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Letter 8

Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents/Guardian,

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AFTER HALF TERM AT SCHOOL

Monday 2 nd November	SCHOOL OPENS FOR THE START OF THE 2 ND AUTUMN HALF TERM Week 2 dinner menu
Tuesday 3 rd November	
Wednesday 4 th November	
Thursday 5 th November	
Friday 6 th November	1.15pm Class 3 football skills with James Lofthouse - Outside PE kit to be worn all day please.
Please may I remind you to phone us if your child is absent so we know why they are absent and 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.	

SCHOOL NOTICES

What a strange half term it has been as we find a new way of working during these times of Coronavirus. Our children have adapted very well and are getting back into the routines, but we are aware that some are anxious. Our older children are more aware of the current situation and are also conscious of the things they are not able to do which we would normally do and that can seem strange to them, as well as being anxious as to whether this will ever end. Do try and encourage your children to talk to you and reassure them when they have worries.

One of the things recommended to do after school is to ask your children to tell you three positive or happy or fun things from the day and then a worry or anything that has made them sad so that they can have that open dialogue with you. Don't be surprised if some children don't want to talk about their day, that is also quite normal, but don't give up, keep giving them that opportunity.

Please continue to follow the government guidance over the half term break. Thankfully we have not had any staff or children test positive and we must continue to try and aim for this. Please may I remind you that should someone in your household have symptoms, however mild, if that person is getting a test, then everyone from that point in the household should be self-isolating until results from the test come back. If we were to get a positive case within school, a standard letter would go home to every family and a separate letter given to those families where their child

has been in close contact with the person who has tested positive. We will not disclose whether it is a child or member of staff and we will not disclose who the person is.

MY CHILD AT SCHOOL APP (MCAS)

Please make sure you have downloaded the MCAS app and logged on. We try and do all payments through the app and the emails/messages from school can appear in the app too. Please contact Mrs Holdsworth in the office if you have any problems getting onto this.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING - RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Thank you for completing the time preference online form. We have allocated times, these have gone home on a piece of paper tonight.

POPPY APPEAL

We have a variety of things on sale for the Royal British Legion after half term. This year for 50p children can purchase rubbers, pencil sharpeners, reflective poppies, wristbands and pencils. There are also rulers for £1. Children may bring any amount as a donation for the poppies once we come back after half term. There will be a selection each class bubble.

REMINDERS

FLU CONSENT-IMPORTANT

The last date to book your child for the school flu vaccination is **Sunday 25th October**.

SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOICE-YEAR 6 PARENTS

The deadline for applying for your child's secondary school place for September 2021 is **31st October** via the NYCC website.

CLASS TEACHER CONTACTS

If you need to contact your child's class teacher directly, they each have a school email address:

Mrs Montgomery (Reception and year 1) YASClass1@ainderby.dalesmat.org

Mrs Link (years 2 and 3) YASClass2@ainderby.dalesmat.org

Mrs Watts (Years 4,5,6) YASClass3@ainderby.dalesmat.org

PRESCHOOL PARENTS

EYFS FUNDING

When your child turns 3 between the 1st September and 31st December, they may be eligible for 30 hours funding from 1st January 2021. The time to apply is from now until **30th November**. Apply via the NYCC website, see the link for more information: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-funding-3-and-4-year-olds>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

This week has gone really quickly and it has been a busy one in preschool. We started some Autumn pictures printing with leaves, painting with branches and sticking leaves on to make a collage. We will be putting these on our wall to make a lovely Autumn display. Over the half term if you are out you could collect some leaves and be creative at home with your children. If you find any conkers we would love to see them in preschool after half term.

It has been Aspect 7 in our Early Years Phonics oral blending and segmenting of sounds in words, for example "Touch your t-o-e-s," or "Who can touch their f-e-e-t?" etc. You could practice these at home with your children.

We have been working on our numbers 1-10.

Have a lovely half term, see you on Monday 2nd November

Tracy, Alison, Helen and Fiona

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PERSONALISED TEA TOWELS

After half term there will be an opportunity to purchase a tea towel which has a picture of every child at school displayed. The children from preschool to year 6 have drawn themselves and these are printed on a tea towel. They will be available for £4 each or 3 for £10. Money from each tea towel goes towards school. Have a think how many you

would wish to buy as they make excellent Christmas presents/stocking fillers for family members. We will be asking for orders with payment after half term.

REBECCA PITCHER FLIER

Huge thanks to Rebecca, a local designer who is kindly giving 10% from any order made during November to school. Please see the attached flier to see the lovely products she is selling and perhaps get some inspiration for Christmas gifts.

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. I am now putting all letters on the school website.

Flu letter reminder - electronic

Cool Milk letter - electronic

James Lofthouse Holiday club - electronic

Y5/6 talent letter and Thirsk school letter (Year 5/6 only) - electronic

Parents Evening Slips - paper home.

Rebecca Pitcher shop for school flier - electronic

WE WISH YOU A LOVELY HALF TERM HOLIDAY AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER. REMEMBER THE CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT/SUNDAY MORNING. STAY SAFE, REMEMBER HANDS, FACE, SPACE.

Yours sincerely



Mrs F. Sharp
Headteacher