

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Key Stage 2 Cricket Festival

On Friday the 17th of June 2016 Sam, Jake, Kai, Nathaniel, Chloe, Bethany, Isabel, Lexie, Bena, Harry, Mrs Smith, Mrs McNee and Katherine, Jakes mum, all went to the Cricket Tournament in Richmond. Our first game was against Croft and we lost by 50 Points (176-126). Then we played against Richmond C of E and we lost by 22 points (155 to 133) and after that we played Richmond Methodist- the best team there- we lost by (77 to 189) 112 points. Then we were against Middleton Tyas- our rivals- we lost by 6 points but it was unfair because one of their players just stood in front of their stumps and got about 5 LBWs but they didn't count so the score was (157 to 163).



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.

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Year 6 Trip to Lightwater Valley

Can I give a massive thank you to Ged Morton and Jamie Kearney for making the Year 6 trip to Lightwater Valley extra special. To Ged for transporting and supervising the children on the day and Jamie for supplying everyone with quick tickets and queue busting passes. I know the weather was terrible but I met everybody when they returned to school and they all had huge smiles on their faces.



Class 2 Design and Technology Day



Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed their recent Design and Technology project on designing and making boats. They started off by looking at the different types of boat / ship that are around today. They then researched the different methods of propulsion that ocean going craft use.

From this research the children chose the type of craft they wanted to focus on and looked closely at hull design and specific methods of propulsion. Alongside the D&T we also studied relevant scientific principles such as floating and sinking and water resistance.



On Friday the children had the opportunity of being taught by the DATMAN (Steve Blood) to you and me. Steve is an ex secondary school design and technology department head who has set up his own business working closely with primary schools on D&T projects.



The children used orthographic projection to produce different hull designs and chose one to model for themselves. Once they had manufactured their models they worked on their chosen method of propulsion. Once complete the boats were tested for buoyancy in a fish tank and when the children were finally happy with their models they were tested in the beck.



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The next stage of the project was to decide how well their models performed and what changes, if any, need to be made. All the children would like to thank Mr Blood for his time and expertise in making this such a successful project and we will hopefully be seeing him again in the autumn term.

Rishi Sunak (MP) Visit

When he first arrived Rishi spoke with some of our parents and reassured them that he felt small schools still had an important role in North Yorkshire and he was actively involved in lobbying for fairer funding for rural schools.

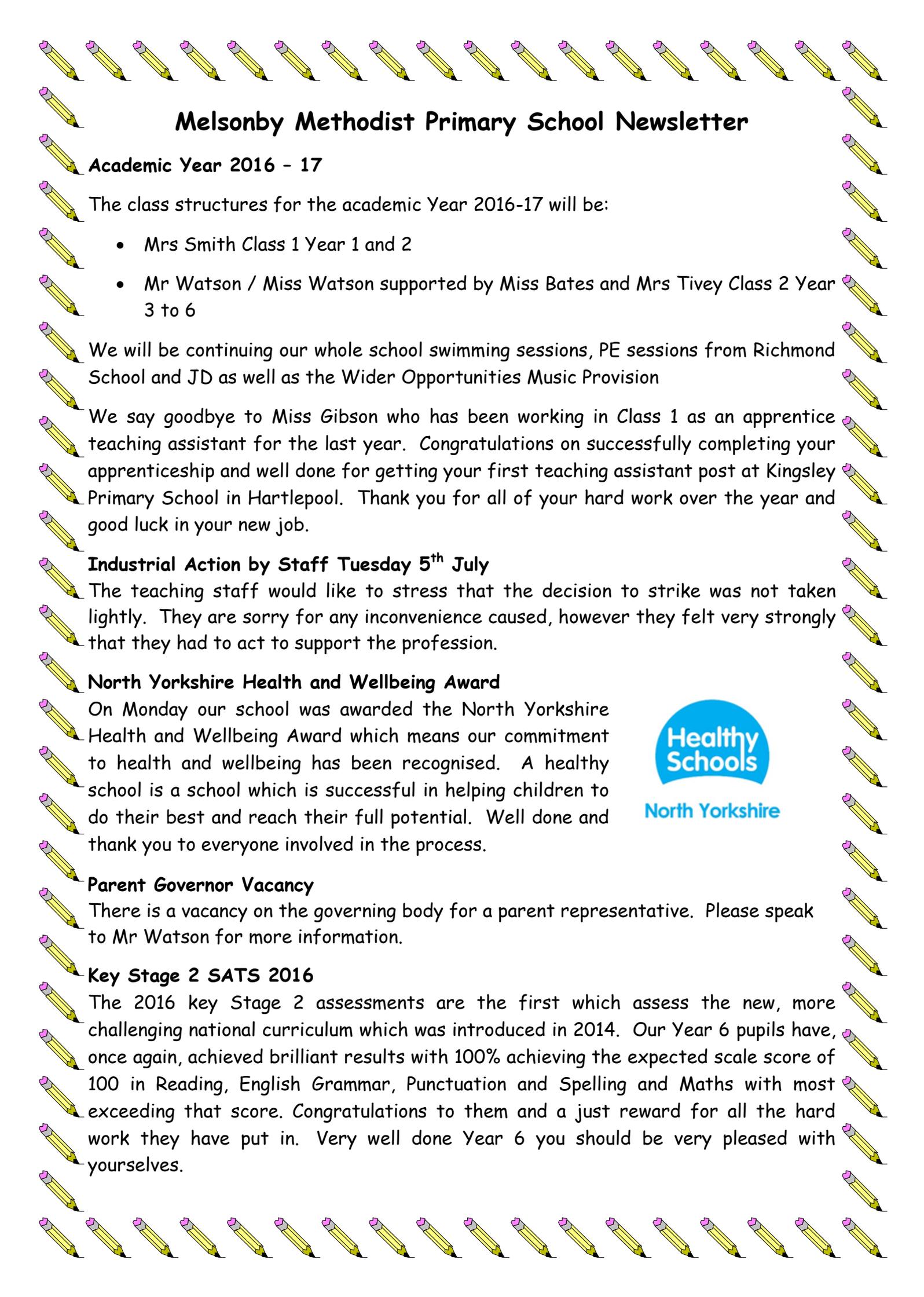
In Class 1 he met children who were eager to show him their writing and he was intrigued with the big books in the reading corner and said 'he had never seen such a big copy of *The Big Bear Hunt*', which is a favourite of his daughters.

He was escorted around the school by our Y6 pupils, one of whom reported later that he had a lot in common with her as they both loved reading and the musical *Cats*.

The School Council had a lot of questions for him including: how did he become an MP and would he like to be Prime Minister? He compared the process with how children were voted onto the School Council and showed them a copy of Magna Carta and the voting form for his election, as well as photographs of Big Ben and Number 10. Rishi has also invited our school to meet him at the Houses of Parliament for a tour in the autumn term, which is an exciting prospect for us.

The visit was completed with a discussion with the staff and chair of governors on the future of small schools and how collaboration between schools is a more realistic goal than following the academy route.





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Academic Year 2016 - 17

The class structures for the academic Year 2016-17 will be:

- Mrs Smith Class 1 Year 1 and 2
- Mr Watson / Miss Watson supported by Miss Bates and Mrs Tivey Class 2 Year 3 to 6

We will be continuing our whole school swimming sessions, PE sessions from Richmond School and JD as well as the Wider Opportunities Music Provision

We say goodbye to Miss Gibson who has been working in Class 1 as an apprentice teaching assistant for the last year. Congratulations on successfully completing your apprenticeship and well done for getting your first teaching assistant post at Kingsley Primary School in Hartlepool. Thank you for all of your hard work over the year and good luck in your new job.

Industrial Action by Staff Tuesday 5th July

The teaching staff would like to stress that the decision to strike was not taken lightly. They are sorry for any inconvenience caused, however they felt very strongly that they had to act to support the profession.

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.

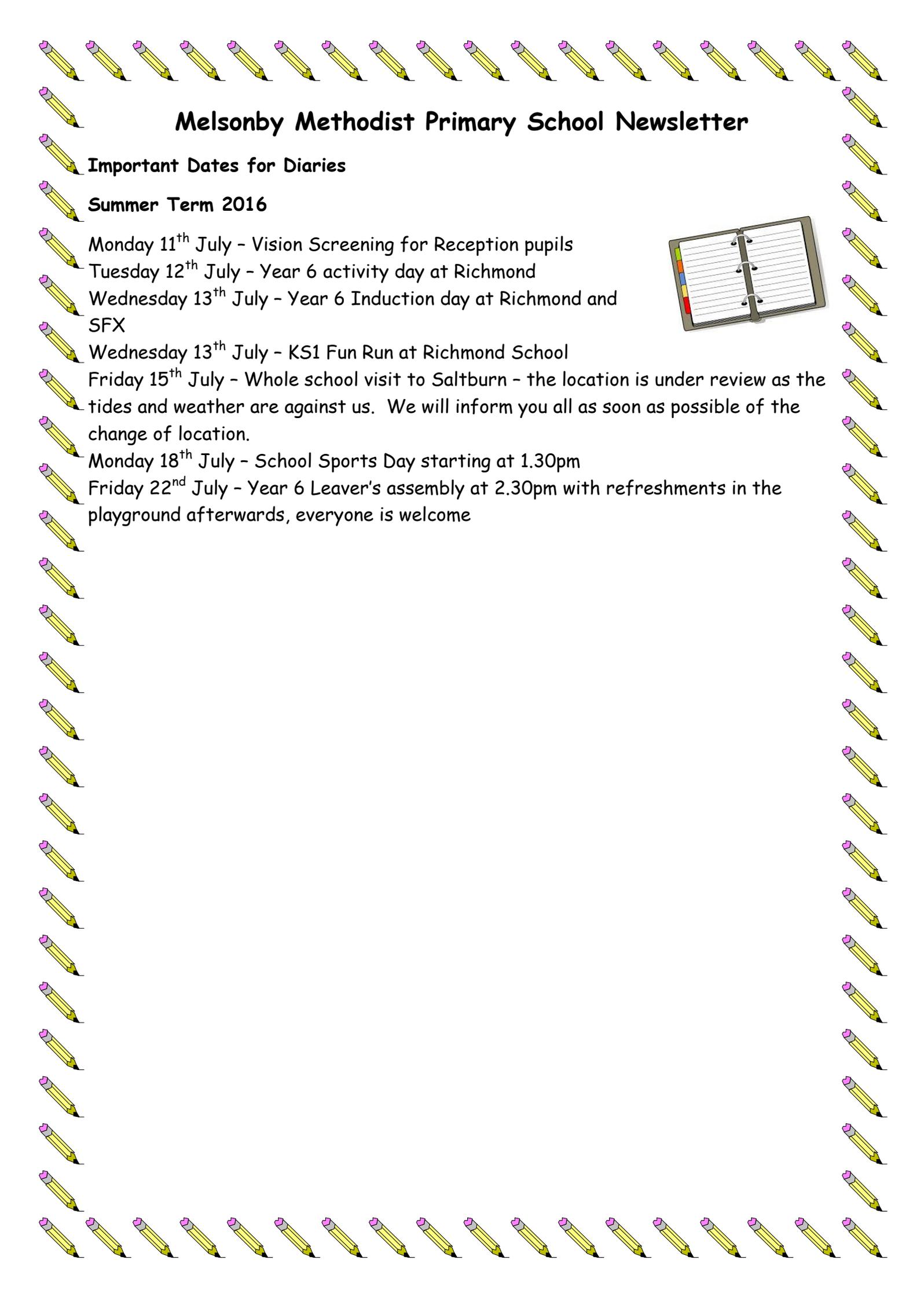


Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the governing body for a parent representative. Please speak to Mr Watson for more information.

Key Stage 2 SATS 2016

The 2016 key Stage 2 assessments are the first which assess the new, more challenging national curriculum which was introduced in 2014. Our Year 6 pupils have, once again, achieved brilliant results with 100% achieving the expected scale score of 100 in Reading, English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths with most exceeding that score. Congratulations to them and a just reward for all the hard work they have put in. Very well done Year 6 you should be very pleased with yourselves.



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Important Dates for Diaries

Summer Term 2016

Monday 11th July - Vision Screening for Reception pupils

Tuesday 12th July - Year 6 activity day at Richmond

Wednesday 13th July - Year 6 Induction day at Richmond and SFX

Wednesday 13th July - KS1 Fun Run at Richmond School

Friday 15th July - Whole school visit to Saltburn - the location is under review as the tides and weather are against us. We will inform you all as soon as possible of the change of location.

Monday 18th July - School Sports Day starting at 1.30pm

Friday 22nd July - Year 6 Leaver's assembly at 2.30pm with refreshments in the playground afterwards, everyone is welcome

