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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Letter 1

Friday 6th September 2019

Dear Parents/Guardian,

NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL

Collective worship theme next week is: **Stories from the Bible**

Monday 9th September	2.25 Guitar lessons	Weekly Attendance Class 1 92.5% Class 2 100% Class 3 96.1% Well done to: Class 2 School attendance total for the week is 96.6%
Tuesday 10th September	9.15 audio checks for year 1 children 12.40 Ukulele and keyboard lessons 1.00pm violin lessons 2.00pm Collective worship led by Hayley Liversidge from Northallerton Methodist Church 2.15 Brass lessons 7.00pm FASS meeting at school	
Wednesday 11th September		
Thursday 12th September		
Friday 13th September	Pm Class 2 and 3 football sessions	
<p>Please may I remind you to send a letter or email to school as soon as your child has returned to school, dated, explaining their absence for us to keep as a record at school.</p>		

SCHOOL NOTICES

Welcome back to the start of this new academic year and welcome to our new children and their families. Our children are all looking very smart and have settled quickly into their new classes.

Please may I remind you that each weekly letter is numbered and I generally do a letter each week. These will be emailed to you with any additional letters (listed at the bottom of this letter). A copy of this letter is also put on the school website under the news tab.

Most of our communication is electronic using School Gateway as we try and save money through the reduction of photocopying and use of paper. Please let Laura know in the school office if you have not received the newsletter electronically so we can check the email address we have for you on file.

SCHOOL DINNERS- YEAR 3 PARENTS

Children are entitled to free school meals up to the end of year 2. From year 3 onwards, school dinners are paid meals. Please remember that as a healthy school, sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks should not be included in packed

lunch boxes. Things such as a biscuit bars like club, etc. are allowed. Please also cut up things such as grapes for younger children, to prevent choking. **We do not allow nuts at school due to children with allergies.**

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Please note the change of times as stated on the weekly diary above and ensure your child has their instrument, music books and diaries in school that day.

IMPORTANT KIDS CLUB BOOKING SYSTEM

Reminder: bookings for breakfast and after school club need to be made via School Gateway. If you need to alter a booking, please let us know and we can do that in the school office

FOOTBALL COACHING

James Lofthouse will be in school doing football skills each Friday working with class 2 and 3 (years 2-6). There will also be a Friday lunchtime football club for any children in years 2-6.

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER CYCLE RACE - REMINDER

Advance warning - on Wednesday 25th September there is a cycle race coming through the village as part of the Men's Elite Individual Time Trial. Yorkshire 2019 UCI Road World Championships. There will be a complete road closure on the main road from Northallerton to Bedale on the Wednesday with the exception of emergency vehicles. We have been told the road will be closed from 11.00am until approximately 3.45pm. We have decided that we can still open on that day and people can either come the back roads or collect children at 3.45pm when the roads should be open. We are still awaiting further information. It is likely that we will take the children to the top of the road and watch some of the cyclists. Those children who get the school bus home, we are liaising with Proctors, however it may be that alternative arrangements need to be made if the bus is unable to come via the back roads, we will keep you informed as soon as we have further information.

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

Next week I hope to be able to give you a list of diary dates for the term.

PARKING AT SCHOOL

Please may I remind you that the school car park is for the use of Ainderby Steeple and Dales school staff only. The exception is parents of children with an education health care plan and parents who are helping in the school. Please ensure other relatives who do not receive this letter are aware of this when collecting and dropping off children at school. The road can be quite congested, please be mindful of keeping drive ways free.

MEDICATION AND ILLNESS

Any children who require medication/ inhalers during the school day and need this medication to be kept in school please bring it to the school office as there are forms that need to be filled out by a parent for consent so that staff are able to administer regular medication and store it here at school. These forms can be found on the school website, school information tab - forms.

PE

As part of our health and safety policy, children with pierced ears need to either remove or cover their earrings for all sports in school. Please provide plasters or tape from home. Please leave PE kits in school all week or even all half term so that they are always in school for PE lessons.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

I have attached secondary school open evening information for both year 5 and 6 parents. If you are unsure about secondary school choice for your child, I would recommend visiting them all, even if your child is in year 5, so that you get a flavour of the many high schools in our locality to choose from.

FASS (Friends of Ainderby Steeple School)

FASS are having their first meeting on Tuesday 10th September at school at 7.00pm. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and get involved in fundraising to benefit all our children. School relies on the contributions of FASS with school budgets being so stretched. If you are unable to make the meeting, don't worry as you can always volunteer at any of the events, all help is greatly appreciated.

MESSAGE FROM KIDS CLUB

Kids club mobile phone (07544536369) which is to be used during Kids Club opening hours should you need to contact a member of the Kids Club Staff. The phone is only operated and manned during opening times. This should be particularly useful if you are possibly running late or stuck in traffic etc. This is **not** for booking kids club, please continue to do that via school be email or phone.

OTHER SCHOOL ITEMS SENT HOME TONIGHT

Please remember to look at all the attachments attached to the school email to ensure you have all the information needed regarding school

SFX open evening - Y5 and 6 parents only

Richmond School open evening - Y5 and 6 only

Year 6 secondary transfer letter - Year 6 only

THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher