



NEWSLETTER 19th October 2018

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Good News

The School Council visited the Grove on Wednesday to hold their first School Council meeting. Items on the agenda included: Fun play resources for lunchtime!
The children also had tea and cakes with Madam Mayor of South Kirkby!

Attendance



Our attendance is dropping with some classes this week being well below our 95% target. Children must be in school to learn and if your child has two days off every half-term, this equates to **over 130 hours** lost learning time a year. If your child is missing school, they are missing learning and experiences that **cannot** be caught up at a later time. We realise that children do have colds, coughs and bugs at this time of year but unfortunately we also have a large number of children being taken out of school for holidays/weekends away and medical appointments. Please can we ask that where possible, you make all medical appointments for after the school day has finished or during the holidays. If appointments do have to be taken during the day, can we please ask that children are collected and returned as close to the appointment time as possible. We will not be authorising medical appointments that are deemed to take all morning unless a hospital letter has been brought into the school office.

LATENESS

We are also going to be getting much stricter on those parents who are bringing their child in late every day to school. School opens at 8.45am and registration starts at 9am. Children need to be in school ready to start their lessons before the door closes!

Harvest

Our Harvest event is on **Tuesday 23rd October** at 9am. The children have all been practising in school ready for this event so we hope many of you will join us to support our Key Stage 1 children. We are collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the Westfield, tins of food and/or toiletry items Centre Food Bank in South Elmsall that serves our local area. Please can all donations be brought into school **before** next Tuesday. Thank you in advance for your donations.





Attendance - SCHOOL TARGET 95%

Best Attendance Award goes to: **DOLPHINS with 95.86%**. Dolphins will sit at the Captain's Table at lunchtime as a special treat.

Attendance this week: 92% 

Lates this week: 15 -  Disappointing!

Class Attendance this week: Koalas 87.04%, Turtles 93.56%, Zebras 91.54%, Starfish 90.46%, Oysters 93.33%



PTA Halloween Disco

We have had a fantastic response to the Halloween Disco that is being held next Wednesday evening. Thank you for all your support and also to those parents who have made donations of Halloween decorations to the PTA. It is through events like this that the PTA will be able to buy and support activities/resources for school. If you haven't already, please make sure you have bought your ticket from the office ready for the event next week. We cannot wait to see your fancy dress outfits (but remember this is optional!). Please can we ask that children who attend from Butterflies or Curly Caterpillars are accompanied by an adult.

A special 'thank you' must also go to Mr and Mrs Aitkin of Dolphin class who have kindly donated all of the Hot Dogs for the event. It is events like this that really do show us what an amazing community we have. Thank you!

Attendance Disco



We will be hosting our half termly school disco next Thursday. Invites will be sent to all those children Rec/Y1/Y2 who have achieved 98% attendance or more and classes with 94%+ attendance this half term. Please remember that your child will be allowed to come to school dressed in non-school uniform on this day if they have achieved this special treat.

The Attendance Shop will also be held on this day for all children in Rec/Y1/Y2 who have attended school for the final two weeks of this half term.

School Shoes

Please can we remind you that all children should be wearing **plain black** footwear and not trainers to school. As we do enter the wet, wintery months many children will wear wellies to walk to school but must bring their black school shoes with them to wear around school.

Tuesday 23rd October - All photo orders due before 3pm.

Tuesday 23rd October - Harvest Celebration (KS1)

Wednesday 24th - Harvest Workshops for Nurseries & Reception

Wednesday 24th October - PTA Halloween Disco

Thursday 25th October - School Closes to children at 3.05pm.

Friday 26th October - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 5th November - School Opens at 8.45am

Tuesday 13th November - Read, Write, Inc Coffee Morning

Wednesday 21st November - Parents Evening

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Deborah Batty