

# Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## A warm welcome to everyone

I hope you all had a lovely summer and what a well needed break it was. We have all returned to school rested and ready to go. I would like to welcome back all our children, parents and staff as well as saying hello to all our new staff, children, and their parents. It has been a very positive start to the year. Please remember that, as always, the door is always open to you and if you would like to come in for a chat then please do.

# GROUND force



## Groundforce Meets DIY SOS

There has been a huge amount of work carried out in and around our school during the summer holidays. There were 3 scheduled Groundforce days (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> of August) as well as a few non-scheduled days. I would personally like to thank Scott Stewart for his organisation of this hugely successful project. It has been extremely valuable not just in what's been accomplished but more importantly demonstrating what can be achieved when working together. Many thanks to all those who freely gave their time and energy. Check out our facebook page for more photographs in connection with this project.

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A very special thanks goes to Mike Longstaff - despite not having any children in school or a direct link to our School; come rain and some shine he turned up for all our planned days without fail - real community spirit at its best.

A huge thank you also goes to David Dixon and his team from Interserve who arrived in numbers on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of August and really helped to make a difference especially around the heavy lifting jobs culminating in the newly laid tarmac managed and overseen by Interserve QS and their staff as part of 'Give Back to the Community project' and which is very much appreciated.

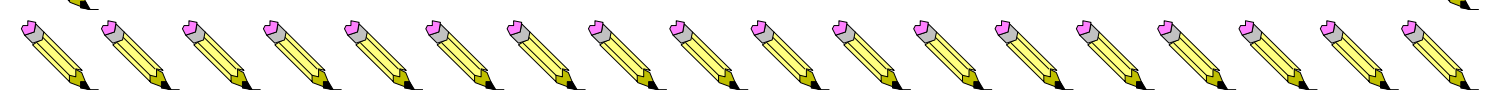
### Thanks to everyone who were involved:

Scott Stewart - Chair of PTA / FOMS / parent  
Trevor Watson - Headteacher of Melsonby School  
Phil Jackson - parent / neighbour  
Carla Jackson - parent / neighbour + Tilly Jackson  
Mike Longstaff - local community / neighbour  
Brian Rogers - local community / neighbour  
David Dixon - parent / neighbour & of Interserve  
Terry Sutton - neighbour / governor  
Mark Todd (Interserve)  
Andy Wilson (Interserve)  
Craig Chapman (Interserve)  
Lee Edwards (Interserve)  
Judith Stansfield - chair of governors / neighbour  
Katherine Millar - FOMS member / neighbour  
Lucy Dixon - FOMS member / neighbour / parent  
Jane Thompson - FOMS member / neighbour  
Heather Harland + Aaron (on the decking)

The total person hours achieved was around 130 hours (if charged at an average rate of £25 p/hr) the total value of works/savings is around £3,250.

The work completed included: hedge trimming, painting, and cleaning. DIY jobs like pressure washing, shelving and fixing outdoor seats/fences. The main jobs were staining to woods and painting to woodwork and the newly laid tarmacadam to main front entrance of the school.

We hope to make this an annual event where we identify areas of the school which need attention and run Groundforce meets DIY SOS days to tackle them.



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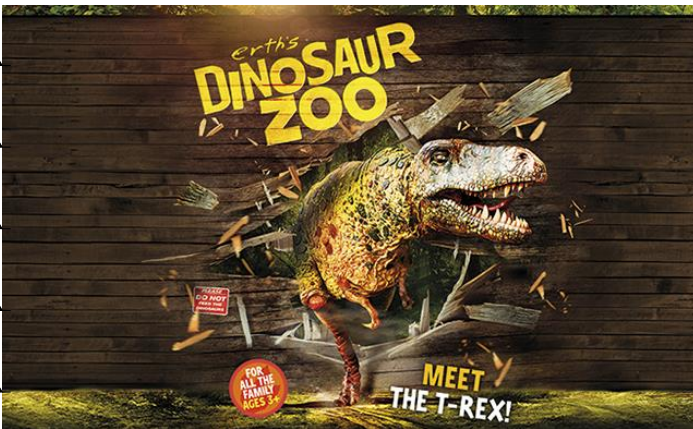
The Friends and children of Melsonby School Macmillan Coffee Morning

You are all invited to a coffee morning, on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September between 10.00am and 11.00am to help us raise money for this well-deserved charity. Our school having a Coffee Morning is the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause. Any donations, especially of the baked variety will be gratefully accepted.

WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT



### Whole School Trip to the Dinosaur Zoo



Our first trip of the year takes the whole school to The Dinosaur Zoo at Darlington Civic Theatre on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. This trip links closely to our whole school project on the dinosaurs.

MEET THE T-REX!

DARE TO GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!

Now introducing the Tyrannosaurus Rex to the stage, Dinosaur Zoo brings these awesome prehistoric creatures to life as you've never seen them before.

From cute baby dinos to teeth-gnashing giants, marvel and interact with extraordinary life-like dinosaurs in this imaginative and hilarious live show.

But watch out. Not all of these ravenous reptiles are as tame as they seem...

### Swimming and PE

This year classes 1 and 2 will be swimming on Monday afternoons. Please return the form to Miss Rush ASAP. PE for class 1 will be Wednesday afternoons and for class 2 Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them on the correct day.



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## Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2015/2016

### Autumn Term 2015

Tuesday 8 September	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 23 October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 2 November	School re-opens after Half Term
Friday 18 December	End of Term

### Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 5 January	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 12 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 22 February	School re-opens after Half Term
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term

### Summer Term 2016

Tuesday 12 April	School re-opens to pupils
Monday 2 May	May Day Holiday
Friday 27 May	School closes for Half Term
Tuesday 6 June	School re-opens after Half Term
Friday 22 July	End of Term

### Staff Training Days

- Monday 7 September 2015
- Monday 4 January 2016
- Monday 11 April 2016

### Celebration Assemblies

Every Friday we will hold a Celebration Assembly at 3.10pm to celebrate what our children have accomplished during the week. All parents and members of the community are more than welcome to attend.

### Lunch Money - Years 3-6

The cost of school meals remains at £11.25 per week. May we remind you that money for school meals should be sent to school on a Monday morning for the week ahead in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. Any cheques should be made payable to Melsonby School BAFS Account.

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## Dates for Diaries

Whole school swimming lessons every Monday afternoon until 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Year 5/6 Football Tournament at Richmond School - 1.00-4.00pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan's Coffee Morning starting at 10.00am

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Whole school trip to the Dinosaur Zoo at Darlington Civic Theatre. Because of this trip the celebration assembly, unfortunately, will not be open to parents this week.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Harvest Festival Service at St James's Church at 10.00am

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 / 6 Residential trip. Returning on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Half term holiday

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - School re-opens

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Whole school parent's evening

