.

Punctuality

Yes, I know it is hard to drag ourselves out of bed on these dark mornings. I too, have to tackle my own children every morning who regularly refuse to get up. However it is important that our children get to school on time. I have recently noticed more families waiting to sign their children in late. We are currently monitoring this situation and will be contacting regular repeat offenders. A special thank you to all those families who get to school on time! We really do appreciate your support. Please don't forget to check out our school's Facebook page.

Have a lovely weekend everyone
Mr. Edensor
(Headteacher)

Diary Dates

Thursday 9th November

Leeds Story Bus visiting
Foundation Stage today.

Thursday 16th November

Yorkshire Owl Experience
visiting Year 1 today.

Weds 29th November

Training Day – school closed to pupils.

Thursday 30th November

Volcano workshops in Year 3
today.

Friday 1st December

Christmas Decoration Day:
Foundation Stage (am)
Years 3 and 4 (pm)

Monday 4th December

Christmas Decoration Day:
Years 1 and 2 (am)
Years 5 and 6 (pm)

Weds 6th December

Christmas around the world
day in Nursery.

Friday 8th December

Christmas jumper day.

Monday 11th December

Junior Leadership Team's visit
to London.

Friday 22nd December

Training Day – school closed to
pupils.

Christmas concerts dates and
times will be shortly sent out by
Department Leaders.