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Newsletter 8

Dear Parents,

School Dinners

There has been some confusion about whether children can have a mixture of packed lunches or hot school dinners. Our revised system is as follows:

Children should be given packed lunches for a full week
Or hot school dinners can be purchased for the whole week.

We strongly prefer it to be consistent throughout the whole week to avoid confusion.
We have not yet identified a need to move to whole half term blocks in booking hot dinners.

Play Equipment

During the Autumn and Winter months we sometimes need to ask the children not to play on the play trail because it gets wet, slippery and muddy. If the cones are out blocking the pathway to the equipment please assume that for health and safety reasons the equipment is not to be used. Please could we remind all parents that between 3.15pm and 3.45pm are not a school supervised playtime and parents are responsible for the supervision and safety of their children.

Sports club

We are very lucky to have committed and caring sports coaches who travel a great distance to come and train our children after school. Please could you try to ensure that your child is collected at no later than 4.30pm from after school sports club. Mr Burgess has to travel back to Thirsk and can only leave here when the last child has been collected. Thank you for your empathy in regard to this.

Nursery Collection

A reminder that the end of Nursery session is 11.30 am not 11.45am. Mrs Kirk and Mrs Sullivan need to direct their time to reading activities with Reception children for the 30 minute period following this and do appreciate it when Nursery children are collected promptly at 11.30am.

Student Support Centre (Homework materials)

Some children aged 4-11 will be bringing home an additional letter about 'The Student Support Centre'. Please return the slip to school by Thursday 22nd November if you would like further details in regard to this.

Photographs

The School Photographer was in school last week. Please return all orders be returned to school by Friday 23rd November. Thanks.

Lost Property

We have three un-named sweat shirts in school, any claimers please?

A girl has lost her pink watch on Wednesday 7th November, has it turned up in anyone else's swimming kit? Please return if it has, Thank you.

Opera North Workshop and Video Conferencing

The Junior class will be learning about how an opera is produced in school non Friday 30th November when members of the group come to the school. On the same day in the afternoon, we will be assisted by members of the East Riding Digital Learning Community in setting up a video conferencing link with three other East Riding schools. We hope that our pupils will enjoy the opportunity to speak live via webcam to children in the three other schools about their learning in the opera workshop. We will be looking to develop this opportunity further to video conferencing with link schools abroad in the future. Please sign and return the attached slip to school if you are willing for your child to participate in this.

Nut Policy – School Meals

As you are no doubt aware the government has introduced new standards for school food and drink. As part of these new standards the School Food Trust are now actively endorsing the use of nuts and seeds as snack items. It also has for sometime been increasingly difficult to source many basic food items such as bread, sandwich ranges, herbs, spices etc, because manufacturers will not declare their products 'nut free' due to the possible risks of cross contamination in production processing, packaging and transportation of products.

It has now been approved by the local authority to allow the School Meals Team to source products for school food that now contain nuts or nut derivatives.

Due to the possible implications for people with food allergies or intolerances, serious allergies to nuts and nut products and some seeds affect about 1 to 2% of people in the UK.

Please could you let us know if your child has any other allergies, ie. bee stings etc.

Talent and Interest on Our Doorstep?

Can you speak a foreign language fluently? Are you a member of the local camera club, history club or similar. Can you offer advice and opportunity for children to develop something we do not currently do in school such as wood work, needlecraft, knitting, business/enterprise? If so we would love to hear from you as soon as possible. We would like to put together modules of work consisting of 6 to 8, 40 minute lessons run during school curriculum time in the afternoon for the junior children. It would be a great opportunity to draw upon the skills and talents we have on our doorstep. While we would require you to lead the session, school support from a teaching assistant would be a necessity at every session and we would provide this. Some examples of things that might be appropriate are:

- Gardening
- Woodwork
- Archaeology
- Nature study
- Rambling
- Foreign language
- Business and enterprise
- Cookery
- Dough craft

Permission Slips

Please could any outstanding permission slips be returned to school as soon as possible so that the children can attend trips etc?

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Halley

I am willing for my child _____ to participate in the video conferencing activities on Friday 30th November.

Signed -----

I am willing to offer the following Activity as a 6-8 week course if required;

Signed _____