

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter



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School Update

You will have noticed that Mrs Miller has not been in school for quite some time. She is on extended sick leave and we hope she makes a speedy recovery. In her place we have drafted in Mrs Partridge who is currently supporting Mrs Smith alongside our apprentice teaching assistant Miss Gibson. Everyone in Class one is working as an extremely effective and efficient team and we are in receipt of some rave reviews from our children about how much they are enjoying themselves.

In Class 2, since January, we have had Mrs Suzanne Tivey supporting children in Class 2 alongside Miss Watson and Miss Bates. Mrs Tivey has had a super start to working with us in fact it already feels as if she has been a much longer serving member of staff.

On a sadder note I have to inform you of the resignation of Gina Overton. She has had to hand in her notice due to ill health. I would like to thank Gina for her Wrap Around Care (WAC) and Midday Supervisor's roles in school and wish her a speedy recovery and well for the future.

We also welcome Karen Batchelor back to school after an extended absence from work due to a badly injured neck. I'm pleased to say the school is looking cleaner and tidier once more.

Two other members of staff who do not regularly receive well - earned praise are Julie Rush for her un-flapping, kind and happy demeanour, especially in the face of adversity and we get a lot of that round here, believe me and Sarah our school cook for regularly serving the most delicious school meals (and bacon sandwiches) I have ever tasted. Well done Sarah, keep it up.

I would like to thank our teaching staff (Mrs Smith and Miss Watson) for their enthusiasm and dedication to their respective roles and also to remember the hard work and commitment given by all our WAC staff ably led by Miss Bates.

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Just before I go I would also like to mention the governing body for giving consistent challenge and support to myself and the school and finally The Friends of Melsonby School for their un-wavering support of the school through all the wonderful activities and events they organise and run.

St James' Play Park

Melsonby Play Park Committee would like to invite you to come into school and see the plans for updating St. James play-park on Monday 22nd February 3.30pm-5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you, and would like your feedback.

Wrap Around Care (WAC)

WAC is planning a dance club for Wednesday evenings between 3.30pm and 4.30pm this will be led by Clare VanNiekerk from Richmond School. Usual charges will apply.



Whole School Open Morning

Thanks to all who supported our School Open morning on Friday 12th February. It was a really well attended event with lots of new parents from the surrounding area even as far afield as Piercebridge so it shows the leaflets did their job. Bacon sandwiches were enjoyed by all and the Year 6 pupils did a fantastic job of showing people around the school. Well Year 6 you are a credit to us.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group who meet between 10.00am and 11.30am on Tuesday morning is growing in number and interest. This is a super chance to come and meet other mums with children of the same age to have a coffee and a chat whilst your children play in a safe, secure and stimulating environment. The sessions are run by Emma Guy from Colburn Children's Centre.



Inside footwear

Could I please remind you to ensure your child / children have appropriate indoor footwear to use inside school. This is very important to maintain the cleanliness of the school especially during the winter months.

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Access to Autism



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Access To Autism

Colburn Children's Centre
9:30am – 11:30am
(Term Time Only)

The Access to Autism group is for parents and carers of children being assessed for, or diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC). This will be a normal drop in session to have coffee, meet with other parents/carers with children who have an ASC & to discuss any concerns or queries you may have. We will also have guest speakers present on some of the dates below to provide you with information & advice on a variety of different topics.

The sessions will be held on:

- Wednesday 6th January 2016
Drop In
- Wednesday 3rd February 2016
(Guest speaker - Helen Jukes, Family Outreach Worker to talk about YouthAbility & Fuse)
- Wednesday 2nd March 2016
Drop In
- Wednesday 13th April 2016
(Guest speaker - TBC, to talk about sleeping patterns)
- Wednesday 4th May 2016
Drop In
- Wednesday 6th June 2016
(Guest speaker - TBC, to talk about summer activities available to access over the holidays)
- Wednesday 6th July 2016
Drop In

Sessions may include workshops on issues around ASC which could include communication, behaviour, strategies, interventions, local services and ideas of any other training or information needs you may have.

For further details contact Sue Doughty, Family Outreach Worker on
01609 53 6865 or
Colburn Children's Centre on
01609 53 2595

Important Dates for Diaries Spring Term 2016

Whole school swimming every Monday until Easter

Celebration assemblies every Friday at 3.10pm
everyone is welcome

Baby & Toddler group organised by Colburn Children's Centre in school. The sessions will run every Tuesday from 10.00am to 11.30am.

Monday 22nd February - spring 2nd half term begins

Thursday 10th March 2016 - Parent Forum in the Learning Resource Room at 6.00pm

Friday 18th March 2016 - Sports Relief Day (watch this space for further information).

Tuesday 22nd March 2016 - Stay and Play in Class 1 from 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Thursday 24th March 2016 - Easter Service at St James's Church at 10.00am - all welcome.

Thursday 24th March - Easter holidays

Monday 11th April - Training day no children in school

Tuesday 12th April - Summer term starts

