

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter



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Message from the Chair

We are very fortunate, at Melsonby Methodist School, to have such fantastic support from parents and carers and from the local community and I just wanted to thank you all and tell you how much this is appreciated. I will go further and suggest that for a small school like ours such support is essential.

The Friends of Melsonby School are doing a wonderful job fundraising and, more than that, providing learning and fun experiences for the children which are a valuable addition or complement to the core curriculum. In the past year The Friends have organized many and varied events including The Duck Race, a film night, coffee morning, a marvellous Autumn Fair and Christmas Party.

Melsonby School PTA was re-named The Friends of Melsonby School in the hope that would help to make it feel more inclusive - it is open to anyone: from parents, teachers, grandparents, uncles and aunts reaching out to neighbours, Melsonby residents and beyond. The same open policy applies when skills are needed for school projects. For instance, we are currently asking for anyone with film or video experience to help with an afterschool club to make a new piece for the school website. We are looking for help from our loyal pool of parents and from the wider community. If you have a neighbour, friend or relative who would like to help with such projects please let them know that they would be very welcome.

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As well as the longer term plans - and I have heard some pretty exciting ideas talked about of late - keep an eye on the newsletter and notice board for what children will be learning about in the immediate future. Even if you can't get into school yourself you may know someone who is expert in that particular area or you may be able to send into class an appropriate artefact or natural object that could really bring a lesson to life.

No guarantees, but I think it is very likely that anyone volunteering to help at Melsonby School will find the experience rewarding and even enjoyable! Above all, please never forget how much the school values your support and welcomes your input and new ideas.

Class 1 invites Class 2 to their Bear Hunt

This half term we have studied the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. The children have explored the feelings of the lonely bear throughout the story and have used their knowledge of this to write letters, stories, posters and invitations. To celebrate the end of our topic, Class 1 have hosted their very own teddy bear picnic and invited all of their lonely teddy bears. Class 2 were also lucky enough to be invited! They advertised the event around the school and made jam and ham sandwiches to share with their bears. May I just say a huge thank you to the kind and scrumptious cake donations we had from several parents today. They went down a treat with the children and staff!





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Geology Presentation

On Wednesday the 21st of February we will again be working with the children of Class 2 at North and South Cowton who will be visiting Melsonby to take part in this exciting geology presentation. The children will be looking at a range of things including lava - not real, tectonic plates, how rocks are formed, space rocks and a whole lot more. The North and South Cowton children will then join us for lunch.

Contact Details for Parents

If you have not already done so would you please leave your contact details with Miss Rush, especially mobile numbers. This is really important, an example being if the school has to be closed because of adverse weather conditions.

Video Club

Thanks to Phil Martin who has kindly volunteered to work with myself on a video club for school. The aim of the club is for the children to produce an introductory video of our school and its surrounding area to eventually place onto the school website and Facebook page.

Payments to school

In order to assist Miss Rush and our North Yorkshire County Council bursar, Mrs Milton, may we request that parents take a few moments to log into their Parent Pay accounts to check that they are up to date

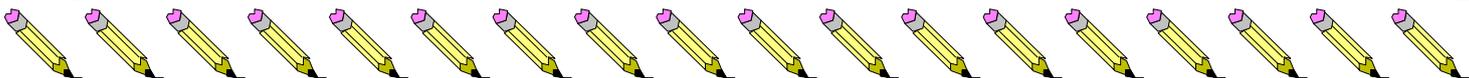
Please may we remind you that dinner monies and wrap around care **must** be paid in advance. Many thanks.

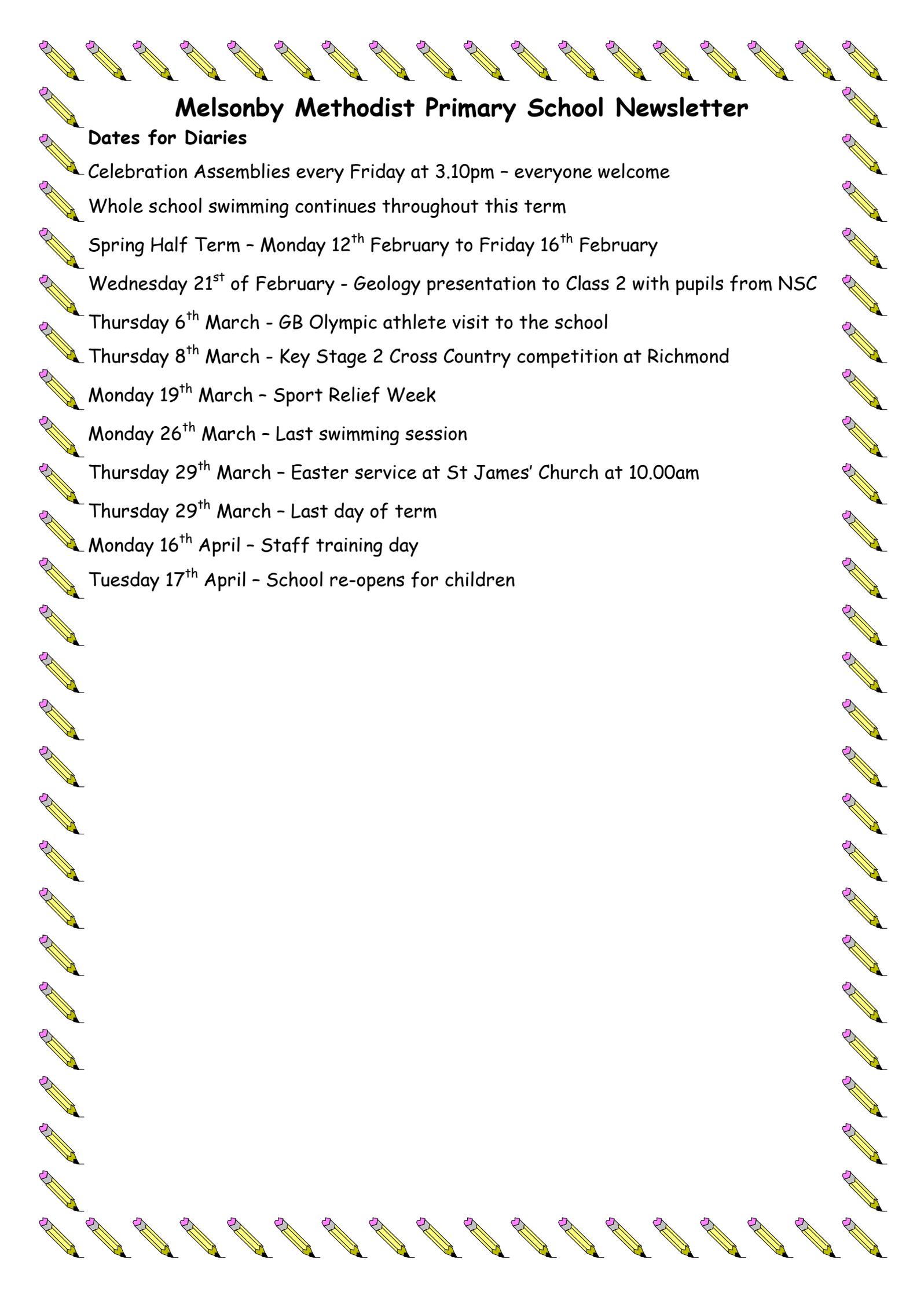
Indoor Shoes

Can you please ensure that your child / children have a clean pair of shoes for use inside the school?

School Start Times

Just a reminder that unless your child is arriving to school for breakfast club, they should not arrive before 8.50 am. Thank you for your support with this.





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Dates for Diaries

Celebration Assemblies every Friday at 3.10pm - everyone welcome

Whole school swimming continues throughout this term

Spring Half Term - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Wednesday 21st of February - Geology presentation to Class 2 with pupils from NSC

Thursday 6th March - GB Olympic athlete visit to the school

Thursday 8th March - Key Stage 2 Cross Country competition at Richmond

Monday 19th March - Sport Relief Week

Monday 26th March - Last swimming session

Thursday 29th March - Easter service at St James' Church at 10.00am

Thursday 29th March - Last day of term

Monday 16th April - Staff training day

Tuesday 17th April - School re-opens for children