



# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome Back!

The children have settled very well into their new classes and they should be congratulated for their effort, attitude and attendance during the first week back at school. We are very pleased to welcome our new children to St James' - those that are starting their full time education in our reception class and the children joining us new to our nursery class.

## Marking the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Following the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II we have been informed that the day of her Funeral, Monday 19th September, will be a Bank Holiday and the **school will be closed** to observe this national day of mourning. In school, we marked this sad event with a Collective Worship led by Rev. Naylor last Friday and we will fly our Union Flag on the playground at half mast until the Funeral.

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## Good Behaviour Policy

We are delighted with the behaviour of all of our pupils. You are very welcome to look at the good behaviour policy—or any other school policies. All policies are available from the school office. You will also find a number of school policies on our website.



## Attendance and Punctuality

We are delighted that the children have attended so well at the beginning of this term. A good attendance record has a very positive impact on children's achievement, their ability to socialise and their emotional well being. Please remember that we are unable to authorise any absence due to holidays taken during term time and that penalty notices may be issued to parents of children who are absent due to a holiday (£60 per parent, per child). Holidays during term time can seriously disrupt children's learning. Not only do they miss the teaching provided on the days they are away, they are also less prepared for the lessons building on this learning after their return. As a result, your child's progress will be seriously slowed and there may also be a future risk of underachievement.

It is also essential that children arrive at school on time to ensure they do not miss out on any of their learning or cause disruption to the learning of others. Breakfast club is open daily for working parents from 7.45am and costs £1 per child per day. Please remember that children can arrive at breakfast club up to 8:20am.

Children should not be on the school site before 8.40 am unless they are attending the breakfast club. Classrooms are open from **8:45am and registration is at 8:55am**. Any child arriving after 8:55 am should report to the school office.

## Safeguarding/SEN/First Aiders:

Miss Strickland is our Child Protection Co-ordinator/ Safeguarding Lead. Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Hunter and Mrs Moore.

Our SENCo is Mrs Moore.

Our first aiders are:

Mr Jowett, Miss Brown, Mrs Leonard, Mrs Gardiner, Miss Thorneycroft, Mrs Emerson, Mrs Drury, Mrs Ketley and Mrs Allison

## Do you know how to keep your child safe at home when they are using a mobile phone, tablet or similar electronic devise?

Although we teach the children on a termly basis about keeping themselves safe whilst online, we are still hearing concerning stories from some of our parents about unsuitable material or conversations their children have accessed (often quite by accident because settings on devices did not protect them). Many parents and staff are surprised and alarmed by the extent that some people will go to, to gain access to children online.

Information on how to keep your child safe online can be found on the school website.



## School Uniform

We are delighted with the appearance of all the children in school, they look extremely smart in their white t-shirts/shirts, red jumpers and grey trousers or skirts. Thank you for your support of our school uniform policy.

Please remember to ensure that your child wears plain black school shoes. Sandshoes should be worn inside school. Please write your child's name in their uniform, this prevents any upset if items are misplaced.

## PE Kit

Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit at school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt and plain red shorts. As many PE lessons this term will take place outside, children may need to wear trainers for these lessons. Please remember that our outdoor kit consists of plain black sweatshirt and plain black jogging bottoms.

If you need to order any items of school uniform, please contact the school office and they will be able to help you with this.

## Outdoor Clothing

Please make sure your child brings a coat to school for playtimes and lunchtimes.



## Keeping Safe on the Playground Before and After School

Adults or children riding bikes or scooters on the playground before or after school presents a health and safety risk for other children and adults. Please make sure that your child does **not** ride his/her bike or scooter on the playground at the beginning or end of the school day.

For health and safety reasons it is essential that no children climb on the play equipment on the playground or field before or after school.



## Car Parking:

It is imperative that no parents or taxis use the school drive to turn round, drop off or to park. For the sake of the safety of all of the children please do not come onto the school site in your car to drop off or collect your children. This applies before school, at lunchtime and at the end of the day, including following after school clubs.



## Important Information about Funding – Please help us to help your children:

We are trying to get additional funding into school to enable us to again begin taking the children on subsidised visits out of school to support their learning. If at any time you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:-

**Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit (with an annual income of not more than £16,190 as assessed by the Inland Revenue), Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance or an Asylum Seeker** and you have not completed a form since receiving these benefits, please pop into the office and we will help you to complete a simple form that will ensure your child gets free school meals when they are in key stage 2 and helps us to get additional money into school. This is called pupil premium. Please speak to Mrs Todd our Administration Officer if you require more information.

## Dogs on the school site

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school site, even if being carried.



## Jewellery

We don't consider it is necessary for your child to wear any jewellery whilst at school. However, if you feel that this is essential, please make sure that this is limited to one **small** pair of stud earrings in the lower lobe area and one watch; these must be removed for health and safety reasons when taking part in P.E. lessons.

## Music provision

We are delighted that every child in year 5 will continue to learn to play the violin this year. In addition, we will be having a specialist percussion teacher in school this term working with our Year 4 children during their music lessons.



## School Security and lunchtimes

The entrance gates to the school field remain locked throughout the day between 9:00 am and 3:10 pm. If your child goes home at lunch time please arrange to meet them at the main door into the school (school office entrance). Children should return into school via this route on their return after lunch for 1.15pm.

## School Photos

On **Monday 17th October** the photographer will be in school. He will take individual photos of the children throughout the morning. Family group photos will also be possible and further details regarding the arrangements for this will follow closer to the date.

## Dates for the year, including Holidays

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some dates for your diary. There will be additional dates to follow and letters will be sent home regarding any visits etc we are able to organise nearer the time.

DATE	EVENT
Monday 19th September	School closed for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II
Friday 30th September	EYFS Macmillan Coffee Morning and Phonics sessions
Thursday 6th October	Year 1 visit to Densholme Farm
Wednesday 12th October	Year 5 visit to Bempton
Thursday 13th October	Year 2 & Year 3 visit to Hull New Theatre to see author Jon Agee
Friday 14th October	Year 1—Den building workshop in school Year 3 - Follow up author visit workshop in school
Monday 17th October	Photographer in school
WB Monday 17th October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 21st October	1.40pm—Harvest Festival at St. James' Church 3.15pm - School closes for the half term holiday
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
Monday 31st October	Children return to school
WB Monday 14th November	Anti-Bullying & Road Safety Week
Friday 18th November	Children In Need
Friday 25th November	Hope Sentamu Learning Trust whole staff training day— school closed to pupils
Friday 16th December	3:15 pm - School closes for the Christmas holidays
Tuesday 3rd January	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 4th January	Children return to school
Friday 10th February	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 20th February	Children return to school
Friday 31st March	3:15 pm - School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 17th April	Children return to school
Monday 1st May	School closed—Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 26th May	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Friday 21st July	3:15 pm - School closes for the summer holiday