



# Autumn 1 Newsletter

September 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Welcome back to all pupils, parents and staff. I hope you all really enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

You may have noticed a few changes within school. We have re-glazed some of our classrooms and completely refurbished all the KS1 areas. We have also improved our perimeter and internal fencing to ensure that our children are kept safe. Phase 3 of the schools new roof has also been completed. Can I take this opportunity to wish all our children a most successful and happy school year, particularly those new to their year group or if it is their first day at school.

Finally, I will be continuing to write my weekly blog which gives up to date happenings at school. This can be accessed at:

<http://ploverheadteacher.wordpress.com>

*Quote: Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire – William Butler Yeats*

## PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to the 105 parents who returned their questionnaires. Yet again they were virtually all supportive of the school. All the questions were particularly supported by at least 96% of parents. From this information we are considering how we can keep you better informed about your child's progress and how to take better account of your views and concerns. Parent's workshops are currently being planned for this term. Please feel free to see the school staff if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress.

Well done the family that won the school uniform for returning their questionnaire.



## PARENTPAY – important change

As from September 2017 all school meals MUST be paid for, in advance, using the online ParentPay service or by using a PayPoint card. Cash payments for school meals cannot be accepted at the school office. You can pay weekly, half termly or termly but you must pay in advance of taking any meals. If your account goes into arrears at any stage you will be contacted by a member of the admin staff and asked to make a payment immediately. Having arrears on your ParentPay account may mean that your child is unable to have a school meal.

ALL children in Year FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently eligible to receive a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

If you think your child is eligible to receive Free School Meals you must apply online using the following link:

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

If you have any queries regarding your ParentPay account or your Free School Meal entitlement please contact a member of the school office.

## **SCHOOL DINNERS – important change**

Most of our children choose to consistently have either school meals or packed lunches. However we do have some families who switch between the two options daily. As from September 2017 we are asking parents to make the decision to either opt for school meals for their child or provide packed lunches at least for the whole week, and not make any changes to that decision during a single week. For example, if your child has a school meal on Monday they will have a school meal every day that week.

To enable you to make your decision we publish the weekly menus on the school app every Friday for the following week. If a child wishes to change from school dinners to packed lunches (or the other way round) they may do so but on a weekly basis or at least a regular arrangements whereas a child always have a dinner on a Friday for example or will have a school dinner every day except Monday on a regular basis.



### **PayPoint Card**

Any parent unable to make online payments for school meals should ask at the school office for a PayPoint card. PayPoint cards allow parents to make cash payments for school meals at local PayPoint stores. PayPoint cards are specific to a named child and are only for paying for school meals. You will need a PayPoint card for each of your children. The first PayPoint card is supplied free of charge, however, there will be a charge for any lost or damaged cards.

PayPoint payments are recorded on the ParentPay system and can be seen by logging onto your ParentPay account and viewing your payment history online. Parents should be aware that PayPoint transactions can take a number of days to appear on your ParentPay account and they should ensure that their account is always in credit.

## **SCHOOL MILK**

One third of a pint of milk is provided for each child in school until the age of 7 (Year 2). The milk scheme is administered by CoolMilk on behalf of the local authority.

Milk is free for children up to the age of 5 and milk is chargeable after the age of 5. Parents who qualify for income based free school meals receive the milk free of charge.

We register under 5s with Cool Milk on behalf of parents.

A few weeks before your child turns 5, you will receive an email directly from Cool Milk to prompt your payment direct with them, if you do not receive this but wish to pay for your child's milk please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or Tel. 0844 854 2913 and they will arrange this for you.

## **SCHOOL CAR PARK**

Once again we are having to remind parents not to use the staff car parks when dropping off or collecting children from school. We realise that parking around school can be a problem, but we ask that parents dropping off and collecting children from school park safely and legally on the roads around school.

Pedestrians should always use the pathways on school premises. Please do not bring your children in through the car park gates, or walk through the staff car park. This area is in constant use and presents a danger for children walking through it.

We remind parents again that they are NOT permitted to use the school car park at any time of the day. The school gates will now be locked at 8:30am

## **SMOKING**

As parents are no doubt aware smoking (including E-cigarettes) is not allowed on the school site. Can we also insist that parents/carers **DO NOT** smoke at the school gates as a courtesy to our children and non-smoking parents/carers.

## **STAFF UPDATE**

**We welcome Mrs Whitfield as a permanent member of our teaching staff who is now teaching Year 5 & 6 in 6W and We have a temporary FS2 Teacher to cover Miss Schofield leave of absence, Ms Andrews will be teaching our reception children in FS2.**

## ATTENDANCE

Last year our attendance was 95.8%. This is slightly below national standards. Attending school regularly ensures your child can reach their educational potential and by working together we can ensure this is the case.

Termly attendance awards are given to children who have 100% attendance. Every half term the class with the best attendance wins £50 to spend as they choose.

Any children with 100% attendance for the whole school year will go on a fun visit organised and paid for by the school. At the end of the last school year we took children Scarborough for the day and visited the Sea Life Centre.

## Leave of Absence

In line with Local Authority guidelines, It is now the policy of the school not to authorise any holiday taken during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Exceptional circumstances are as follows:

- Where it is company/organisational policy for an employee to take leave at a specific time in the year and there is no opportunity for a family holiday in school holidays. This must be evidenced by production of the policy document of the organisation.
- Service personnel returning from/scheduled to embark upon a tour of duty abroad.
- Where a holiday is recommended as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue. Evidence must be provided.

Where there are other factors which the head teacher may consider to be exceptional circumstances Local Authority advice may also be sought. The above circumstances are taken from the LA Guidance Document concerning Holiday during Term Time.

Applications for a leave of absence can be obtained from the school office or by using the following link to our website:

<http://www.plover.doncaster.sch.uk/parent-zone/attendance>



## PLOVER PRIMARY SEEKS NEW TINY TEACHERS



Would you like your baby to be a Tiny Teacher helping our pupils to develop empathy and a greater understanding of themselves and others?

Due to the success of the Roots of Empathy Programme which has run this year in Year 4 and Foundation Stage we are extending the programme and are now looking for three babies and their parents/carers to be our new Roots of Empathy families.

If your baby will be 2-4 months old in October 2017 and you would like to know more about the programme please contact Mrs Wright at school or call into the main office.



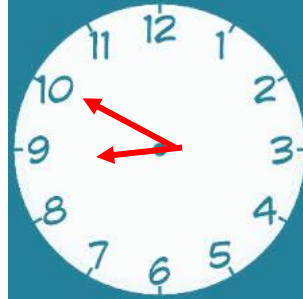
### SCHOOL PHOTOS - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and groups photos. We will send out a letter to parents detailing the schedule for these two days.

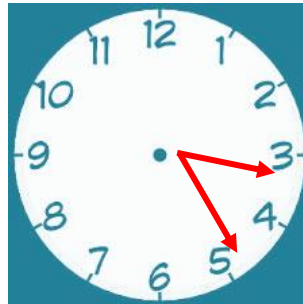
## NEW SCHOOL DAY PROCEDURE

**SCHOOL DOORS OPEN AT 8:40AM & CHILDREN CAN BEGIN TO ENTER THEIR CLASSROOMS**  
From September 2017 the school will open its doors from at 8:40am and the children will be allowed straight into their classrooms. They will not have to line up outside the school. Children can undertake a short task with their class until the start of the school day at 8:50am when all external doors will be locked and with the exception of the main school entrance.

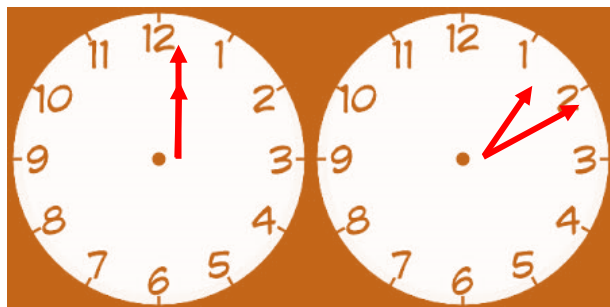
School day starts at  
8:50 am



School day ends at  
3:25 pm

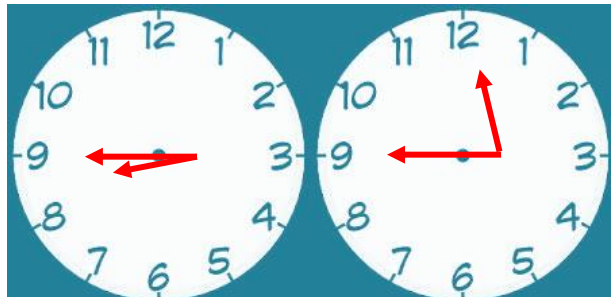


Lunch time  
12:00noon to 1:10pm

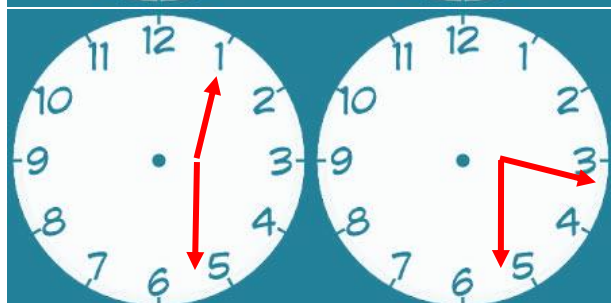


## Nursery Session Times

Morning Nursery –  
8:45am to 11:45am



Afternoon Nursery –  
12:30pm to 3:30pm





# AWARDS



The following children were awarded the Pride of Plover Award during the last half term.

Bradley - F2P	Thomas - F2P	Anez - F2P	Alaya - F2P
Nikita - F2P	Leah-Marie - F2P	Victoria - F2P	Esther - F2p
Chloe - F2S	Lauma - F2S	Chloe - F2S	Dersim - F2S
Felicity - F2S	Cole - F2S	Bri-Leigh - F2S	Liam - F2S
Lexie - 1S	Corey 1S	Roman - 1S	Harry - 1S
Kyle - 1S	Jasmine - 1S	Gabriella - 1S	Alesha 1S
Dalton - 1T	Dania - 1T	Kiera - 1T	Dahin - 1T
Lola - 1T	Lucie-Mai - 1T	Taylor 1 1T	Darcie 1 1T
Lexi-Bele - 2L	Tyler - 2L	Danir - 2L	Caris - 2L
Leon - 2L	Lexi-Bele - 2L	Layla - 2L	Lucas - 2L
Junior - 2O	Ruby-Jasmine 2O	Lola -Rose - 2L	Treasure
Jack - 2O	Kaycie 2O	Christopher - 2O	Maisy 2O
Alex - 3B	Marley 3B	Marley 3B	Taylor - 3B
Ajay - 3B	Keanna 3B	Adam - 3B	Jayden 3B
Ahmed - 3K	Grace 3K	Charlie - 3K	Liam 3K
Darcie - 3K	Daniel 3K	Luca - 3K	Charlie 3K
Owen - 4P	Libby 4P	Cayden - 4P	Macy 4P
Seb - 4P	Rosie 4P	Harry - 4P	Nicole 4P
Kaleb - 4W	Millie 4W	Kaleb - 4W	Rylei 4W
Chelsea - 4W	Tacey 4W	Pratik - 4W	Mohammad 4W
Josh - 5G	Lucy 5G	Gabi - 5G	Ellian 5G
Chloe - 5G	Braxton 5G	Nate - 5G	Joshua 5G
Bethany - 6W	Cadie 6W	Nicole - 6W	Freya 6W
Oliver - 6W	Matthew 6W	Sahib - 6W	Jack 6W
Marta - 6H	Kyle 6H	Numa - 6H	Kobe 6H
Katie - 6H	Montanna 6H	Tyler - 6H	Ayush 6H

Well done to all the children!!

YEAR GROUP	ACHIEVEMENT CUP	IMPROVEMENT SHIELD	EFFORT MEDAL
<b>Foundation Stage</b>	Shashank	Rhys	Asiya
<b>Year 1</b>	Mohamad	William	Brogan
<b>Year 2</b>	Oliver	Tyler	Kaycie
<b>Year 3</b>	Liam	Adam	Julia
<b>Year 4</b>	Rylei	Harvey	Jayden
<b>Year 5</b>	Oliwia	Hanas	Kenzie
<b>Year 6</b>	Zenith	Tyler	Kadie

**JOHN HILL ART AWARD** presented to Jaspinder

**PLOVER SPORTS PERSONALITY AWARD** presented to Kyle E

**PLOVER YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD** presented to Tia E

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – AUTUMN TERM 2017

SEPTEMBER	EVENT
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3 to ASDA
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 Trip to The Deep
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Y2 Parents reading Meeting at 3:25pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 & 6 Trip to Wilderspin School
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Bike it – Playground skills
OCTOBER	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Robinwood Residential departs
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Trip to Thackray Museum
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Merit A Assembly
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Merit B Assembly
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Bike It – Safe routes to school
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	F2 Safari Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Training Day – Pupils NOT in School
	School closes for Half Term break
NOVEMBER	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School opens to pupils
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair – all week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Foundation Stage Phonics meeting
DECEMBER	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Pyramid Carol Service
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity – 2:00pm
	Foundation Stage Nativity – 2:30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity – 2:00pm
	Foundation Stage Nativity – 10:45am & 2:30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols round the Tree
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Concert
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	FS/KS1 parties
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Merit A Assembly
	Y3/Y4 party
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Merit B Assembly
	Y5/Y6 party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Xmas Jumper Day
	Fun Afternoon
	School closes for Christmas Break
JANUARY 2017	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	School reopens for start of Spring Term.

**Some of these dates and times may be subject to change. Other activities may be added at a later date. Any changes will be notified to you in due course. Please download the Plover Primary App to make sure you are kept up-to-date with any changes and additions and check the website events calendar regularly.**



# 2017/2018

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- DENOTES BANK HOLIDAYS
- DENOTES SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- DENOTES TRAINING DAYS (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

