

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th May 2022

SUMMER 1 TERM

Hello Everyone!

We have had a lovely start to the summer term and our new topic of 'The Enchanted Woodland' with Conkers and Oak Trees visiting Howsham Mill for a Science linked field trip.

We are also delighted to welcome Hawkes Sports who are delivering our PE curriculum on a Monday afternoon, as well as Mr John from Malton and Norton Rugby Club, who is coaching the Year 5 and 6 pupils on a Friday afternoon. The sessions are going down very well and we are delighted to see the passion and enthusiasm from the pupils for sports.

Mrs Stockill, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Peel have taken the KS2 class to Young Voices singing performance at Sheffield Arena today and we are looking forward to hearing all about this extra special event.

I will keep my hello brief as there is lots of information in this newsletter so sit down with a cuppa and your calendar and enjoy!

Have a lovely weekend

My best wishes



Attendance

Attendance this half term is 94.1%

Attendance this week is 94.5%

The national attendance figure at this point in time is 95%

We will continue to monitor attendance closely and remind parents of their responsibilities. We do aim to work with families to improve attendance. At times, this is not always possible and, in these instances, we have a duty to follow up persistent absenteeism with more formal procedures. We do appreciate you working with us to ensure attendance is a priority for your child's wellbeing.

Punctuality

A reminder that school starts promptly at 9am. All children should be in school for this time. Any child arriving after this time will be marked as 'late'. School leaders will also monitor punctuality and we would like to remind you of the importance of being punctual.

DIARY DATES

Weds 25th May

Test The Teacher - YorkMix radio in school. Mrs Mitchell competing for a chance to win prizes for school!

Beetle Bank Farm - Nursery Trip

Payment via ParentPay (coming soon!)

Thurs 26th May

1.30pm **Parent well-being afternoon**

Fri 27th May

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Celebrations Buffet-lunch (see page 2)

Mon 30th-Fri 3rd June

Half term break

JUNE

Mon 6th June

Term starts

Howsham Mill Trip (Conkers)

Thurs 16th June

Howsham Mill Trip (Oak Trees)

Tues 21st & Weds 22nd June

Year 6 Transition Days

(Both Malton and Norton School)

Thurs 30th June

Sports Day

JULY

Weds 6th July

Cricket Tournament 1pm

Thurs 7th July

Reserve Sports Day

Fri 8th July

Pupil reports out

Tues 12th & Weds 13th July

Year 6 Bikeability

Weds 20th July

Year 6 Leavers Day Out

Details to follow...!

Fri 22nd July

End of year celebration assembly

9.30am

LAST SCHOOL DAY OF TERM!

Miss Suter

Miss Suter is preparing to bid farewell to Leavening but will be staying until we have appointed a replacement Kitchen Assistant. It is officially Miss Suters last day today and we would like to thank her for being a valued member of our team this year. Lunchtime is such a key part of the school day for the children, and we aim to make lunchtimes as happy, enjoyable and sociable as can be. Miss Suter has been a big part of this.

Miss Dunn

Over this last term we have had Miss Dunn working in our team as a trainee teacher on her second placement from York St John. Miss Dunn has been working alongside Mrs Price in Oak Trees class and has made a positive contribution to our school. We wish Miss Dunn all the very best for her future placements and career.

Extra-Curricular Activity Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs are proving popular and successful, and I would like to extend a thank you to all the staff who are carrying out these clubs after school to ensure our pupils have rich and meaningful learning opportunities out of the school day.



Reminder about our school uniform for PE

Our P.E. kit consists of blue or black shorts with a white P.E. T-shirt and soft black pumps for indoor P.E. and trainers for outdoor P.E. Many pupils are coming to school dressed in PE clothing/active wear and footwear that is different to the school policy.



Please can you make a considered effort to ensure that pupils are encouraged to adhere to and respect the uniform policy as is the case with formal school uniform.

Forest School afternoon

ALL children will need their Forest School kit on Thursday 26th May in the afternoon as they will be doing a Forest School activity linked to celebrate the end of the topic.

Queens jubilee lunch on Friday 27th May

On the last day of the half term, Friday 27th May, we are planning a special day in school to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will include a party buffet at lunchtime, instead of the usual dinner options (usual dinner price for children in Key Stage 2 applies).

The menu is likely to include: A selection of sandwiches, cheese, cucumber, ham, Sausage rolls/veggie rolls

Pizza, Cheese & pineapple sticks, Fruit, Carrot & Cucumber sticks, Cupcakes/GF Brownie

Please note that there will be no jacket potatoes or other usual menu options on this date.

Please discuss this with your child as we will be asking them next week (to assist the kitchen with ordering) if they will be participating in the buffet or bringing their own packed lunch.

Parent well-being afternoon - FREE!

Thursday 26th May at 2-3pm

This mindfulness session will be held in the hall with Mrs Peel - with coffee and cake! Everyone is welcome but please let Mrs Kemp know if you will be attending, so we have an idea of numbers.



Guidance for chicken pox

We have been made aware of a very small number of recent Chicken Pox cases in school.

Please see here for the latest NHS guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Chickenpox is common and mostly affects children, but you can get it at any age. It usually gets better by itself after 1 to 2 weeks without needing to see a GP.

Stage 1: small spots appear

The spots can: be anywhere on the body, including inside the mouth and around the genitals, which can be painful, spread or stay in a small area be red, pink, darker or the same colour as surrounding skin, depending on your skin tone be harder to see on brown and black skin



Stage 2: the spots become blisters

The spots fill with fluid and become blisters. The blisters are very itchy and may burst.

Stage 3: the blisters become scabs

The spots form a scab. Some scabs are flaky while others leak fluid.



Other symptoms

Before or after the rash appears, you might also get:

- a high temperature
- aches and pains, and generally feeling unwell
- loss of appetite

Chickenpox is very itchy and can make children feel miserable, even if they do not have many spots. The chickenpox spots look the same on children and adults. But adults usually have a high temperature for longer and more spots than children.

It's possible to get chickenpox more than once, but it's unusual.

How to treat chickenpox at home

Stay off school or work

You'll need to stay away from school, nursery or work until all the spots have formed a scab.

This is usually 5 days after the spots appeared.