



# WEEKLY NEWS



**Issue: 3**

**Date: 21/09/18**

## Safeguarding

A number of classes have been looking at E-Safety (staying safe online). It has come to our attention that there is an increasing number of children who are left to their own devices whilst on the internet and no restrictions are put in place. Whilst the internet is a fabulous thing and we wonder how we ever coped without it, parents/carers should be supervising children and putting appropriate restrictions in place.

It also came to our attention that a number of older children are on popular social media sites despite not being officially old enough. In April 2018, WhatsApp changed the age limit to 16. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat all have an age limit of 13 and you also need to be 13 to have your own YouTube channel. These restrictions are clearly there for a reason and it is worrying to know just how many children use some of these.

If you feel you need to talk to someone about safeguarding or have any concerns regarding a child then please contact school and ask to speak to Mrs McClean, Mrs Wood, Mrs Somerville or Mr Swift.

## Lunchtimes

Mrs McClean, Mrs Greenaway and I are currently reviewing lunchtimes. There is a need to buy new resources and equipment to make lunchtimes more interesting and exciting. The School Council are going to be given £2000 of PTA money in order to improve the provision at lunchtime. Their first task will be to gather the views of their classes in order to make good decisions about what to buy. Watch this space for more information!

## PTA Discos

On Monday the children will be coming home with a letter about the PTA discos that are being held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Because of new GDPR requirements, we are unable to send a letter home with your child if you have not completed and returned your consent forms. Please send these forms in by Monday in order for your child to receive a letter or come in to speak to a member of the office team.

## Important Upcoming Dates

| Date     | Event                                    |
|----------|--|
| 28/09/18 | 9am Macmillan Coffee Morning School Hall |
| 10/10/18 | 2pm Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church |
| 15/10/18 | Book Fair                                |
| 16/10/18 | Book Fair                                |
| 16/10/18 | PTA Discos                               |
| 18/10/18 | Individual & Family Photographs          |
| 24/10/18 | Parents Evening                          |
| 25/10/18 | Art Themed Day details to follow         |
| 05/11/18 | Inset Day                                |

## After School Clubs

**Singing Tuesdays**  
15:15 – 16:15

**Tag Rugby** 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Cross Country** 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> October

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## Harvest Festival

Parents and carers are welcome to join us for a short service to celebrate Harvest Festival on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00pm in St Paul's church. Please note if the service finishes early the children will be taken back to class for collection as normal.

There will be a collection at the church and all monetary donations will go to St Catherine's Church Centre in Wakefield. Donations are desperately needed to support a lifeline food bank that hands out more than 100 meal parcels to those in need every week.

We will also be gathering produce for the food bank. Items requested are tins and dried food stuff. Please ensure that these have long 'use by dates'.

\* Please do not send fresh produce as it is often 'past its best' by the time it is distributed

## PTA

The PTA drop in sessions last week were a huge success, generating new members and new ideas. If you were unable to attend the PTA meeting on Tuesday but would still like to be involved, please email Miss Hollis before Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September so that you can be included in the email chain.

[hollism@alverthorpestpauls.co.uk](mailto:hollism@alverthorpestpauls.co.uk)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the PTA who are stepping down after years of service. Your dedication has been very much appreciated and you have helped to raise thousands of pounds which benefits each and every child in school.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 9.00am – School Hall

Please, please pop in for a hot drink and a cake next Friday with a donation for Macmillan. All that we ask of parent/carers and friends is that you turn up and enjoy the refreshments, have a chat and catch up with others at the coffee morning, and make a small donation for the refreshments that we provide.

The children will be able to participate and buy cakes etc. at break-time at a cost of 50p.

If parents would like to help even further please feel free to donate any home-made goodies suitable for a coffee morning and bring them into school at home time on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## Behaviour at After School Clubs

I feel that it is important to mention that any child who chooses to behave inappropriately during after school clubs will be told that they are not allowed to take part in that club. I will not allow children to spoil the club for the rest of the children who are behaving well and want to learn and further develop their skills.

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to those of you who have been complimentary about the changes that have been made so far; in particular the comments about the new weekly newsletter, my intentions to improve lunchtimes and the SHINE Worship every Friday. It's also been nice to chat briefly with some of you before and after school when you're bringing/collecting the children. Your support and kindness is very much appreciated. I have lots more things that I want to change and implement but, as with everything, it takes time.

Lee Swift

# ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

## Attendance Update

| CLASS   | LAST WEEK | YEAR TO DATE |
|---------|-----------|--------------|
| NURSERY | 97.71     | 98.65        |
| RH      | 94.06     | 94.43        |
| R:1W    | 98.62     | 98.85        |
| 1:2M    | 96.66     | 96.66        |
| 1:2CS   | 100.00    | 98.67        |
| 3HM     | 95.14     | 95.08        |
| 4I      | 97.84     | 98.65        |
| 5S      | 96.29     | 95.08        |
| 6W      | 98.11     | 98.95        |

A GOLD CATEGORY HAS BEEN ADDED TO SHOW THOSE CLASSES WHO HAVE OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE (98% +)

WELL DONE TO 1:2CS THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK WITH 100%.

## Attendance Indicators

**98% + WELL ABOVE THE SCHOOL TARGET – OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE**

**96% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET**

**BELOW 94% - CAUSING CONCERN AND LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS**

**90% & BELOW – PERSISTENT ABSENCE – SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN**

## WHOLE SCHOOL

Target - 96%

Actual – 97.19 %

## Punctuality

20 children arrived late for school last week. They missed a total of 3 hours and 19 minutes of learning time! **THE MAJORITY OF THESE WERE FOR NO REAL REASON - THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE! A LATE START TO THE DAY HAS A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE CHILDREN**