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Letter 5

Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian,

ALL LETTERS ARE ALSO ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE NEWSLETTER TAB

Monday 4th October	1.00pm Rich Darcy sport with class 2 (Miss George) and class 3 (Mrs Link) 7.00pm FASS Meeting at school ALL WELCOME
Tuesday 5th October	8.30am School Photographs 12.30pm Lunch club yoga for class 3 (Mrs Link) with Kate Curzon 1-3pm Years 3/4/5/6 cross country competition
Wednesday 6th October	Keyboard lessons Class 1 PE - Please ensure PE kits are in school
Thursday 7th October	School Census Day
Friday 8th October	1.00pm James Lofthouse football with class 2 (Miss George) and class 4 (Mrs Watts)
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 Safeguarding Leading - Mrs F.Sharp Safeguarding Governor - Mrs J.Walker Special Needs Co-ordinator - Mrs N.Huyton	

WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS - PRESCHOOL TO YEAR 6

We have Richard from Impressions coming to take individual and sibling photos of our children on Tuesday morning. All children that are in school on Tuesday morning, in preschool to year 6, will get individual photos and school sibling photos taken during the morning. If you have a younger sibling not in school and would like a photograph taken with the school age child, please arrive between 8.30am and 9.00am and queue outside the fire doors in the hall when families will come in one at a time to have photos taken.

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER - CHANGE OF MENU

On Thursday it is school census day when we submit a lot of data to the government. This includes the number of dinners which were eaten on this day. Therefore, we are having a slight change of menu for the day and having a meal which is a favourite of our children - please see the attachment sent home showing the changed menu. If your child doesn't normally have a school dinner on a Thursday and would like one, please contact the school office by email.

YEAR 5/6 FIRST AID TRAINING

We believe it is important that children are equipped with a variety of life skills. This week class 4 have taken part in first aid training and been 'mini medics'. They covered lifesaving skills, recovery position, bandaging, choking and how to deal with different situations. Class 4 did leave school on Tuesday looking like they had been severely injured! Here are some of the photos to see what they were up to:



HARVEST 2021

Due to the high number of local covid cases, we are again going to have our harvest service in school, sadly without parents, hopefully by Easter we can get back to church. We always do a collection for a charity each year and would like to again collect for Hambleton Foodshare. Please send any donations of non-perishable foods into school over the next few weeks.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Please see the flier attached to the email today regarding afterschool club. Staff are working hard to plan some activities which you can book your child into. This could give you time to go shopping, catch up on jobs or just relax and enjoy some down time.

PARENT CONSULTATION PHONE CALLS

Due to being unable to have gatherings of people in school at the moment, we are again going to do phone parent consultation appointments. Next week, I will send out some dates for each class and a Microsoft form for you to complete, showing times you are available to be contacted. At this stage in the year it is to discuss how well your child has settled in class.

CAULIFLOWER CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNS

Thank you to everyone who has placed orders and returned their card to be sent off. They always look fantastic when they arrive and children are wowed that their design is an actual Christmas card.

HOLIDAY CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE - REMINDER

Please return the questionnaire re. holiday clubs which was sent home last week by Friday 8th October. Please complete this even if you didn't use it on this occasion

FLU VACCINATIONS- REMINDER

All children from Reception to Year 6 in our school are entitled to a flu vaccination which consists of a nasal spray (no needles!). Please see letter 3 attachments on the school website which gives instructions as to what you must do to sign your child/children up for this vaccination. You will get a confirmation email once you have completed the information on line. When the nurse comes on Friday 15th October, they will only vaccinate the children on their list from those children who have been signed up by parents.

PRESCHOOL PARENTS

PLEASE CHECK THROUGH THE OTHER SCHOOL NOTICES IN CASE SOME APPLY TO PRESCHOOL PARENTS TOO SUCH AS SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

If your child is not normally in preschool on a Tuesday when the school photographer will be here, they can be brought to school at 8.30am for a photo or they can be booked in for an extra morning session. Please queue at the hall fire door where families will come in one at a time (due to covid measures in place)

The Big Bird Watch.

This week in Preschool we have been busy learning about birds. On our nature walk, we collected pine cones and kept them safe to use to feed the birds. Earlier on in the week, we made some bird feeders using the Pine cones from the nature walk. We had so much fun melting the lard and mixing it with the seeds, it was a messy job! Once the lard had set and changed colour we were then able to hang them up in our garden. We have had our binoculars out and we saw a few birds eating from our feeders, we even had a squirrel come to visit. Our phonics letter for the week was 'B' for bird we have been mark making in sand and shaving foam and then having a go at writing the letter using pencils and pens. We have also been creating some very colourful birds with feathers, tissue paper and paints.

As the weather is changing and getting a lot wetter and colder could I please ask for children to bring indoor shoes and outdoor shoes, slippers sound like a cosy warm indoor shoes to me and would be ideal.

If you need to contact our preschool leader Sarah please feel free to email her at preschool@ainderby.dalesmat.org

FASS (FRIENDS OF AINDERBY STEEPLE SCHOOL)

REMINDER: The Friends of Ainderby Steeple School AGM meeting will be held in the school hall at 7pm on **Monday 4th October 2021**. We will be socially distanced and there will be coffee and cake!

We are a group of parents, helping to raise valuable funds for our school. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would love anyone who is interested in learning more about FASS to come along and join us.

We always welcome people to help out with our fundraising activities whenever they can or come along to the meeting to share ideas as it is an excellent way to get to know other parents.

SPORT NEWS

It is wonderful that our sport competitions have now started again. We participate in competitions against other Northallerton small schools. We always take children of different abilities who are keen, well behaved and enthusiastic to represent our school. This week it was a Dodgeball competition for children in years 3 and 4. They did amazingly well and managed to come first place getting gold medals. This was a fantastic start - well done!



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 are placed on the school website as well as being emailed.

Census Day Menu
Kids club activity plan

Yours sincerely

F. Sharp

Mrs F. Sharp
Headteacher

Autumn Term 2021

DATE	EVENT
Monday 4 TH October	7.00pm FASS AGM
Tuesday 5 th October	8.30am School photographer individual photographs and sibling photos 1.00pm Years 3-6 cross country competition
Wednesday 6 th October	Hayley Liversidge leading collective worship
Friday 15 th October	Flu Vaccinations for whole school where parents have signed children up
Thursday 21 st October	Northallerton school Y6 rescheduled open evening
Friday 23rd October	Break up for half term
Monday 1st November	School reopens for 2nd half of the term
Tuesday 2 nd November	Jen Holder leading collective worship
Wednesday 10 th November	Hayley Liversidge leading collective worship
Friday 12 th November	Children in need day
Monday 15 th November	Scholastic Book fair arrives
Tuesday 30 th November	Christmas fairies decorate school
Wednesday 8 th December	Hayley Liversidge leading collective worship
Saturday 11 th December	FASS Town Hall coffee morning
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas dinner and DVD
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas party day
Friday 17 th December	Break up for the Christmas holidays
Tuesday 5th January 2022	School re-opens for the Spring term