

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Community Lunch



On Thursday the 7th July we had a lovely community barbeque that was really well attended by parents, grandparents and other members of the community. The food was superb and all made by Sarah, our school cook well done and a big thank you to you Sarah. But these events are seldom carried by just one person. I would like to thank Karen Cousins who



came into work early to help set-up and prepare for the lunch and also to Julie for organising the event and ensuring everyone was invited.

Circus Skills Afternoon

Whilst the community lunch was being served we had some special guests who kept everyone entertained while they enjoyed the lovely food. Thanks to Mrs York and the Friends of Melsonby School we had a troop, well actually a duo, of performers who visited the children to teach them the skills needed to be circus clowns. The children, and staff, thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon of circus fun.



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Key Stage 1 Fun Run

On Wednesday the 13th of July Class 1 took part in a fun run and games organised by students at Richmond School. The children raced against those of the same year group, around the football field. In the reception Year race Melsonby got 1st, 2nd and 3rd places with Florence, Martha and Ella. Well done girls! Everyone took part enthusiastically and had lots of fun.



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School Trip to Beamish open Air Museum

We all arrived at school ready for our trip on Friday the 15th of July. It wasn't long before we were in the big, white coach making the hour journey to the North East of England- to Beamish Museum! The first thing class 2 did was climb aboard a huge double decker tram! The tram took us to the town, set in the year 1913 (the year before WWI broke out). The town was full of old shops and houses, class 2 particularly liked the sweet shop-where we learned how to make spearmint balls- and the bank, where we learned about lots of old types of money. Then we caught the tram to the pit village, where we ate our delicious packed lunches before exploring the old school. We then went down into the deep, dark, scary mine, and discovered all about the lives (and deaths) of the unlucky miners. We were glad to get out, though I'm sure we all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Before we knew it, it was time to crowd back onto the coach and get back to the school before our parents came to pick us up.

By Eleanor Harland, Year 6



Sports Afternoon

We were truly blessed this year for our sports afternoon which saw us all enjoying a wonderfully hot afternoon. However the temperature increase wasn't just related to the weather. All the spectators were given a nail biting demonstration of sporting prowess and 'kind-hearted' competition. The children were split into teams Blue, Red, Green and Yellow with each team competing against each other in their own year groups.

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The final results were:

Green Team - 98 points (fourth)

Red Team - 99 points (third) just how close was that?

Yellow Team - 109 points (second)

Blue Team the winners on 123 points

There was also a trophy for the individual with the highest number of points overall, the results were:

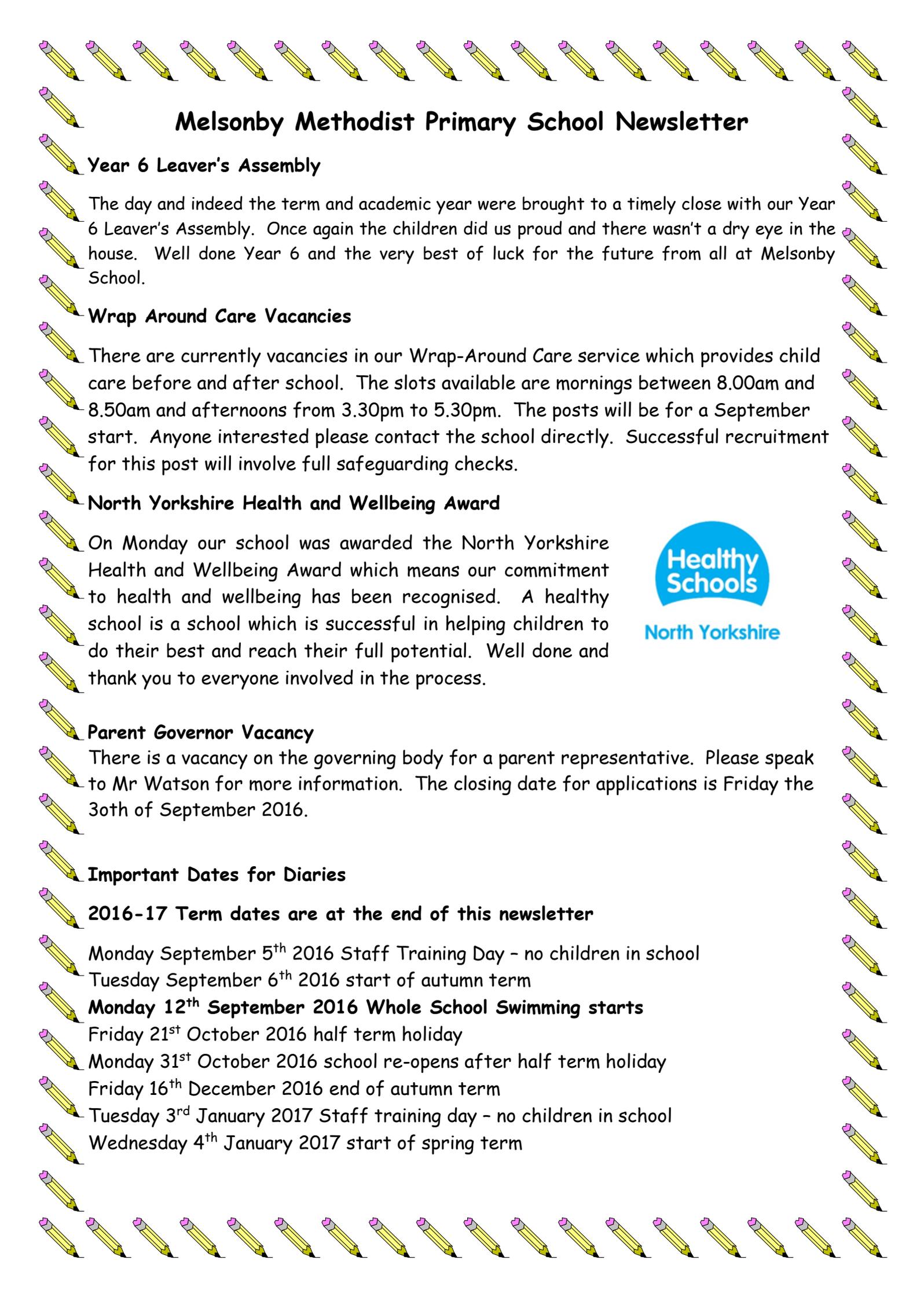
Sam Booth and Kai York - equal third

Ellis Hepper - second

And the individual winner was **Alex Morton**, well done Alex.

I would like to say a huge 'well done' for everyone that took part in Sports Day and a big thanks goes to all the staff and other helpers who made it a really enjoyable event. A final mention of thanks goes to Mrs Smith for, yet again, organising a brilliant afternoon of fun.





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Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

The day and indeed the term and academic year were brought to a timely close with our Year 6 Leaver's Assembly. Once again the children did us proud and there wasn't a dry eye in the house. Well done Year 6 and the very best of luck for the future from all at Melsonby School.

Wrap Around Care Vacancies

There are currently vacancies in our Wrap-Around Care service which provides child care before and after school. The slots available are mornings between 8.00am and 8.50am and afternoons from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The posts will be for a September start. Anyone interested please contact the school directly. Successful recruitment for this post will involve full safeguarding checks.

North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Award

On Monday our school was awarded the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Award which means our commitment to health and wellbeing has been recognised. A healthy school is a school which is successful in helping children to do their best and reach their full potential. Well done and thank you to everyone involved in the process.



Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the governing body for a parent representative. Please speak to Mr Watson for more information. The closing date for applications is Friday the 30th of September 2016.

Important Dates for Diaries

2016-17 Term dates are at the end of this newsletter

Monday September 5th 2016 Staff Training Day - no children in school

Tuesday September 6th 2016 start of autumn term

Monday 12th September 2016 Whole School Swimming starts

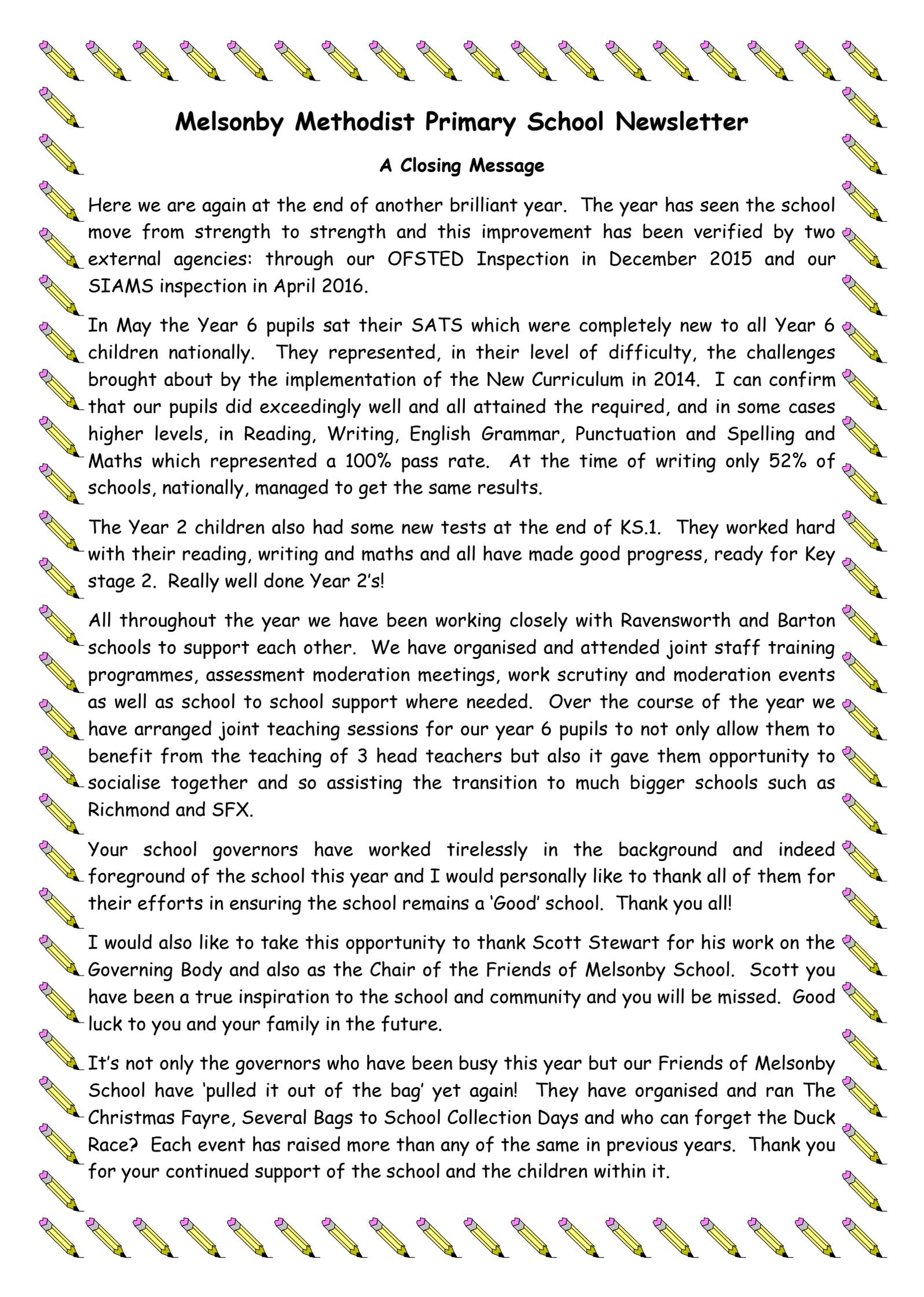
Friday 21st October 2016 half term holiday

Monday 31st October 2016 school re-opens after half term holiday

Friday 16th December 2016 end of autumn term

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

Wednesday 4th January 2017 start of spring term



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A Closing Message

Here we are again at the end of another brilliant year. The year has seen the school move from strength to strength and this improvement has been verified by two external agencies: through our OFSTED Inspection in December 2015 and our SIAMS inspection in April 2016.

In May the Year 6 pupils sat their SATS which were completely new to all Year 6 children nationally. They represented, in their level of difficulty, the challenges brought about by the implementation of the New Curriculum in 2014. I can confirm that our pupils did exceedingly well and all attained the required, and in some cases higher levels, in Reading, Writing, English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths which represented a 100% pass rate. At the time of writing only 52% of schools, nationally, managed to get the same results.

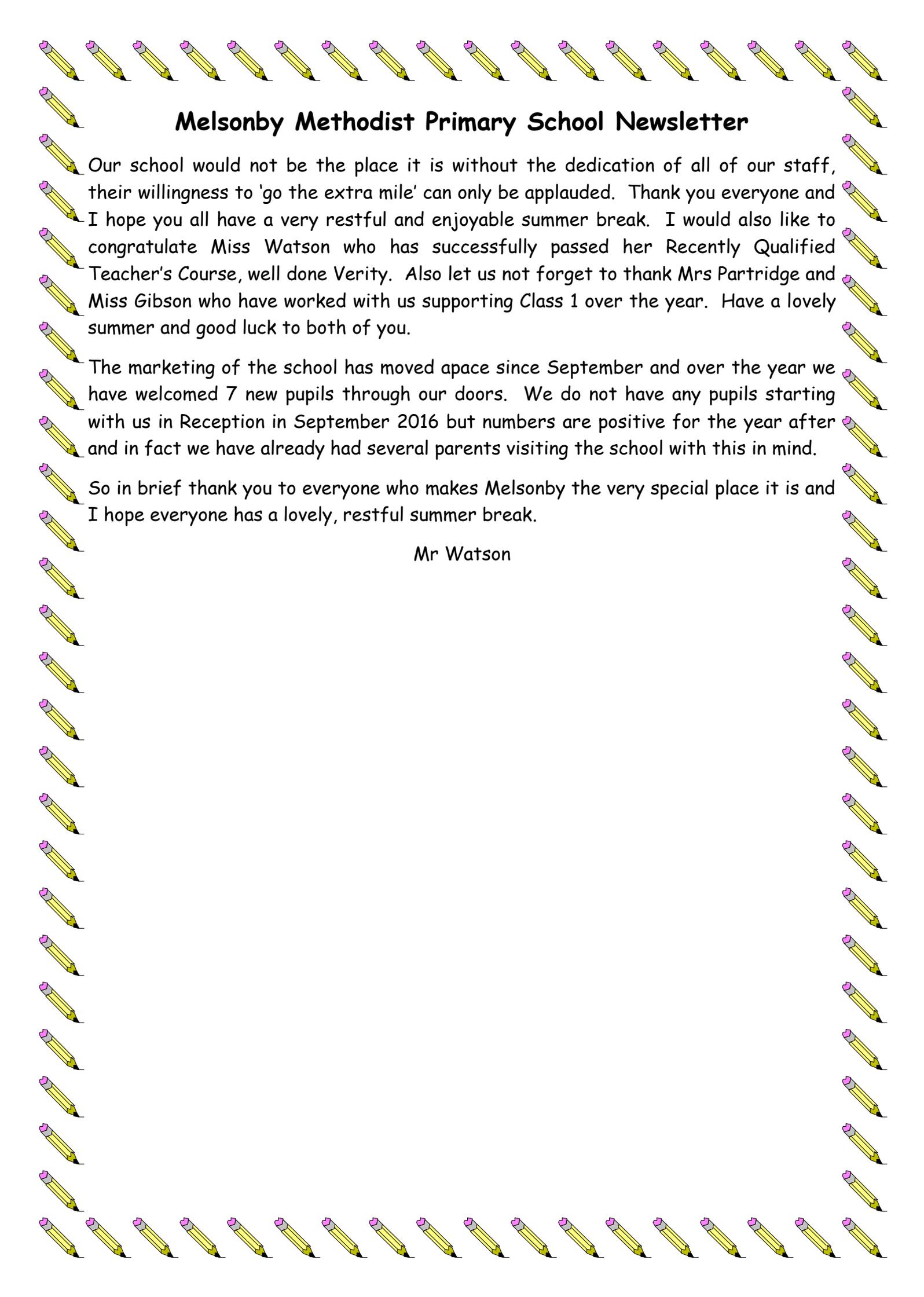
The Year 2 children also had some new tests at the end of KS.1. They worked hard with their reading, writing and maths and all have made good progress, ready for Key stage 2. Really well done Year 2's!

All throughout the year we have been working closely with Ravensworth and Barton schools to support each other. We have organised and attended joint staff training programmes, assessment moderation meetings, work scrutiny and moderation events as well as school to school support where needed. Over the course of the year we have arranged joint teaching sessions for our year 6 pupils to not only allow them to benefit from the teaching of 3 head teachers but also it gave them opportunity to socialise together and so assisting the transition to much bigger schools such as Richmond and SFX.

Your school governors have worked tirelessly in the background and indeed foreground of the school this year and I would personally like to thank all of them for their efforts in ensuring the school remains a 'Good' school. Thank you all!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Scott Stewart for his work on the Governing Body and also as the Chair of the Friends of Melsonby School. Scott you have been a true inspiration to the school and community and you will be missed. Good luck to you and your family in the future.

It's not only the governors who have been busy this year but our Friends of Melsonby School have 'pulled it out of the bag' yet again! They have organised and ran The Christmas Fayre, Several Bags to School Collection Days and who can forget the Duck Race? Each event has raised more than any of the same in previous years. Thank you for your continued support of the school and the children within it.



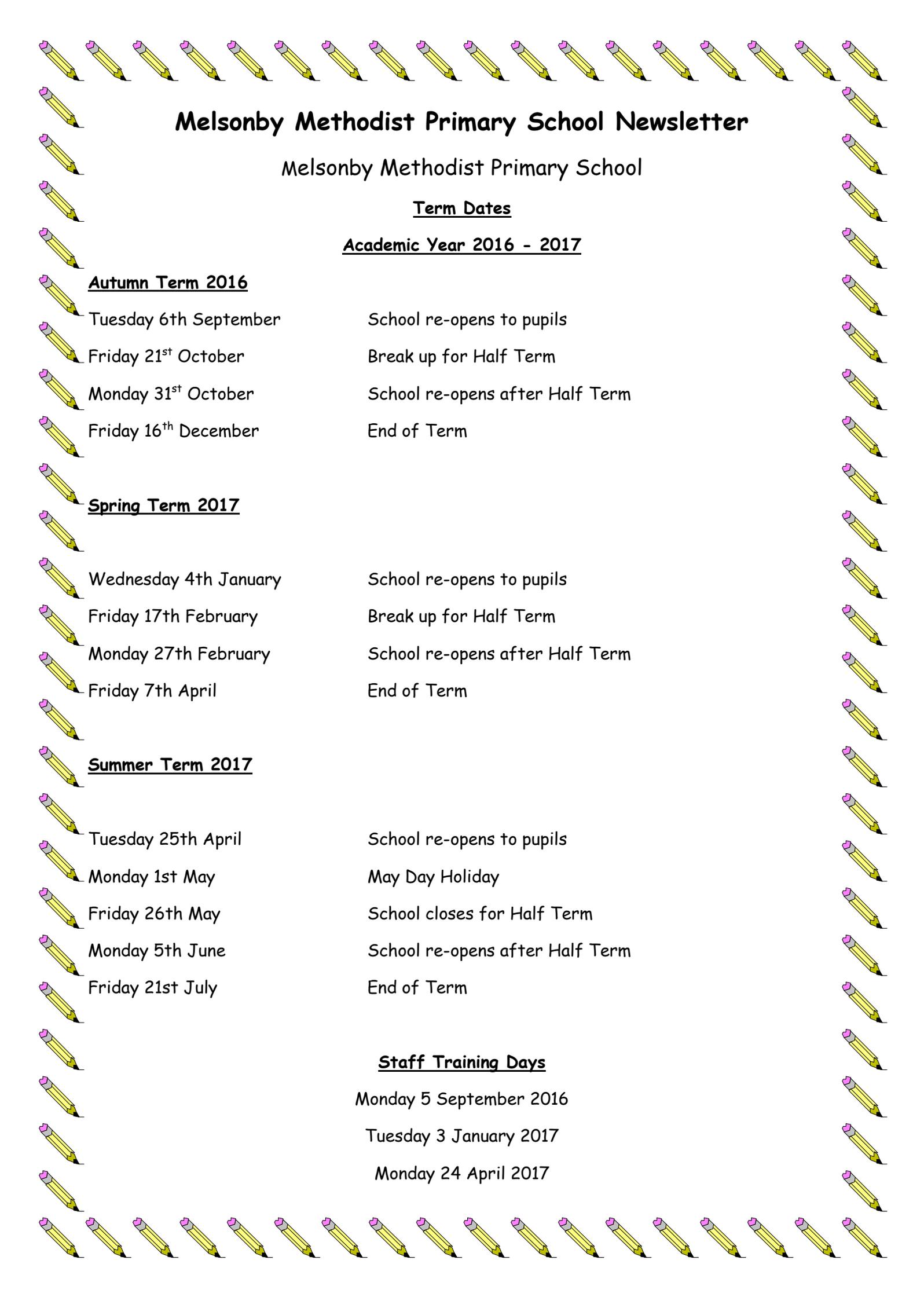
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Our school would not be the place it is without the dedication of all of our staff, their willingness to 'go the extra mile' can only be applauded. Thank you everyone and I hope you all have a very restful and enjoyable summer break. I would also like to congratulate Miss Watson who has successfully passed her Recently Qualified Teacher's Course, well done Verity. Also let us not forget to thank Mrs Partridge and Miss Gibson who have worked with us supporting Class 1 over the year. Have a lovely summer and good luck to both of you.

The marketing of the school has moved apace since September and over the year we have welcomed 7 new pupils through our doors. We do not have any pupils starting with us in Reception in September 2016 but numbers are positive for the year after and in fact we have already had several parents visiting the school with this in mind.

So in brief thank you to everyone who makes Melsonby the very special place it is and I hope everyone has a lovely, restful summer break.

Mr Watson



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Term Dates

Academic Year 2016 - 2017

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September

School re-opens to pupils

Friday 21st October

Break up for Half Term

Monday 31st October

School re-opens after Half Term

Friday 16th December

End of Term

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4th January

School re-opens to pupils

Friday 17th February

Break up for Half Term

Monday 27th February

School re-opens after Half Term

Friday 7th April

End of Term

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 25th April

School re-opens to pupils

Monday 1st May

May Day Holiday

Friday 26th May

School closes for Half Term

Monday 5th June

School re-opens after Half Term

Friday 21st July

End of Term

Staff Training Days

Monday 5 September 2016

Tuesday 3 January 2017

Monday 24 April 2017