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Newsletter

9th September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the long summer break! I hope you all had a pleasant holiday. Today, the children have been telling us all about their holidays and its sounds as though a great time was had by all!

We have come back to a much smaller number on roll, however, we are still determined to do the best for your children and this Newsletter outlines some of the slight changes we will be making

Attendance

Our overall school attendance this week has been 79.7%. Although these seems quite low, we have to remember that each individual absence will affect the percentage more as we have less children to make up that 100%. Well done everyone!

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

(House)POINTS

You will notice that the weekly house points are missing from the newsletter. We have decided to change the reward system to individual points, and each week we will announce the highest points. Points will be awarded for a number of reasons: For example: Manners and table manners, demonstrating the DRAX Factor, acts of friendship and being ready to learn in the mornings or after playtimes. Points will also be awarded to those children who read at least THREE times a week at home and can show this by their reading record being signed by a parent or other adult who has heard them read. (Each reading session must be signed otherwise it cannot be counted). Neat and/or full uniform will also merit points.

The winners will be rewarded by being invited out to lunch with two members of staff and we have attached a reply slip to this newsletter to confirm you are happy for your child to go out of school if they are lucky enough to be a weekly winner. We will of course inform you when this will happen. This will happen on a monthly basis so that two or three winners will go out together. Please ask if you have any questions.

BACON BUTTY FRIDAYS

We all enjoyed our bacon (and/or Egg or Toast) Butties this morning and it was lovely to have Mr Fenton, our Vice-Chair of Governors with us. We have decided to make this a weekly affair and so will have this communal circle time every week. 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 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). We have attached a Free School Meal to this newsletter and encourage every family to fill this in and send it to NYCC, even if you don't think you will qualify.

The designated person for Safeguarding is Miss CM Habbishaw
The deputy designated person for Safeguarding is Mrs J Warrington

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If you qualify, please remember your child DOES NOT have to have a school meal every day, it just means if they choose to have the hot school meal, you do not have to pay for it. If anyone has any difficulties in filling in the form for any reason, Mrs Seager is happy to fill it in with you at school and sent it to NYCC for you.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

THE SUMMER IS (STILL) HERE!!

While we are still enjoying some late summer weather please ensure that your child has a sun hat in school. Sun cream is also a good idea, and it would be helpful if they can apply it themselves, and have had an application before school in the morning if necessary. A water bottle is also a good idea, 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)

REPLY SLIP

NAME OF CHILD _____

I am happy for my child to go out of school for lunch if they are one of the weekly winners.

I understand that I will be informed on the Friday morning if my child is one of the winners.

Signed _____

date _____