

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 9th October 2015

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who shared our Harvest Festival Service last week. A phenomenal amount of food was kindly donated to the Food Storehouse based in Richmond.

Global's Make Some Noise Charity



On Thursday the 8th of October our children dressed for Global's Make Some Noise Day.

Created by Global, the media and entertainment group, Global's Make Some Noise is a charity that helps to change young lives.

They do this by supporting specially selected projects up and down the country, which deliver life-changing work to youngsters and their families in their communities. They are often small, operating on a shoestring, or tackling an issue that is little understood. Our children and staff showed their support of this project by 'dressing loud', as you can see in the photograph above.



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Story Telling



This is Dyslexia Awareness Week and the local support group, Dyslexia Network Plus arranged a visit by the Story Teller, Taffy Thomas to the Pavilion at Richmond School. Our Y3 and Y4 children joined children from Barton and Ravensworth and were captivated listening and interacting with stories, riddles and learned some new rhyming slang - they will now be going up the 'apples and pears' to bed this evening!

Holiday Clubs

Unfortunately due to a low number of people interested in sending their children to a holiday club at Melsonby School we have had to put these plans on the back burner, certainly for autumn half term. We will look into the possibility of running a holiday club over the Easter and / or summer holidays with more flexible timings and with a competitive daily rate.

Parent forum

A parent Forum has been organised for Thursday November the 12th at 6.00pm in school. Everyone is invited to share your views about school. The Parent Forum provides a means for parents to meet to discuss general school-related issues. The Parent Forum will provide a valuable way to listen to your ideas and concerns and seek your views, helping to ensure the needs of the children and families are met.

School Open Day

On Wednesday we are holding a school open day for perspective parents and their children who may wish to start at Melsonby School in September, if not earlier. This event has been advertised around the major day nurseries in Darlington. There will also be a Stay and Play afternoon in Class 1 starting at 1.30pm until 3.00pm. All our current parents are also very welcome to drop in and say hello.

Residential Trip to Longrigg

We wish all of our children and as well as our friends from Ravensworth a very happy and exciting residential trip. I'm sure you all will have loads of fun and have lots of fantastic things to share with us on your return.



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Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2015/2016

Autumn Term 2015

Tuesday 8 September	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 23 October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 2 November	School re-opens after Half Term
Friday 18 December	End of Term

Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 5 January	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 12 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 22 February	School re-opens after Half Term
Friday 24 th March	End of Term

Summer Term 2016

Tuesday 12 April	School re-opens to pupils
Monday 2 May	May Day Holiday
Friday 27 May	School closes for Half Term
Tuesday 6 June	School re-opens after Half Term
Friday 22 July	End of Term

Staff Training Days

- Monday 7 September 2015
- Monday 4 January 2016
- Monday 11 April 2016

Celebration Assemblies

Every Friday we will hold a Celebration Assembly at 3.10pm to celebrate what our children have accomplished during the week. All parents and members of the community are more than welcome to attend.

Lunch Money - Years 3-6

The cost of school meals remains at £11.25 per week. May we remind you that money for school meals should be sent to school on a Monday morning for the week ahead in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. Any cheques should be made payable to Melsonby School BAFS Account.

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Dates for Diaries

Whole school swimming lessons every Monday afternoon until Monday 23rd of November

Monday 12th October - football match at North South Cowton for Year 5 and 6 pupils starting at 4.00pm

Wednesday 14th October - there will be a school open day for all perspective parents to come and visit the school. All our current parents are very welcome to drop in also.

Monday 19th October - Year 5 / 6 Residential trip. Returning on Thursday 22nd October

Friday 23rd October - Half term holiday

Monday 2nd November - School re-opens

Tuesday 3rd November - Whole school parent's evening

Thursday 5th November - Malcolm Cundick (school governor) leading school assembly at 10.15am

Friday 6th November - Class 2's Class Assembly @ 3.00pm everyone is very welcome to attend

Thursday 12th November - Parent Forum at 6.00pm

Tuesday 17th November - Whole School Open Day

Tuesday 17th November - Class 1 Stay and Play afternoon from 1.30pm until 3.00pm

