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'We Listen, We Learn, We Shine'



September Newsletter



Welcome back!

It has been so lovely to see the children back after the school holidays looking smart in their uniforms and ready to learn. They are already working hard to impress their teachers by arriving on time © In assembly on Friday we celebrated 100% attendance in several classes which was very pleasing to see – remember we are always aiming for 96% and above.

Thank you for your ongoing support Mrs Logan and Mrs Stabler



What are we learning this term?

Our theme this term is 'Ourselves and our world'. Each class will be looking at our place in the world, including Eastfield, Scarborough and Yorkshire as well as moving further afield. If you have any resources which could help with our theme please send them in with your child.



Newsletter:

We are looking at ways to reduce wastage, especially with paper, as a result this will be our last paper copy of the newsletter, next month's will be placed on the website and a text will be sent out to inform you it is online, we will also send it to you electronically via email if you provide the school office with an up to date email address. You can however still ask for a paper copy in person at the office if you wish.



I am informing you about an incident that has been brought to our attention, which took place on Overdale Road. A parent of one of our younger pupils as well as an older child in our school have both reported approached by a stranger, who was acting in a strange manner and seemed to be taking photographs of people nearby. The police have been notified and have been in contact with the school. While the children were not physically harmed, and I do not wish to cause a panic, we consider it appropriate to make parents/carers aware of this, in order that we are all extra vigilant when travelling to and from school. It is recommended that all parents/carers remind their child of 'stranger danger' and how to keep themselves safe if they are out alone.

PE kits:

Please remember children should be wearing their coloured house t-shirt, these are free to children who have recently joined the school or £5 for those who need replacements – please call in at the school office. We will be monitoring PE kits over the next couple of weeks.

Diary dates:

1st October – Yr 5 & 6 visiting the library

3rd October - Harvest Festival and Macmillan Coffee Morning

5th October – Yr 3 & 4 visiting the library

8th October – Yr 1 & 2 visiting the library

9th October – Yr 5 visiting a farm

10th October – EYFS visiting the library

16th October – Year 3 visiting a farm

17th October – parents evening

18th October - parents evening

26th October – break up for October half term

5th November – teacher training day

6th November – children return to school

12th – 16th November – parents invited in classrooms

19th **November** – Zoolab visiting school

7th December – KS1 Christmas performance

10th December - Christmas fayre

13th December - Christmas dinner

20th **December** - KS2 to Spa for the pantomime

21st December - Christmas jumper day, EYFS performance

and last day of term



After School

Clubs

Over the next couple of weeks we are hoping to have all after school clubs up and running – including an amazing opportunity for year 4, 5, 6 from Stephen Joseph Theatre Company – watch out for your letters...

Staff news:

We offer a warm welcome to Mr Andrew Watson who has joined our school as our Assistant Headteacher. Mr Watson will in Year 4 teach and responsible for teaching and learning across KS2. He joins us from Thomas Hinderwell academy and comes with a wealth of experience. He will be at the gate on a Wednesday morning and after school if you have any concerns or just want to put a face to the name.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Hemingway is expecting a baby at the end of January – Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hemingway and Logan we can't wait to meet her.



Parent Governor

We are delighted to inform you that Hannah McDowell has become a parent governor; she has already attended her first meeting and is looking forward to supporting Overdale staff and children in her new role. She will work closely with Mrs Leigh Whitley who is our other parent governor.



Assembly:

Currently, on a Friday morning we celebrate our stars of the week and present Miss Turner's Stickability awards, we thought it would be nice if you or someone special to your child had the opportunity to join our celebrations. The assembly takes place on a Friday at 9.00 and usually finishes at 9.30; we would inform you by text on a Thursday evening if your child is to receive an award in the assembly the next day – we are unable to inform you earlier than this. Mrs Stabler will be on the gate this week before and after school to listen to your thoughts on this, we are hoping to start this Friday – 14th ©