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Letter 27

Friday 16th April 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian,

**ALL LETTERS ARE ALSO ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE NEWSLETTER TAB
 THINGS THAT NEED ACTIONING ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW**

NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL

Monday 19 th April	Week 1 dinner menu
Tuesday 20 th April	Class 2 (Mrs Link) COME TO SCHOOL IN PE KITS FOR OUTDOOR PE
Wednesday 21 st April	Trumpet and key board lessons Class 3 (Mrs Watts) COME TO SCHOOL IN PE KITS FOR OUTDOOR PE
Thursday 22 nd April	Class 1 (Mrs Montgomery) and Class 3 COME TO SCHOOL IN PE KITS FOR OUTDOOR PE with James Lofthouse
Friday 23 rd April	
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.	

WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are now enjoying the welcome sunshine. It is hard to believe that we are now into what is classed as the summer term after another interrupted school year.

COVID UPDATE

This is just a reminder that all COVID procedures are still the same at school and we must therefore follow all the same routines as we have been. As things hopefully change, I will keep you informed. I am still longing for the day when we don't have school bubbles as it goes completely against our school ethos of one family.

MRS HOLDSWORTH - GOODBYE

Today we say 'Goodbye' to Steph Holdsworth in the school office. I am sure you will all agree she has done an amazing job as our school administrator and kids club teacher. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her much happiness in Scotland as she helps to support her parents. I am sure they are looking forward to having her home. Steph and the girls will be calling back to see us and keeping in touch.

WELCOME TO SOME NEW STAFF

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR - We welcome Mrs Janet O'Connor as our new school administrator. Janet lives locally and is very much looking forward to working at our school. She has had 3 days working with Steph for a brief handover, but it has been an overload of information. Please bear with us in the office as we learn to manage without Steph and Janet gets to know the computer systems, finance systems and day to day routines of school. Please mention which class your child is in and use both first and last names if needing to pass messages to children/class teachers etc as Janet doesn't currently know the children. This photo is Janet, so that you know who it is you are speaking to on the phone.



PRESCHOOL - Ceri Owen is working part time on a morning in preschool due to an increase in numbers.

TEACHING ASSISTANT STUDENT (CLASS 1)- Belinda Frost is a student teaching assistant and she is working 2 days a week in class 1.

MRS MONTGOMERY (CLASS 1) OPERATION

Mrs Montgomery has had her operation rescheduled to May 4th and in preparation has to self-isolate for 2 weeks. She is therefore having to finish on Monday 19th April. Mrs Huyton and Mrs Kitching will be teaching the class in her absence like they did successfully before Christmas. We hope her operation goes well and she has a speedy recovery.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We currently have the same 3 weekly dinner menu but we are finding that some children are wanting to have different options to what they have chosen with parents. They get their food then don't eat it and we have a lot of wasted food. This can be genuine reasons such as not liking the cheese at school compared to cheese at home etc. We are therefore reverting back to what we have previously done and asking children in class 2 and 3 (years 2-6) to be more independent and make their own lunch choice each day. Class 1 will continue to be parental choice and changes will only be made if a child doesn't like the food that has been chosen for them.

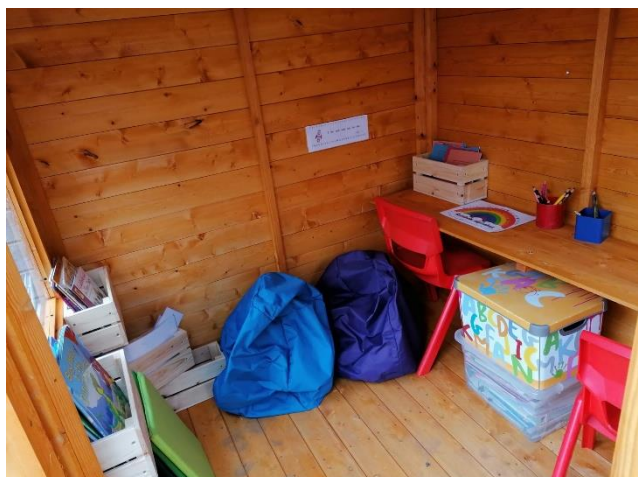
BUGINGHAM PALACE HOTEL

Class 3 designed and constructed a bug mansion at the end of last term which then inspired some fabulous writing of letters to the manager and radio scripts for adverts! We also made signs to welcome our new bug guests and decorated pebbles with unique bug designs. The Hotel is situated in the top corner of the school field and we hope it will be enjoyed by future generations of creepy-crawlies and children alike! Thank you to all the class people who brought in contributions to school to make it such a huge success.



NEW EQUIPMENT

Class 1 and preschool have some fantastic out-door equipment for making obstacle courses. Class 1 also have a new literacy shed where they can read books sitting on the comfy beanbags and do writing/mark making.



SUMDOG MATHS COMPETITION - WE WON!

Class 3 were the overall winners of the Dalesmat Sumdog contest 19-25th March and the class received the certificate which we have attached. Every participant received 5000 coins on their Sumdog account. The next contest is a North Yorkshire one 23rd-29th April, Class 2 and 3 are entered.

PARKING AT SCHOOL - HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please can I ask you to be careful when parking at drop off/collection times. It has certainly eased things with having the staggered starts. Please try and avoid using residents drives to turn around as this means crossing the path where our children are walking, We wouldn't want anyone's child to have an accident.

PRESCHOOL PARENTS

Please also see the messages above as notices may apply to preschool as well.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

Hi Everyone

Welcome back after the Easter Break we hope you all had a good holiday.

This half term our theme is all about Homes we have started with the children building a home from junk and then decorating it. The children have also made a house jigsaw, colouring a house shape then using their cutting skills to cut it into four or five pieces.

We have spent all week in our lovely garden as the weather has been so nice this week. We have some new play equipment which the children have been exploring. They have also been watching the birds, especially a robin who comes to the bird table regularly. The birds are very vocal which ties in with our phonics this week which is Aspect 1 listening to different sounds within our environment.

With it being the Summer Term and hopefully we will get some lovely weather, please could you send in named sun hats and ensure your child has sun cream on. Please make sure all drinks and packed lunch boxes are also named. We have another member of staff who will be helping us this term as we are very busy her name is Ceri and she has started this week.

Have a lovely weekend

Tracy, Alison, Helen, Fiona and Ceri

OTHER SCHOOL ITEMS SENT HOME TONIGHT

Please remember to look at all the attachments with the school email to ensure you have all the information needed regarding school. All letters on the school website.

Class 3 Sumdog competition certificate

Yours sincerely



Mrs F. Sharp
Headteacher