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## Newsletter Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

### Changes to the end of the school day

Having now been back at school a month, we have had time to evaluate how the additional class and increase numbers are impacting on our routines. The end of the school day is an area where we are currently unhappy with the process we have been operating. We feel that the level of control and manageability of the task is not as good as it could be. To that end from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October we will be changing how we dismiss some of the children at the end of the school day.

For children in Raindrops, Puddles and Sunshines there will be no changes to the way we currently operate.

For children in Y1 (Mrs Pedley, Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Turner's classes), Y2 (Miss Ford and Miss Pugh's classes), Y3 (Mrs Corrin and Miss Frampton's classes) and Mrs Barton and Miss Middlebrook's class, there is to be a change. From Monday all of these classes, the classes on the ground floor, will be dismissed from their classrooms' external doors.

So children for in Y1 (Mrs Pedley, Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Turner's classes) at 3pm families will need to wait in the Y1 playground and children will, be sent out to you when the class teachers have seen you and identified you, please don't crowd around the door as this will make the process more difficult.

For children in Y2 (Miss Ford and Miss Pugh's classes) at 3pm families will have to wait on the activity playground, where the trail play and pick up sticks are, and children will be sent out to you when the class teachers have seen you and identified you, please don't crowd around the door as this will make the process more difficult.

For children in Y3 (Mrs Corrin and Miss Frampton's classes) at 3:05pm families will have to wait on the side playground, immediately outside their rooms and down the steps, and children will be sent out to you when the class teachers have seen you and identified you, please don't wait on the path as this will block access for other families.

For children in Mrs Barton and Miss Middlebrook's class at 3:05pm families will have to wait near the gate/fence on the activity playground, please do not block the pathway or access for other families.

Children in Mr Ivel's Class, Miss Town's class, Mr Tull's class and Mrs Whelerton's class will be brought onto the mugga playground, the playground where we line up on a morning, we ask that families wait at 3:05pm on this playground but **do not wait around the gates**, which obviously is then blocking the entry of children and the exit for other families, if we could ask all families to wait along the fence adjoining the staff car park. This will make it much easier for the classes to get into the mugga and the teachers will have space to see which families are there for the children to be handed over to.

Can all families please ensure that you notify any family members who are collecting children about the changes in order to avoid confusion.

Please be patient with us as we embed this system, we believe it will be better safer and more organised for all even if it might mean it takes a couple of minutes longer at the end of the day. If for any reason you are not there to collect your child, whether it is from a classroom or the mugga we will, as we always have done, hold on to your child until you arrive.

### **Car parking**

To say that we are exasperated by families parking on the school site is understating the situation. We can all see that we have some adults who are showing no consideration to others, who park where they want, in disabled bays, on paths, on yellow lines, double parking blocking in others or just stopping in the road holding up everyone else. This blatant disregard for our systems and rules is making this area unsafe for other users and our children.

**As a school we do not have to provide ANY parking on the school site, we could just simply close the gate** and frankly are very tempted to do so. We have more parking than any primary school in this area and yet we have more problems than any other school. Our staff also have had to endure unacceptable verbal abuse from adults collecting children when they are asked to move their car, which is not acceptable.

We cannot ignore this situation as this inconsiderate/dangerous parking is potentially making our site unsafe, we have to find a solution. However families should be aware that any monies we have to spend on parking control measures is money that is taken away from spending on your children's education. So those people who insist on not following the rules are directly taking resources away from your children.

We have some families who clearly appreciate the difficult situation we are in and who have offered to support school by acting as carpark marshals, in order to ensure the safety of our children. I know that there are school's in Harrogate where parking marshals works very well. School would be interested in exploring this idea, but we

would need more volunteers from families to operate such a system. If you would like to help school, or know of a family member who could give up some time on a morning or afternoon on a fairly regular basis we would be very pleased to hear from you to see if we can 'self-regulate' before we have to spend money in order to solve this problem.

### **Bikeability 8-11th October**

Bikeability will run next week for the Y6 children who returned their consent forms. Group 1 will run on Monday 8th October-Tuesday 9th October and group 2 Wednesday 10th October-Thursday 11th October. Children have been informed of their groups and parents will have received a text on Thursday night. Children will need to ensure their bike is roadworthy and they have a helmet. Children need to leave their bikes locked at the bike stand located at the entrances to school. They can also be left overnight at the owners' responsibility.

### **Parents' Evening**

A reminder that parents evening will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please log on to [www.parents-booking.co.uk/athelstan](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/athelstan) .

### **After school clubs**

Please note that there are **no** after school clubs week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> October, due to parents' evening. Please collect your children at the normal time.

### **Book Fair**

The book fair will take place week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> October. The books will be in the main office foyer. All commission from the book fair will help us to purchase more books for the school library.

### **Disco tickets**

The school disco will be held on Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are now on sale priced at £3. This price **includes refreshments**, children will not need to bring any additional monies there will be no other items for sale on the night.

Sunshines and KS1 disco 3.05–4.05pm (Sunshines children must be accompanied by an adult).

KS2 disco 4.15-5.15pm.

### **Christmas cards**

The children have been very busy designing their own Christmas cards. They are now back from the printers and you will receive your proof copy this evening. You will be able to purchase cards, gift tags and other gifts featuring your child's design. All proceeds from the sale will be used for resources for the children. Please return all orders by October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **School photographs**

Please return photograph proofs and payment before Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

## Children in Need



### Children in Need Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

We will be again supporting this great cause this year and we have some Children in Need merchandise on sale for you to buy.



Pudsey headbands £2.50 and Colour changing wristbands £1.00.

These are available from the main school office and the Early Years Office.

We only have a limited supply once they have gone we will not be able to restock, please buy early to avoid any disappointment and help us raise lots of money.

Children can dress in something spotty for a donation of £1 and we will be having a bun sale. More details to follow, closer to the time.

Yours sincerely

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