

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 21stth October 2016

School Council and Playtime Toys

The school Council was asked to provide better and more interesting games to play at break-times. So after some research they presented their findings to Mr Watson who then purchased more games to play. After the latest favourite playtime game of skipping some new longer ropes were bought as well as a book on different skipping games and rhymes. A giant noughts and crosses game and a large Connect 4 game were also bought. Hopefully this will make playtime even more enjoyable.

Conkers Make a Comeback

On Friday the children were introduced to the old time favourite playground game of conkers. The 'urban myth' of this game being banned from playgrounds was proved incorrect by our children who thoroughly enjoyed playing the game, even a few members of staff had a go also.



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Harvest Festival

Thank you once again to everyone who attended our Harvest Festival last Friday morning. Your generosity still never fails to amaze me, as you can see from the photograph below, the altar was literally groaning from the weight of your offerings. I know the food will be gratefully accepted by Store-House. On the day the children all performed their parts wonderfully during the service including some lovely and uplifting singing.



Bags2School



Bags can be dropped off at the school for collection between Monday the 31st of October and before 9am on Monday the 7th of November. The following items are collected:

Adults' & Children's Clothing, Bedding, Curtains, Soft Toys, Shoes, Belts & Handbags

Any bag can be used- carriers, bin bags, etc.

If you have any unwanted items listed above we would be very grateful to receive them.

Any questions, please contact the school (718318) or Carla Jackson (717926)

****We can arrange to collect if needed****

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Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group meet between 10.00am and 11.30am on Tuesday morning. 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.



Celebration Assemblies

Don't forget we have weekly Celebration Assemblies in the hall from 3.10pm onwards. Everyone is welcome as it is a lovely way to complete each week.



WE'RE TRYING
TO KEEP CALM
BUT WE
NEED
YOU!!

We Need You

If you or anyone you know are interested in coming into school for an hour or two each week to listen to some children reading we would like to hear from you. Also if someone would like a small part-time job being a midday supervisor please get in touch.

E-Safety Parent Presentation

We have arranged a presentation on the subject of E-safety, delivered by Jon Farley, for parents and any other members of the community who would like to join us on Tuesday the 1st of November @ 3.45pm in the Learning Resource Room.

Hopefully we will also be joined by parents from Ravensworth, Barton and North South Cowton Schools. The presentation is free and you only have to arrive at 3.40pm on the day.



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Melsonby Play Park

Work began on Monday 17th October in the St James Close play park where the Parish Council are upgrading the current facilities and providing several new pieces of play equipment. The Parish Council have asked me to inform you that for the duration of the works, which is estimated to be approximately two weeks, the play park is out of bounds.

Parent Governor Election

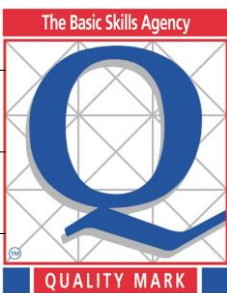
I'm pleased to announce the result of the parent governor election. Ms Katharine Banner has been re-elected to serve as a Parent Governor. May I also take this opportunity to thank Mr York who also put himself forward as a candidate.

Message from Katharine

I would just like to say how very pleased I am to be able to continue as a parent governor. As many of you are probably aware, I am passionate about the ethos of our school which is very much about care and concern for every child. I believe in the importance of an environment where everyone can achieve their best and, above all, be happy. I have always thought that our school has an invaluable uniqueness and certainly something special about it - something worth fighting to maintain and something on which we can build to be outstanding.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and extended family of our children and all 'friends of Melsonby' for their commitment to the school. Thanks to those of you whose active involvement makes for a happy and rich environment for our children and, equally, to those of you whose busy lives mean that you support the school in less obvious ways. The Melsonby team consists of staff, governors, children, parents and friends, but not necessarily in that order! In my opinion wider ownership of our school is one of the key things that makes us so special.

Basic Skills Quality Mark



Yesterday we had our Quality Mark Basic Skills renewal assessment which is a little like a mini OFSTED. Thanks to all who took the time to talk to the assessor. The children, as always, excelled during the visit and I would like to thank them and the staff for making it a really positive experience. I am very pleased to be able to inform you that we have successfully renewed the Quality Mark.

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Holiday Cycling Academy

October 1/2 term week commencing 24th October 2016 10-3pm.
Stage 1 Cycles, Station Yard, Hawes, Wensleydale.

Monday 24th October

Suitable for 10 and under who can confidently ride their bike. 10-3pm.
Programme of activities including, first aid training, fun skills session and a trail ride. Bikes available to borrow.

£15 per session. Supported by the Military Covenant Fund.

Tuesday 25th October

Suitable for all over 10s who can cycle confidently. 10-3pm.
Programme of activities including, first aid training, basic bike maintenance and a trail ride. Bikes available to borrow.

£15 per session. Supported by the Military Covenant Fund.



Booking essential, spaces limited. Contact Stage 1 Cycles for
bookings or more information 01969 666873

ride@stage1cycles.co.uk

Children and Families' Service: Prevention
Offering early help for children, young people and families.

Children and Young People's Service

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Important Dates for Diaries

Autumn Term 2016

Friday 22nd October - last day of term

Monday 31st October - 2nd half of the autumn term begins

Monday 31st October - Start to bring in your Bags2School

Tuesday 1st November - Parent E-safety presentation at 3.45pm in the Learning Resource Room

Thursday 3rd November - Parents' evening between 3.40pm and 6.00pm

Friday 4th November - Class 1 Stay and Play afternoon (1.30pm to 3.00pm) and a whole school open afternoon (1.30pm to 3.00pm)

Friday 4th November - Class 2's assembly @ 3.00pm on Bonfire Night - all welcome!

Monday 7th November - Bags2School donations collected at 9.00am

Thursday 10th November - Whole school science - our KS.1 pupils will visit North South Cowton and their KS.2 children will visit us.

Tuesday 15th November - Whole school maths parent presentation evening from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Thursday 17th November - Individual and family photographs in school at 9.00am

Wednesday 23rd November - Flu Immunisation for Years 1, 2 and 3

Saturday 3rd December 2016 - Christmas Fayre from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Monday 5th December - School Christmas Production @ 2.00pm at St James's Church

Tuesday 6th December - School Christmas Production @ 6.30pm at St James's Church

Wednesday 7th December - School Christmas Production @ 10.00am at St James's Church

Friday 16th December - Carol Service at St James's Church starting at 10.00am

Friday 16th December - last day of term

Tuesday 3rd January 2017 - Staff training day - no children in school

Wednesday 4th January - spring term begins

