



Dear Parents/Carers

Back To School Meeting – Wednesday 23rd

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend the meeting on Wednesday evening. We hope you found the information given and your meeting with your child's teacher useful.

We were rather disappointed that only 27 (out of over 140) families were represented at the meeting. As the information we shared is so important, we are keen to establish whether or not we chose an inappropriate time.

It would be most helpful if parents/carers could inform us when the most convenient time would be to hold meetings for parents. It may be that a 9 am or a 2.30 pm meeting would suit you better – please let us know.

Important Paperwork to Return

If you were unable to attend Wednesday's meeting, you will receive today a pack of important information. Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

There are three letters/leaflets that need to be read, discussed, signed and returned. These are: our new Home/School Agreement, our photographic consent form and our Cyclists' Charter for children who use their bicycle or scooter to come to school.

I have promised a glossy Head teacher's sticker to every child who returns these forms next week!

Harvest Arrangements

Our Harvest service will be combined with the first Celebration Assembly of the school year at 9.30 am in Church on Friday 2nd October.

We would like children to bring Harvest gifts (e.g. tinned or packets of food, fruit, vegetables etc.) on WEDNESDAY of next week. Gifts will be displayed in Church on Thursday prior to Friday's service.

I do hope many of you will be able to join us for our Harvest Celebration next week.

Travelling Book Fair

Our first book fair of the school year is arriving on Tuesday 29th September so will be open for the first time on Wednesday 30th September.

If any parents are able to volunteer to assist with the running of the book fair, please tell me or Mrs Smithson.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We see it as a very positive sign that four parents have expressed an interest in standing for the two parent governor vacancies currently available. Those parents will receive more details in the near future.

Class One Building Work

Good progress is being made with the extension to Class One and the building of a covered outdoor play area.

Our builders have informed us that they are likely to knock through into Class One in the week beginning Monday 5th October. When this happens Reception class will move into the hall and Class One into Reception. This situation is likely to last for a few weeks prior to the completion of the project which we hope will be in early November.

PFA AGM

This will take place in the staff room at 6.30 pm – all welcome.

Use of the Tyre Park Before School

I have informed children that they are NOT to use the Tyre Park before the start of the school day as we cannot provide adequate supervision. Children may play on the tyres after school providing the adult collecting them is prepared to supervise.

The school will not accept responsibility for any accidents or injury caused by playing on our Tyre Park before 8.55 am.

School Milk Subsidy Scheme

I have been asked to remind parents/carers that milk is available as a drink option for children having school dinners at a reduced price as a result of an EU subsidy.

I know that many children enjoy milk and all its nutritional value in school at break time and lunch time.

Children up to the age of 5 are provided with milk free of charge. We do provide milk for other children whose parents/carers order it at a cost of 22p per day.

Cooler Available

We have recently taken possession of a new fridge to store our milk. If you would like the cooler previously used to store milk please let me or Mrs Smithson know. It will be donated to the first person to claim it in return for a small donation to the school.

Mr Tansy's Visit

Children in Class 5 and 6 enjoyed meeting Mr David Tansy – Headteacher of Stanley High School Specialist Sports College on Wednesday. He talked about the transfer to High School and to Stanley in particular.

Illegal Parking

We have received a number of complaints from one of our neighbours on Rufford Road who has been unable to leave her driveway as it has been blocked by a car owned by someone collecting a car from our school.

Please avoid illegal parking. The police do carry out regular checks and will impose spot fines.

VigorBoards

If you are interested in buying a VigorBoard for your child please ask for a leaflet from the office. It includes details of how you can order a VigorBoard kit at a much reduced price from that charged in shops.

Quest Seekers Summer Holiday Reading Scheme

Congratulations to all the children who received certificates this morning from Zoe Clarke from the Sefton Library Service for reading 6 books during the summer holiday.

Clubs On Next Week . . .

- Monday: *Maths Games, netball, gymnastics*
- Tuesday: *NWSS, Mad Science*
- Wednesday: *VigorBoard, fun club*
- Thursday: *Drama, playcourt football*
- Friday: *Running, taekwondo*

Breakfast Club

Remember that we offer very high quality childcare and a healthy breakfast to children from 7.45 am every morning. Book your child in at short notice and for the odd dates. The cost is £3 per session.

Parenting 2000 Coffee Morning

You are very welcome to attend our weekly meetings every Wednesday in the Family Room. Please join Rachel from 9 am. Pre-school children are welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents and to find out more about a wide range of activities and sources of support for parents.

FAST (Fun After School Today) Club

Our after school childcare provision is now and up and running.

If your child attends one of the after school clubs that start next week, he/she can be collected by Miss Baxter when the club finishes and fed, supervised etc. until you are able to collect. Parents/carers will not be charged for the time spent in a club.

Booking forms are available from the office. Bookings need to be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Head lice

Please check your child's hair for head lice every week. Additional guidance is available from Pharmacy Online on Rufford Road and from our School Nurse (Sarah Malm) who visits every Wednesday morning and is on the playground from 8.45 am.

If you have particular concerns regarding head lice or any other medical issue please telephone the School Nursing Service on 01704 544766.

Dates

October

- 1st PFA AGM at 6.30 pm
- 2nd Harvest Service at 9.30 am in Church
- 15th Individual and family group photographs
- 19th Parents' evening – 3.30-6.00 pm
- 20th Parents' evening – 6-8.30 pm
- 23rd Class 6 to Robinwood, Todmorden
- Half term starts at 3.10 pm
- 25th Class 6 return

November

- 2nd Term re-starts at 8.55 am
- 21st Church Christmas Fair
- 27th Mufti day for Christmas Fair
- 30th Bags2Schools blue bag collection

December

- 4th Mufti day for Christmas Fair
- 5th Breakfast with Santa
- 7th PFA Christmas Bingo
- 11th Mufti day for Christmas Fair
- Christmas Fair
- 12th Breakfast with Santa
- 14th Carols by Torchlight – 5.00 pm
- 18th Christmas Service at 9.30 am in Church
- Term ends at 1.45 pm

Best wishes

Mr Daniel Hains -Headteacher

