



Newsletter

17th January 2025

Welcome back everyone! It has been a positive and productive start to the new year with so many great things to celebrate already.



Forest School

Our Year 6 children have had an amazing time in

forest school this week. They have been working creatively and building dens and shelters. Forest school provides



children with amazing opportunities to take their learning outdoors, to develop teamwork and cooperative working skills as well as enhancing their resilience and determination. It is wonderful to hear of the children's adventures when working out there.



Attendance

Attendance in school continues to be very good and last term was an amazing 96.6%. Analysis of our trends however does show that many absences are attributed to holidays in term time. Please remember that there are new rules around leave of absence request and all holidays in term time are unauthorised with the possibility of a referral for a fixed penalty notice.

We have recently completed a review of our procedures as we feel we need to have opportunities to positively recognise, praise and reward children's attendance. Some new procedures have been introduced and have been shared in Assemblies today with our children.

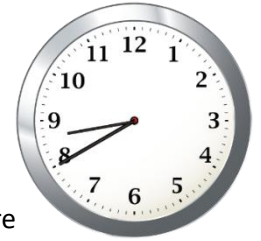
We are now celebrating class attendances with the children on a weekly basis and will be rewarding classes who have the highest weekly attendance with the presentation of an attendance cup.

Extra special rewards will be available for classes who have 100% attendance in a week. I am happy to report that the winners of this today were Mrs Brand's class in Year 2 and Miss William's class in Year 1. The children all received a sticker and had a special golden time treat this afternoon.

As you know attendance in school is very important although we have stressed to the children that if they are ill, they shouldn't attend school. Our initiatives are designed to promote positive attitudes towards attendance.

Morning learning

Our doors open at 8.40 am each day for morning learning and the official start to our school day is 8.45 am.



Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school for 8.40 am on a daily basis.

From 8.40 am, children take part in morning learning activities and this is a crucial part of the day where your child has the chance to consolidate prior learning and address misconceptions. It is a fact that children who take part in morning learning regularly make greater progress with their own learning. I would also remind parents that registers are taken at 8.45 am and our external doors close at 8.55 am.

Children arriving late to school must enter via the main reception and be signed in by a parent after this time. Please be aware that just because the gates on the yard do not close until 9.00 am, this does not mean that external doors are still open at this time. The gates remain open merely to allow parents to exit the yard by 9.00 am.

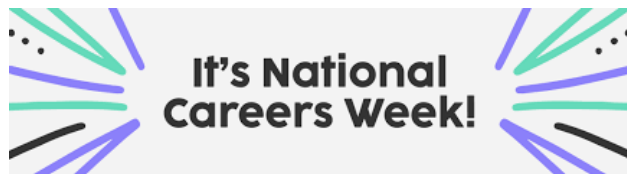
Cold weather

It is likely that we will have more cold weather throughout January and February. Our school yard is a huge space and it is not feasible to grit it entirely. I would remind everyone that we have a gritting plan in place. When the weather conditions are inclement, Mrs Symmonds (our school caretaker) will demarcate safe routes into school with floor cones and may cordon off areas for safety. Please follow these pathways as much as possible and supervise your children away from potentially slippery areas.



Lunch Money

Please can I remind all parents that the payment of school lunches should be made weekly via the IRIS Plus system. The cost of school lunches is £15.50 per week. The office regularly send out reminders about payment to parents via ParentMail (email), as we do not want any parents to be faced with large lunch money debts. In this instance, we will ask parents to move their children to packed lunches until debts have been cleared. Please do not be offended if you receive a message regarding any arrears. Currently, we make every effort not to let parents/carers carry any more than two weeks worth of arrears, and so we do send out reminders. This is something that many parents/carers have requested, as in the past some families have faced rather large sums of money owed, simply because they have forgotten to check their accounts.



National Careers Week

On the week beginning 3rd March, we will be celebrating National Careers Week. We are still looking for volunteers to come into school to share information about their career with our children – and everyone's career is valued and welcomed. This event is being organised by Mrs Flores, Mrs Brand, Miss Perkin and Miss Barton and they have already sent out a Microsoft Form regarding Careers Week via Marvellous Me. If you feel you can support during this week, or you work for a company or organisation that can offer support, please complete the Microsoft Form as soon as possible.

Lamb Lane Parking

Since our school opened in 2006, parking on Lamb Lane has always been problematic. Can I please remind all parents/carers and those responsible for dropping off/collecting children that primarily we all have a duty to keep ourselves, each other and, most importantly, the children safe. While I fully appreciate that parents and carers lead busy lives, some parking when dropping off and collecting is dangerous. Please avoid:

- Parking on the roundabout on Lamb Lane,
- Blocking access to the care home
- The emergency exit gates by Mrs B's Community Hive.
- The zoned areas, staff car park and emergency exit of St Therese School.

I would remind parents and carers that we do have an arrangement with Tesco and the church for use of their car park. It is only a short walk from either of these options and does alleviate the pressure on Lamb Lane. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Spring Term 2025

w/c 20th January – Y5 Bikeability Mrs Forster's class
24th January - Special Educational Needs Support Plans sent to parents
w/c 27th January – Y5 Bikeability Mrs Wyer's class
27th January – **Young Voices Choir at Sheffield Arena**
w/c 3rd February– Y5 Bikeability Miss Temple's class

7th February – NSPCC Number Day – children to dress up with a number theme

10th February – Tempest Photography in school – whole school and family photographs

12th February-16th February - Year 6 residential visit to Ullswater.

14th February – Ingleby CPAD fundraising – healthy hearts – children to wear red to school for a small donation.

17th -21st February – Y6 Residential Visit to Ullswater.

21st February – Break up for half term.

3rd March - Return to School

3rd – 7th March – National Careers Week.

6th March – World Book Day

21st March – Comic Relief Non Uniform Day – donations can be made via Just Giving if parents wish.

26th March – Parent Consultation Face to Face appointments

31st March – Parent Consultation Online appointments

4th April – PD Day school closed to children

7th April – Y5 and 6 Glow Party and Tuck Shop (4.30 pm – 5.30 pm).

8th April – Y3 and 4 Easter Disco (4.30pm -5.30 pm).

9th April – Y1 and 2 Easter Disco (4.30 pm – 5.30 pm).

9th April – Easter Egg competition – decorate an egg.

10th March – Easter Raffle.

11th April - Break up for Easter.

Many thanks for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Taylor
Head Teacher

