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Newsletter

30th September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have decided to do things a little differently, and not have a newsletter every week, and will be doing one every month, recapping everything we have done over the past month.

It was lovely to welcome Mrs Warrington in briefly last week for our Bacon Butty Friday, and to see she is recovering well after her recent surgery.

Our Year 5 & 6 pupils have spent the day today at Thorpe Willoughby Primary School with Mrs Sumpner learning all about Robotics. I'm sure they have had a great day finding out all sorts of new information.

All the children have been working really hard in Literacy, and have produced some excellent writing retelling the story of Jack and The Beanstalk. A display will be going up next week, once all the writing is finished.

We have also been lucky enough to tap into The Ebor Academy Trust's peripatetic Music Service in order to have weekly music lessons delivered by a music professional; Mr Heath is proving very popular.

We are all really looking forward to our trip to the theatres in Leeds next week, on Tuesday, and reminders of times will be sent out on Monday.

Attendance

*I am delighted to reveal our overall school attendance this week has been **100%**!!!!!! Well done every one!!! For the month of September our average attendance has been 87.11%.*

Please remember that the bell goes at 8.55am in the mornings and your child(ren) should be in school before this time.

POINTS

The top three points this month are **Jamie Cromack** with **20**, and **Finley and Neve Thornton** who have **19** each. They will be going out for lunch on Thursday next week, accompanied by Mrs Sumpner and Mrs Seager. Parents of the winners will be getting confirmation letters next week.

BACON BUTTY FRIDAYS

Our weekly get-togethers are proving very popular. It's lovely for us all (including Mrs Seager!) to spend time together and chat and have challenges and activities, normally supplied by Mrs Longden. The first week we had a Snakes and Ladders tournament which was eventually won by Neve, after both finalists had been down the longest snake (on square 99 back down to 23) at least four times each! The next week, Mr and Mrs Fenton kindly brought in their pets snakes (Pluto and Nos) and those children and staff who were brave enough to were able to handle and touch the two snakes. Today, the children made houses out of Lego to make their own village. We are aiming to continue these communal times every week and for this reason, Breakfast club will not take place on Fridays.

ASSEMBLIES

Owing to our smaller roll, we have decided that we will meet every morning informally, and will use that time to talk to the children, and on a Friday morning, announce the winners of the weekly points. We are aware that some parents will miss

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The deputy designated person for Safeguarding is Mrs J Warrington

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the Friday celebration assembly, and we are looking at a number of different ways to involve parents within school. We are open to parental suggestions, so if anyone has any ideas, please let Mrs Seager or any of the staff know!

DINNER MONEY AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please can I remind parents that all Dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday morning. A full week costs £10.50 (each day is £2.10). You are able to choose on a daily basis whether you want to have the meal and do not have to have a meal every day.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We will be continuing with our Breakfast Club on Mondays and Thursdays from 8.30am and it will still only cost £1!!

HYDRATION

Its a good idea to have a water bottle in school as it has been proved that being hydrated is a boost to learning, but please ensure that there is only water or flavoured water **NOT JUICE** in the bottle.

PE KITS

Please make sure your child(ren) has their PE Kit in school all week as we may decide to do PE activities. PE kit **MUST** be in school for Thursday mornings.

Key Dates

Friday 21st October 2016 – School closes at 3.30pm for Half Term Holiday

Monday 31st October 2016 – School reopens 8.50am for 2nd half of Autumn Term

Friday 18th November 2016 – School Closed for INSET Day

W/C Monday 8th May 2017 – Year 6 SATs (pupils will receive preparation related homework throughout the year to support their SATs learning)

Throughout May 2017 – Year 2 SATs

Yours sincerely,

Claire-Marie Habbishaw
(Head Teacher)