

17th July 2020

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

I would like to thank parents and children for all your support and hard work throughout a challenging year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have continually worked hard to provide the best for the children.

This week it has been great to see the children back in school. They enjoyed spending time with their new teachers and catching up with friends. We cannot wait to see everyone return in September.

The Junior Class

This week the junior children have been busy completing different transition activities at home. We were also fortunate enough to be able to allow children to come into school, in small groups, for transition. They carried out some fantastic activities with Miss Storr. She is very excited to start teaching the children in September. I would just like to thank parents for their continued support and hard work during the past few months of home learning. I hope you have a well-deserved break over the summer and stay safe.

Y6 leavers

On Wednesday we were able to celebrate the Y6 time at Lealholm. Although it was not quite the usual leavers' assembly, we still got to share memories and the children, staff and parents had the opportunity to reflect and celebrate their achievements. We also shared a video of messages from all the children followed by a picnic (in the classroom due to the beautiful British weather).

We are so proud of all they have achieved and wish them the best of luck at secondary school and every success in the future.

The Infant Class

This week the infant class have been busy with home learning and transition in school. At home the children have been doing different transition themed activities around the book 'Dear Teacher'. The children wrote a letter and an

adventure story in Literacy, they thought about wishes for the future, lock down memories and hopes for the summer holidays in PSHE, decorated pebbles in Art and learnt about Captain Cook in History. In school, the new starters were in on Monday and went on a mini beast hunt around the school grounds. The new Y1 and Y2 children reflected on their year and thought about what they want to achieve in the coming year. The new Y3 children completed some activities with Miss Storr in the junior classroom. I have really enjoyed seeing all of the children again this week. They were excellent during the transition sessions and I hope they enjoyed themselves. Thank you to everyone for all of the hard work you have put into home learning. I hope everyone enjoys their summer holidays.

Stars of the Week

This week the junior star of the week is all the children for their hard work and resilience in these unprecedented times. We are very proud of you all.

This week I would like to award all of the children in the infant class star of the week for working hard during lock down and for staying positive through this change. Well done everyone!

Junior class dojo points

1st- Chloe
2nd- Tyler
3rd- Moses

Infant Dojo Points

1st - Isaac
2nd - Emma and Robbie
3rd - Oliver, Omar and Rose

Reopen September

You received an email earlier this week regarding return to school. Luckily, we are able to fully reopen to children on Tuesday 8th September. Regular cleaning and maintaining hygiene will be paramount.

Please remember to observe social distancing when dropping off and picking up children. We will encourage to only bring essential items into school such as coat, book bag, medication etc.

PE kits

On Monday and Thursday both classes will have PE children will need to come in to school in their clean PE kits on these days. Please ensure the kit is suitable for outdoor or indoor wear. Trainers will need to be worn rather than plimsolls. Please ensure that the school uniform PE kit is worn.

Dinner money Increase

Please note the price of a school meal has been increased to £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week). I am sure you will agree that this is still excellent value for money.

Hopefully, from September we will have our new cashless system in place. This will mean you will be able to make all payments to school online, through the new parent portal "My Child at School" (MCAS) - watch out for further information about this coming soon!

Good luck

We would like to wish Miss Parkes all the best for her maternity leave. We are looking forward to meeting the baby in September.

Good Bye

We would like to say thank you to Mrs Wilson one of our MSA's who has been with Lealholm for nearly 20 years. Mrs Wilson also spent a number of years helping the children with their art and craft sessions throughout her time here. She will be greatly missed by all.

Medicines

Please remember to bring any medication your child requires into school on their first day.

Governor Recruitment

Would you or someone you know be interested in joining our governing body? We are ideally seeking candidates from the local communities of Castleton, Glaisdale or Lealholm who are NOT parents of current pupils, as these areas are currently underrepresented.

For more information about the schools and how to apply, please visit our website at <https://www.lealholm.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-our-school/our-governors/>

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If you know of anyone who might be interested, please share this post.

We hope you have a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday 8th September.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher