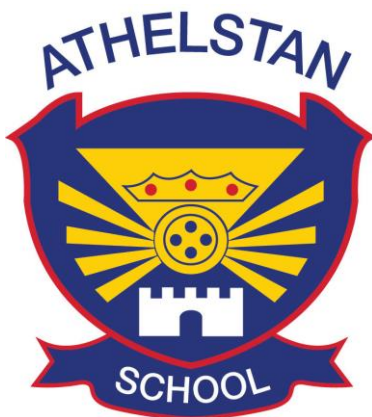


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Newsletter Friday 14th July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

We are saying goodbye to some members of staff at the end of this term.

Ms Burroughs has been teaching at Athelstan since September 2007 and we will be very sad to see her leave. After her very successful secondment to St Mary's in Selby this year she has been successful in achieving well deserved promotion and is starting a new post as Deputy Head teacher at Barlby Bridge School in Selby and we would like to wish her all the best for the future.



Mrs Whitehead will be leaving at the end of July to start her maternity leave. She is due to have her baby in September and we would like to wish her all the best as she embarks on parenthood. Mrs Whitehead is planning to take a full year's maternity leave so it will be September 2018 before she returns to work. Although we are sure she will visit us with the new baby.



Mrs Kath Vincent will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Vincent has worked at Athelstan as a lunch time supervisor since November 2005 and has decided that it is time to relax and put her feet up. We would like to thank her for her many years of service and wish her a happy retirement.



Mrs Ford

Mrs Ford has been working with Ms Burroughs class since January 2017 whilst Ms Burroughs has been teaching at St Marys Selby. We would like to thank Mrs Ford for her dedication and commitment to our school during her long term supply post. We will of course continue to see Mrs Ford throughout the year.



Mr Watson

Mr Watson has been on long term supply at Athelstan teaching in Year 3. We would like to thank him very much for his commitment to Athelstan School since February



Arts Award

We are very pleased to announce that 17 of our Year four children have been successful in obtaining their Explore Arts Award. We would also like to share with you the external moderator's feedback.

"The detailed, creative and reflective arts logs are a testament to the deep engagement of the young people, and the adviser is commended for leading such a through and interesting explore programme: she has accurately assessed the young people against the criteria- excellent work all round!

I can think of no developmental feedback to offer to what is an exemplary Explore award programme."

Annual Reports

Reports for all children have been issued today. Accompanying the report is a letter informing you of your child's class in September 2017. Mr Tuckers and Mr Ivel's classes will also have a letter in relation to a school visit which is scheduled to take place in the second week of September.

Children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher on Wednesday morning next week. Although for obvious reasons it will not be in the classroom they will be in next term. We will be giving parents an opportunity to meet teachers at the beginning of the new term.

New Staff

With staff leaving, maternity leave and increased classes we have four new members of teaching staff starting next term.

Mr Ivel (Y5/6), Miss Town (Y5/4),

Miss Frampton (Y3) and Miss Wright (Sunshines).

Bikeability

In September 2017 all children in year 6 will take part in bike ability training. A letter has been issued to all current year 5 pupils, please can the reply slips be returned to school before Wednesday July 19th.

School Meals

In September 2017 the school kitchen will not be fully operational. This is due to the extensive works needed to upgrade and modernise the kitchen facility. We have planned to continue with the current arrangements by providing a reduced menu choice for the first 3 weeks of the term. We hope that you can bear with us during this period as we strive to improve the kitchen and servery.

The menu choice for week one will be

Wednesday September 6th	Thursday September 7th	Friday September 8th
Fish Fingers, Sauté Potatoes, Peas and Sweetcorn Ice Cream	Sausages, Chips, Baked Beans Buns	Tuna or Cheese Sandwich Sausage Roll Carrot and Cucumber sticks Yoghurt

From September 2017 in line with rising costs the price of a school meal for children from Year 3 -6 will rise to £2.20 and £1.90 for children in Nursery School meal prices have not increased for 5 years however we have had to make this decision this year to in order to maintain rising costs and budgets. Children in Sunshine's to Year 2 will however continue to receive a universal Free School meal.

If you believe your child may be eligible to receive a Free School meal, then please either contact the school office for a copy of the form or download and complete the application form on the school website.

Shake up Summer

As I am sure you are all aware physical activity has been linked to better health and academic attainment in pupils, as well as increased attention spans and improved behaviour. It is recommended that young people do at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Change for life have sent us this great resource to share with you. Therefore, before the end of the term your child will be coming home with a summer shake up pack. This resource will be introduced in school and clearly explained to your child. It will provide your child with some fun 10 minute physical activity ideas that can be completed at home. The activities are centred around some well-known Disney characters. Every time your child completes a 10 min activity they can add a sticker onto the relevant page in their shake up passport. Once your child has completed their passport we would love them to bring it back to school in September to show us. There will be a special certificate for all children who complete the shake up summer challenge!

School closes for Summer

A reminder that school closes for the Summer holidays on Wednesday 19th July and will reopen on Wednesday September 6th

Yours sincerely
Miss K O'Donnell

Head Teacher