

Newsletter

5th September - Cricket Final Hetton Lyons
13th September - School Photos
16th September - Drop in to meet the class teacher 3.15pm-4.30pm
23rd September - Esh Group to visit Reception class
30th September - Reading workshop for Nursery and Reception parents
30th September - Robinwood meeting for parents/children 3.15pm
1st October - Show Racism the Red Card - Year 6 Stadium of Light
4th October - Operation Encompass to visit Year 5
4th October - Nissan to visit school - Year 3
7th October - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 6pm
8th October - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 5.30pm
14th October - Maths workshop for Nursery and Reception parents
17th October - Harvest Festival
23rd October - School Disco
25th October - Inset Day (School closed to children)
28th October - 1st November - Half term holiday
4th November - Bike-ability Year 5
11th November - Anti Bullying Week
13th November - Year 6 class assembly 9.15am
20th November - Year 5 class assembly 9.15am
27th - 29th November - Robinwood residential
2nd December - Nursery / Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
3rd December - Nursery / Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
4th December - Nasal Vaccination - Reception - Year 6
5th December - Year 1 / Year 2 Nativity Play 2.15pm
6th December - Year 1 / Year 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
9th December - Christmas Community Afternoon 1.30pm
10th December - Year 3/Year 4 Oxclose Church - Christmas Carols (pm)
11th December - Year 5/Year 6 Oxclose Church - Christmas Carols (pm)
13th December - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day
16th December - Nursery /Reception Christmas Party (am)
16th December - Year 1,2,3,4 Christmas Party (pm)
17th December - Year 5,6 Christmas Party (pm)
20th December - Last day of term, school jumpers can be worn
6th January - School reopens Spring term

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Headteacher's Update

Welcome back to the new academic year! We trust that you all had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed spending time with your children. We are all delighted with the way the children have settled in to their classes and adjusted to new routines. Nursery and Reception children have made a fantastic start and impressed us all with their enthusiasm for school. This term has got off to an excellent start and the diary is already full with many planned events and opportunities for you to be part of school life. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our drop in session on Monday 16th September 3.15 - 4.30pm. Please call in between these times to meet your child's class teacher, hear all about the curriculum and see photographs of what the children have been up to since the start of the new term. We love to celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school. Our Celebration Assembly is now on a Monday morning for Years 1 to 6. Each week, the class teacher chooses one child to speak about on the stage and share their achievements and qualities. They are presented with a special certificate and 'our stars of the week' names are shared on our school website. Our school council for the Autumn term will be elected on Friday. This year we will be supporting different charities and our school council will be leading many new initiatives across school. Dates and reminders are on this newsletter and also available to view on the school calendar on our school website. Please take time to visit our school website as it is a wealth of information! Class pages show photographs of what the children have been up to and are updated weekly. We are changing some of our events this year. All children will share their learning in a class assembly over the course of the year. In addition, every child will participate in a school production. Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 will perform in a school nativity at Christmas. Year 3 and 4 will be performing in a VE Celebration in May. Year 5 will be performing in April linked to Easter and Year 6 will be showcasing their talent in a production at the end of the school year. For the first time, Key Stage 2 will be visiting Oxclose Church for a traditional carol service with Canon Hopper. We are looking forward to building on our many achievements and working in partnership with you all this year.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

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School News

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 13th September to take class, individual and family photos. If you have any children or babies who have not yet started school and would like to have a family photo taken, please come to the school hall from 8.30am. If there is any special requests for photographs other than with siblings, can you please inform the school office who will ensure your requests are catered for.

Artsmark Silver Award

We are delighted to announce that school has achieved the Artsmark Silver Award. This has been awarded to the school for 2 years following its commitment to the Arts. School has embraced the arts curriculum raising the profile across school. Children are enjoying the arts enrichment opportunities that are on offer. These include rock band, choir and music lessons. All children experienced a visit to the theatre and worked with different artists. We look forward to many more exciting opportunities in the future.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

We have signed up to take part in Aldi's 'Kit for Schools' Programme. If any parent/carer/or family member shops at Aldi and spends £30, you will be given a Team GB sticker which we are collecting in school. Once we have completed the poster with 300 stickers, school will receive a sports kit and the chance to win a cash prize for school of £20,000 to help build a healthy legacy within school. Please send in as many stickers as possible by 15th November to give school a chance of achieving this goal.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in school on Thursday 17th October. Donations of non perishable food items eg tins, cereals, dried pasta etc can be sent into school from Monday 14th October. Any donations will be donated to the Washington Food Bank after the assembly. Thank you for your continued support as we know how much they appreciate all the donations.

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Birth Announcement

We are delighted to share the news that Miss Henderson and her partner Adam welcomed a beautiful baby girl Myla Rose McMeiken born 3rd September weighing 7lb. Both Mam and baby are doing well. We look forward to their visit to school.

Breakfast club - Run a mile

Starting on Tuesday 17th September (and every Tuesday thereafter) Mr Taylor will be starting a Run a Mile at 8.20am. Any child who attends Breakfast Club can take part in this event. Younger children who attend from Nursery and Reception can also take part running a shorter distance. Children who would like to participate should have their PE kit in school.

New Starters - Nursery and Reception



Welcome to our new Nursery and Reception class. All children have settled into school really well and are enjoying making new friendships and exploring their new environment both indoors and out.