



Believe Enjoy Strive Succeed

Principal Comments

Welcome back and Happy New Year! With the festive season behind us and a whole year of opportunity ahead of us we can all reflect on the past and strive for an even better future. This term has started so well too. In just the first few days we had children dressed as Super Heroes, Romans and Tudors, immersing themselves in their topic. It was a delight to see the awe and wonder on their faces and a great way to inspire and motivate our learners. On top of this we have had a trip to the Imperial War Museum for Year 6 and a trip to Leeds Castle for Year 2. It really has been a busy start.

Assemblies:

Our assemblies have focussed on reflection and striving for good things. We have thought about the things that we can change and the courage we sometimes need to show to accept the things that we cannot change. I was impressed with the children's responses in assembly and know that some of them have given real thought to what they would like to improve on this year. We have set a whole school challenge for term 3 to complete home learning. We shared some excellent examples of independent learning and the teachers have shared good practise in the classroom. Encouraging the children to engage in this at home would help them develop resilience and self-help skills. Please do see the class teacher if you are not familiar with the expectations.

Reading:

Pupils are also being encouraged to read at least three times a week too. In class, the children now get to have a dip in the box for regular reading. This is a weekly treat to encourage and praise the effort at home as we know that it makes a huge difference on their reading ability and significantly improves their chances of reaching or exceeding the expected standard. Your child should bring home a reading record and reading book every night. Please encourage them to read independently and where possible share some of those precious moments with your child. There is a small box for a comment too. It is helpful if we know which words they may have struggled with or if you have seen an improvement in confidence. For more information on reading and how you can help at home or in school, please contact Mrs. McHugh or Miss Longley.

Parking:

You may have noticed the traffic wardens and police around the school grounds and surrounding roads? They have expressed real concern at the parking and the implications this has for the safe passing of pedestrians. Please, on behalf of the pupils and staff here, can I ask that you do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school. I have been advised to publish the registration plates of the cars that are repeatedly ignoring this request and am asking us all as a community of caring adults to take responsibility for where and how we park. I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

This term is already unfolding to be an exciting one. Please keep following us on Facebook and if you have any suggestions for improvements then please do come and see me.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr. T.M. North (NPQH)

Prayer for the Week

*As we embrace the new challenges the year brings us,
help us to apply the lessons the stories from the bible
teach us about helping others. Help us remember that we
all have something we can offer to others. Give us the
courage and the strength to ask for help and offer it to
those who need it.*

Chess Club on Thursdays

We now have some vacancies at Thursday's After School Chess Club. If your child is interested in joining the Club, please enquire at the school office or speak to Mrs. Errington.

Scooters & Bicycles

There are rather a lot of cycles and scooters in the school bike shed without permits. Can I remind you that you have to complete a form and obtain a permit which you should attach to your child's cycle or scooter before leaving it on the school premises. You can obtain a form from the school office.

If your child does bring in a cycle/scooter, please ensure they wear a helmet. Thank you.



CONGRATULATIONS

Thomas Attwater from Earth class has recently been awarded a karate gold belt student of the month, after only taking up karate three months ago. A big well done to Thomas, he has worked incredibly hard to achieve this.

Parents' Evening

You will later this week receive a slip for parents' evening, where you are able to meet with your child's class teacher. Please complete and return the slip to your child's class teacher. Parents' evenings will take place during the week commencing Monday 6th February.

September Intake 2017

Please note that if your child is due to start school in September 2017, today is the last day for registering your child for a place at your chosen primary school.

Training Day and End of Term

Please note, we have a staff training day on Friday 10th February, children will therefore finish school for the half term holiday on Thursday 9th February and should return to school on Monday 20th February.