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Dear Parents

Parking and driving on school grounds

This primary school has substantially more parking than any other local school. In addition, we have provided a number of bike and scooter stations and do encourage children where possible to walk, scooter or cycle to school. In order to make our site safe for all users we need to insist that everyone follows some very simple steps

Do not park in the disabled bays unless you are clearly displaying a blue badge.

Do not park in the named disabled bays.

Do not park on the yellow lines. (They are there for a reason)

Do not park on the grass verges, this damages the ground and causes costs for repair, which means less money to spend on your children)

Do not park on the hatched lines, middle of the teardrop, or in front of the entrance gates

Only drop off in the designated drop off bays and let the children walk into school

Do not park in the front of the staff car park

Be considerate of local residents at the Highfield entrance and the Rose Ave entrance, do not park across their driveways and Double Park

We need everyone to follow these simple rules to be both courteous to other families, but more importantly to keep everyone safe. If parents continue to park without due care and attention, thinking only of themselves, **there will be accidents** vehicles will be damaged and unfortunately, there will be children injured. We cannot allow this to continue, if parking and road consideration does not improve then the school will have to install further road management systems – we will have to pay for this to keep the children safe, but it means there will be less money available to be spent on children's education.

Kingswood Residential

Mrs Whelerton, Miss Town and Mrs Allison would like to thank the Year 6 for a fabulous, fun week at Kingswood Colomendy. The staff commented on their excellent behaviour and they were a credit to Athelstan. We have uploaded a selection of pictures to the class pages for you to look at. We would also like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Whelerton, Miss Town and Mrs Allinson for volunteering to go on the residential and for giving up their own valuable time, away from their families.

Friends of Athelstan

Mrs Hunter is very keen to have more people involved with the Friends. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th September at 8pm at Elmet Kitchen. Subsequent meetings will be held at the school. Mrs Hunter is keen to organise some fundraising events and plan the Christmas Fair and Christmas raffle. Please do go along if you can, this is open to parents, grandparents or any adult associated with school.

Parents Evening Reminder

Parents Evening will be held on **Tuesday October 16th and Wednesday October 17th**. Bookings will be via the online booking system and the appointment system will **open at 8am on FRIDAY 21st September**.

www.parents-booking.co.uk/Athelstan

Being a school volunteer

Volunteers in school are very important to us and can have a real and positive impact for the children. Helping children to read, supporting craft activities and taking part in school visits are some of the ways you can give your help and support to school and the children. Equally if you would like to help and don't actually want to work directly with the children (let's be honest not everyone does) there are roles in school which we would love to have some help with working in the library in the wild life area etc. If you were able to offer even just an hour a day once a week on a regular basis, this would be really appreciated. To be a volunteer who comes into school regularly you will however need to undertake a DBS check and have a brief induction. This can be arranged with Mrs Thompson. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

School Photos 28th September Reminder about the School Photo day procedure

For children in Puddles and Raindrops who are not normally in school on a Friday morning (i.e. it is not one of their sessions) if they would like an individual school photograph then they can come into school at 8:30 am for that photograph to be taken.

All other children (including those who have a regular session in Puddles and Raindrops) will have their individual and school age sibling photograph taken during the normal school day. Proofs will be sent home with the children

For those who would like a family photo we have organised a dedicated family session starting from 2:30pm until 7pm. This session is by appointment only; it will not be possible for families just to turn up on the day.

There will be NO early morning photographs being taken. To book an after school family photo appointment you must either

- Email the school office on admin@athelstan.n-yorks.sch.uk
- Phone the school office on 01977 684037
- Send a written letter in requesting an appointment
- Call into the office at the start/end of the day

Proofs of the family session will be available on Monday 1st October

School Uniform

Please can we ask parents to Name **ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING**. We already have a overflowing lost property box with many items being unnamed. Please look tonight and write your child's name in jumpers, trousers, skirts, coats hats, etc. If they are named, they will make their way back to the rightful owner. Thankyou

Please find attached the menu for the week commencing on the 24th of September.

Yours sincerely

Miss Karen O'Donnell