

# Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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## **Our New Chair of Governors**

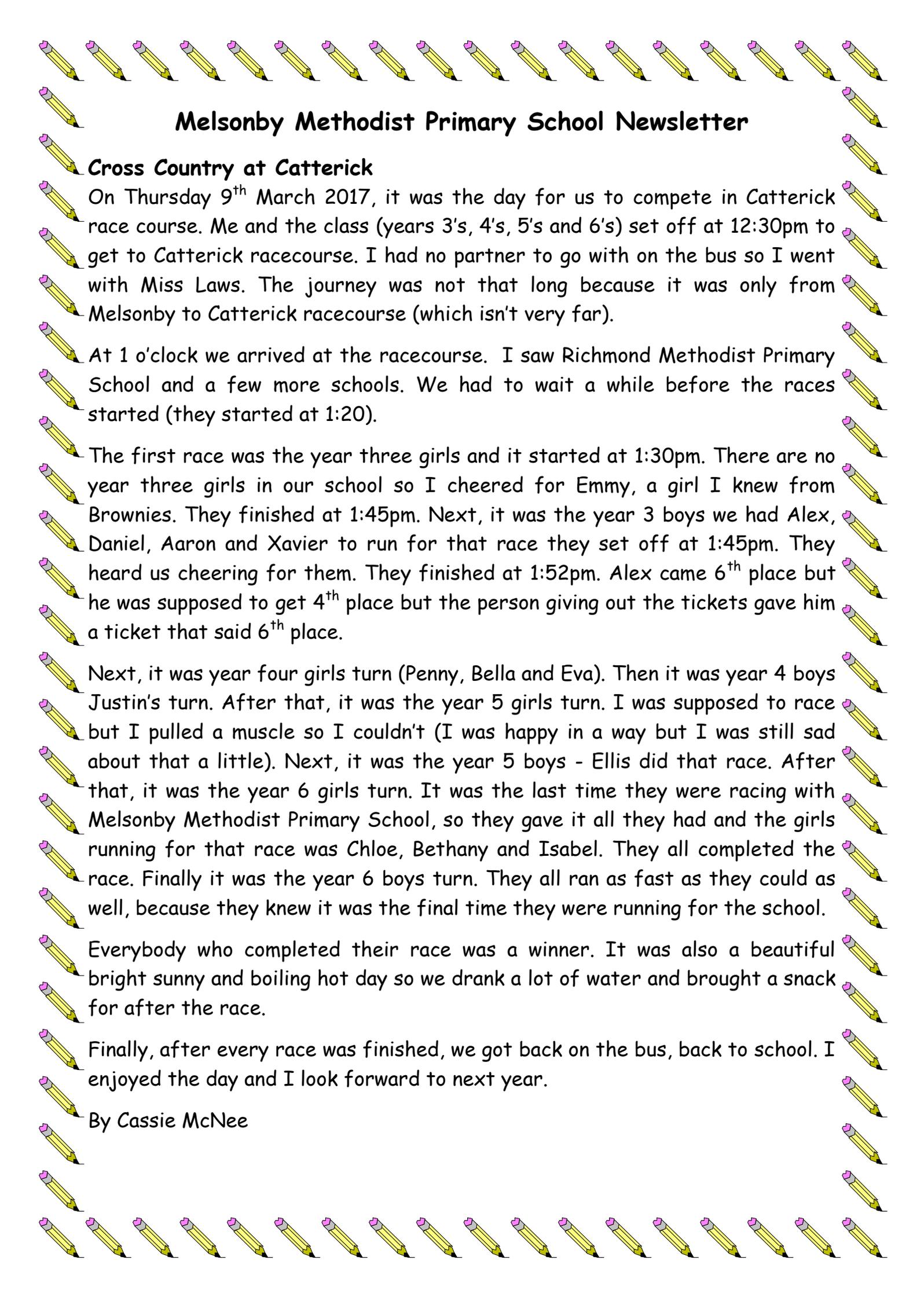
May I please welcome Katharine Millar as our new Chair of Governors for Melsonby Methodist Primary School. Katharine was nominated and voted into post by a unanimous result. I look forward to working closely with our new chair to ensure we consistently give the children the best provision we can offer and also to ensure the high standards in school are maintained.

## **A Message from Our New Chair of Governors**

As with so much of life there is a bitter-sweetness about the position in which I find myself at this time: with Judith's resignation our school has lost an excellent and very experienced Chair of Governors. Sad as I am about Judith stepping down I am aware that it has given me an exciting opportunity and the happy privilege of becoming Chair of Governors at the school I love! But what an act to follow! Judith's hard work and dedication have set a testing benchmark.

I promise, as part of the Melsonby team, which includes governors, staff and yourselves, that I will uphold the school's ethos of care and commitment to every child and I will continue, with you all, to search for opportunities to carry the school forward, to provide the best experience possible for our present and future pupils.

Katharine Millar Chair of Governors



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### Cross Country at Catterick

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017, it was the day for us to compete in Catterick race course. Me and the class (years 3's, 4's, 5's and 6's) set off at 12:30pm to get to Catterick racecourse. I had no partner to go with on the bus so I went with Miss Laws. The journey was not that long because it was only from Melsonby to Catterick racecourse (which isn't very far).

At 1 o'clock we arrived at the racecourse. I saw Richmond Methodist Primary School and a few more schools. We had to wait a while before the races started (they started at 1:20).

The first race was the year three girls and it started at 1:30pm. There are no year three girls in our school so I cheered for Emmy, a girl I knew from Brownies. They finished at 1:45pm. Next, it was the year 3 boys we had Alex, Daniel, Aaron and Xavier to run for that race they set off at 1:45pm. They heard us cheering for them. They finished at 1:52pm. Alex came 6<sup>th</sup> place but he was supposed to get 4<sup>th</sup> place but the person giving out the tickets gave him a ticket that said 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Next, it was year four girls turn (Penny, Bella and Eva). Then it was year 4 boys Justin's turn. After that, it was the year 5 girls turn. I was supposed to race but I pulled a muscle so I couldn't (I was happy in a way but I was still sad about that a little). Next, it was the year 5 boys - Ellis did that race. After that, it was the year 6 girls turn. It was the last time they were racing with Melsonby Methodist Primary School, so they gave it all they had and the girls running for that race was Chloe, Bethany and Isabel. They all completed the race. Finally it was the year 6 boys turn. They all ran as fast as they could as well, because they knew it was the final time they were running for the school.

Everybody who completed their race was a winner. It was also a beautiful bright sunny and boiling hot day so we drank a lot of water and brought a snack for after the race.

Finally, after every race was finished, we got back on the bus, back to school. I enjoyed the day and I look forward to next year.

By Cassie McNee

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## **Easter Service and Community Lunch**

We are having a Community Lunch at 11.45am in school directly after our Easter Service at St James's Church on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of April starting at 10.30am. Invites for the lunch will be sent out in due course.

Our community lunches, provided to us by our wonderful cook, Sarah, are always delicious and so demand is high. Because of this we will be offering places on a first come first served basis.

## **Work on the Playground Wall**

During a recent Health and safety inspection the state of the playground wall was commented on. Directly after this I looked closely at the problem myself and arranged for the area to be fenced off. Remedial works have been organised by Willoughby's and they will commence on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March and be completed by Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. During the work all areas where people are working will be securely fenced off.

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## EASTER COFFEE MORNING

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.30am -11.30am  
At Melsonby School



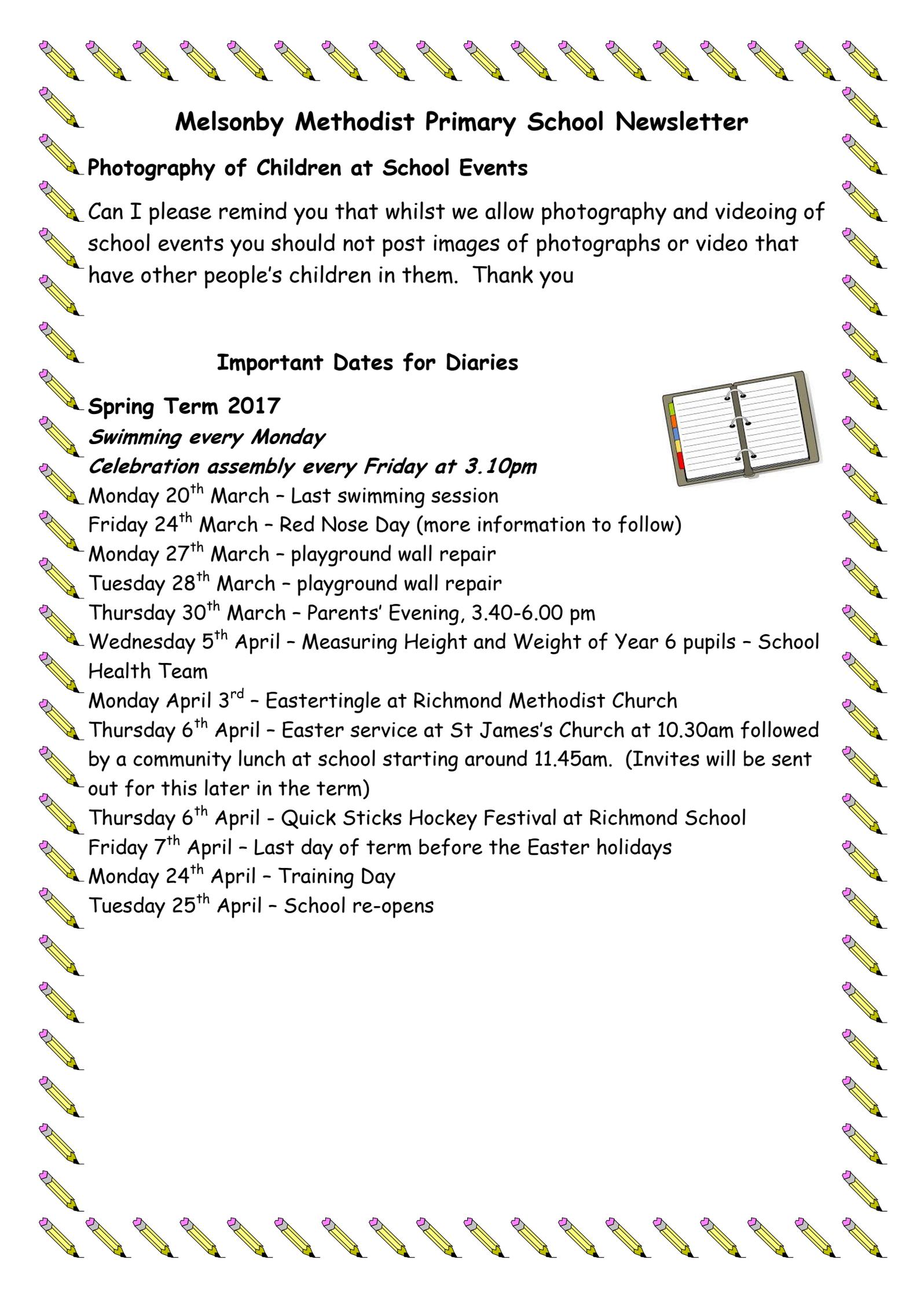
Please come and join us!

### **Parent Pay**

Please can we ask that you check your Parent Pay accounts regularly, and always pay for your child's lunches in advance. Thank you.

### **Unavoidable School Closure**

In the event of bad weather, any closure of the school will be relayed to parents by text message on the morning of the closure. Please remember that we will only close the school if we think it is absolutely necessary and every effort will be made for us to remain open. The safety of pupils, parents and staff is paramount and any decision to close is never taken lightly.



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## Photography of Children at School Events

Can I please remind you that whilst we allow photography and videoing of school events you should not post images of photographs or video that have other people's children in them. Thank you

## Important Dates for Diaries

### Spring Term 2017

*Swimming every Monday*

*Celebration assembly every Friday at 3.10pm*

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Last swimming session

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day (more information to follow)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March - playground wall repair

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - playground wall repair

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening, 3.40-6.00 pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Measuring Height and Weight of Year 6 pupils - School Health Team

Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Eastertingle at Richmond Methodist Church

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Easter service at St James's Church at 10.30am followed by a community lunch at school starting around 11.45am. (Invites will be sent out for this later in the term)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Quick Sticks Hockey Festival at Richmond School

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of term before the Easter holidays

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Training Day

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April - School re-opens

