



Weekly Bulletin

Term 1 Week 11 : Friday 10th September 2021

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A very warm welcome to our first official weekly newsletter of the school year .I hope this finds you all well and that your child(ren) have had a great first week back at school.

Welcome:

Firstly, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to new families and children joining us – both children in reception Alps class and elsewhere in school. It is great to have you on board! My welcome is of course extended to all of you - welcome back to all of the children and families of our school! It is super to see you all again!

Welcome too to our new staff team members Mrs Sierotko (Music Teacher) and Mrs Clifton (Teaching Assistant in Atlas class) – we are delighted to have you with us. Welcome back too to Miss Watling – it is brilliant to have you back with us!

As I have said in various communication this week, the start of term has been excellent, with children returning in number, on time and looking smart. Their behaviour and attitudes have been exemplary too. I have been delighted with the atmosphere in school this week – well done to all pupils and staff. A big well done to you all too for ensuring all of the children have been in school, been punctual and for coming back raring to go!

It has been nice hearing from year 7 pupils (and their parents) who left us in the summer - we hope they all have a good start to life at their new respective schools.

Some key messages:

There is lots of information to share with you this week. Please do take time to read this important newsletter.

- New toilets: I am delighted that the refurbishments and developments in school over the summer have been completed. We now have 13 new toilets for the children, three in reception, 6 in one corridor and 4 in the other. They are such a massive improvement and I am delighted that our commitment to improving the fabric of our school has taken yet another substantial step forward. As part of this work, new energy efficient lighting and new floor and ceilings have also been included. I pass on my Thanks to colleagues from SET and NYCC and the contractors from Pacy and Wheatley for their efforts with this major project.
- Library Books: Please please please return any school reading or library books that you have at home – thank you in advance for your support with this.

- Homework: This year we are setting the following pieces of homework for the children to complete each week, starting next week.
 - Y1 – Y6 will be set My Maths homework. If there is a week where the My Maths homework is not appropriate for what it being taught in school and therefore not set, a different maths activity will be suggested on the class blog.
 - Y2-Y6 also have access to TT Rockstars which compliments the work we do on this in school.
 - Y2 – Y6 will have Spellings to learn which can be found on the class blog
 - All children are asked to read books from school and/or their own books at least twice a week both to help their reading fluency, comprehension and of course for pleasure. (Don't forget you still all have access to our SORA reading app where you can access a range of books)

If you need usernames or passwords for any of the above please speak to Class Teachers

- Covid measures We are pleased to have a real sense of 'normality' back in school - losing bubbles, having assemblies, and spending more time together etc. However, we need to be sensible and careful. For this term we are still limiting number of adults/parents into the building, and trying to take a reasonable and careful approach. Therefore, we are not opening up 'special mention and celebration assemblies' to parents this term. We have also decided not to hold a meet the teacher event this year but instead will be offering you a chance to tell us on paper any important things you want us to know about your child. We will be also offering phone calls to discuss any key issues if/as required. Your support and understanding with the cautious and steady approach is appreciated.
- Midday Supervisors. If anyone is interested or knows someone else who is interested, in becoming a relief or part time midday supervisor (MSA) at our school please contact the school office by phone or email – we would like to hear from you!
- PE Kits. A reminder, children should wear their PE Kit for the days when they are doing PE in school. *Please see below for details of which days each class take part in PE.*

PE kits should be as per the Uniform Policy:

 - Red collared t-shirt or Red plain t-shirt
 - Black or dark grey shorts (or tracksuit bottoms, joggers, or leggings)
 - Tracksuit top, fleece, jumper or 'zippy' - ideally these should red, black, or dark grey and should be plain (e.g. no large logo on – it is not a fashion show!) In the short term a plain top is appropriate.
 - Trainers or pumps (suitable for outdoor use)

September 2021 Class Names and Teachers			P.E. Days	
Alps	Mrs Smith	Rec	Friday	Starting week 2
Atlas	Miss Jackson	Y1	Tuesday	Friday
Andes	Mrs Burton	Y2	Monday	Wednesday
Himalayas	Miss Marshall	Y3	Monday	Wednesday
Pyrenees	Miss Watling & Mrs Short	Y4 & Y5	Wednesday	Thursday
Rocky	Miss Craven	Y5 & Y6	Wednesday	Thursday

Doncaster Rovers foundation will be returning to school next Monday and each week for the rest of the school year. Simon Carson Sports coach, Mr Montgomery is also in school on a Thursday afternoon.

Clubs: As you are aware, some externally run clubs are starting next week (Doncaster Rovers and Simon Carson Sports). Staff led clubs will begin shortly.

One of the planned clubs is 'God Squad' - this is a new after-school club for kids run by Rev'd Becky for an hour after-school, and she is looking for people to help. If you are a parent/staff member or have a close connection to the school this would be ideal. The club will be fun, interactive and involve some Christian teaching, as well as crafts and games. We are planning 4 x 1 hour long sessions before half-term and 4 sessions after up to the end of November. If you would be interested let Becky know asap on rev.becky.allright@gmail.com

Other information:

- Wood: we have some waste wood on site – if anyone knows of someone who has a log burner or is planning a bonfire, and would like to organise a safe time for collection please contact the school office
- Hedge – We have been aware that the hedge at the front of school on Town End Avenue was overgrown. Earlier this week we were given permission by NYCC to cut the hedge back out of the usual allowed time frame as it was obstructing the path – I am pleased this matter has not been resolved
- Local Events – We have been asked to share details of some upcoming events in Snaith.
Sun 12th - Classic Bike Meet.
There will be classic bikes arriving in Snaith High Street (the road will be closed). Refreshments in Snaith Priory from 2pm. Chippy will be open from 12noon for fish n chips, and at 2pm hot pork rolls will be available. And the Snaith Lockup will be open.

Sat 18th - Craft Fayre in the Priory (again with refreshments).

- Kids safe: I just wanted to share with you that we have added a highly recommended and regarded resource to our 'toolkit' and will be using it during the school year in an age appropriate way. The resource is called KidSafe UK and is a safeguarding programme for children. All materials are age appropriate and delivered in an age appropriate, fun and non-scary way, through a variety of media including the use of our KS puppet, games, and worksheets.

The KidSafe programme deals with building children's confidence and self-esteem and equips them with effective skills to deal with unsafe situations. KidSafe enables children to value themselves and others and helps them to make wise and healthy choices in their lives. KidSafe teaches children to recognise abuse of all types and helps to prevent it happening in the first place. They learn what is appropriate and what is not appropriate.

Topics covered during the course include:- Raising self-confidence; feelings and talking about our feelings; bullying; respecting our bodies; inappropriate touching; secrets; communication skills; assertion – saying No; computer/internet safety; age ratings on DVDs and computer games; how it feels to hear arguing; looking after our mental health and emotional well-being

Thanks for taking the time to read this week's newsletter. Thanks again for your positivity and enthusiasm this week – a great start! Here's to super and safe term and year ahead!

Regards and best wishes

Jon Watson

Head teacher

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