

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Heads Up!

Happy Friday!

The great outdoors - It was fantastic to see pupils walking through the village in their outdoor clothing having completed an outdoor session in the woods with Kat. Huge thanks to Judith and Sue who accompanied them. The outdoor education the pupils receive at the school is a huge strength and it is fantastic to see pupils engaging in issues surrounding their local environment.



Love one another, encourage curiosity and foster resilience
'School Values Certificates' recognise those pupils that showcase the values outlined in the school vision. This may not always happen at school, if you think that your child has showcased any of the school values at home please speak to a member of staff and we can organise a certificate to be presented to them in assembly.

In 20 years of teaching I thought that I had seen most things but Thursday evening provided a first - a pupil leaving school to go home on a POGO stick! Fantastic to see! I'm going to recommend to Daniel that he takes it to Newcastle at the weekend to ensure they bounce back from a poor performance last week! 😊



I enjoyed watching the show and tell session in class 1 on Thursday afternoon - it was fantastic to hear the children speak with confidence about the things they had brought in. The rest of the pupils were very good at listening and asked some great questions. I also managed to check in with the after-school sports club where pupils were enjoying some cricket coaching. I was very impressed to see overarm bowling from all pupils even those in Class1!

and finally!

I have enjoyed embracing all aspects of school life at Melsonby although I'll need to keep an eye on my waistline after enjoying a lovely school meal this week and discovering there is a great chip van in the village on Thursday evenings!

This weekend my top tip is to embrace the great outdoors! I'd love to see pictures of pupils enjoying the outdoors - they can be emailed into school or brought in.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mr Linsley

Visit to Beamish Museum



Last Thursday, the whole school had a fantastic day exploring Beamish Museum. The children particularly enjoyed the tram ride and going back in time in the old town, looking at how things have developed since the Victorian era.

To support their topic on Florence Nightingale, Class 1 took part in a workshop 'Meet the Nightingale Nurse'.

They trained how to be nurses to treat the soldiers. Their tasks included making nourishing food (ginger biscuits), keeping rooms clean and learning bandaging skills from a local doctor.

Class 2 listened to the tale of 'The Lambton Worm'. As part of their literacy work the children will be writing non-chronological reports based on the story.

Of course, we had to include a visit to the traditional sweet shop and we bought a bag of sweets each to bring home!

A big thank you to the Friends of Melsonby School for their generous contributions towards the cost of this trip.

Love of Reading!



We are delighted to have a fully operational library, with an exciting range of up to date books from all the latest children's authors. The teaching staff have spent hours and hours making the library perfect for our children. Both Mrs Davison and I, have given up weekends and holidays trying to organise, log and label all the new books. We hand-picked every single book that was purchased to include: the children's recommendations; researched texts from professionals within the education sector and our own knowledge of the children. The library

has been updated with support from 'The Friends of Melsonby School' they have paid for the books, comfy new bean bags and a beautiful rug, that brightens the room, arrived this week. All the children are enjoying their weekly library time and have the opportunity to borrow books to either share with a parent or read independently.

You have probably noticed that in addition to the library, we now have a brand-new reading scheme! This scheme (Big Cat Phonics) is in line with the teaching of 'Letters and Sounds,' which is a government recommended approach to teaching phonics. Because we are a small school, we only have 12 books for each colour band. Since launching the scheme a month ago, we have lots of positive feedback and OFSTED liked it!

However, we are sad to see that already, 2 books are missing from the reading scheme and 2 brand new library books have also not been returned. The value of these books is around £40. Please can you support us and assist your children with caring for our books. The reading scheme books should be used, and returned to your child's book bag - they need to be in school daily. The library books can stay at home until they have been read. Class 2 have library time every Friday and Class 1 every Thursday. This is the only day they are allowed to change the books as we record all the books that are on loan, they are signed off when they are returned.

Unfortunately, we are going to have to charge parents £5 for each book that goes missing, which is a small contribution to the actual cost.

Thank you for your support.

REMINDERS

PE Kit

Can you please ensure that your child/children have in school the correct P.E. kit.

Our PE kit consists of:

- White/blue t-shirts
- Blue/black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- plimsolls/trainers

Indoor Shoes

We ask that all children have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when they come to school to help keep the carpets clean.

Parent Pay

Please could we remind everyone that your Parent Pay accounts for lunches and wrap around care must be kept in credit. There is an option to click on a box within the system which will alert you when your accounts are running low. Please could we ask everyone to opt into this so that the need for reminders from school is reduced.

Many thanks for your co-operation

Forest School – Years 3, 4 and 5

The remaining sessions for this half term will be held on:

Thursday 6th February

Thursday 13th February



Cockin Trust – early grants available

The Cockin Trust are now inviting early applications for grants to be awarded at our next meeting, in March 2020.

If you would like to apply on behalf of your child, please ask Miss Rush for an application form, or alternatively you can email the secretary, Mrs Gail Smith at gales@btinternet.com and a form will be sent to you electronically.

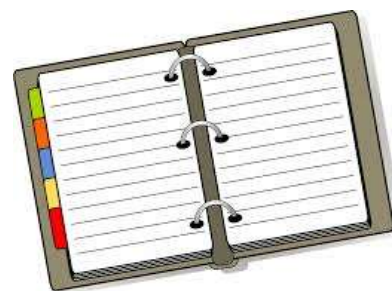
You can return a hard copy of your application to Miss Rush at school, or email it to the address above.

Applications must be received by Tuesday 10th March to be considered at the next meeting of the trustees.

Dates for Diaries

Swimming every Monday until 23rd March

Celebration Assembly every Friday at 3:10pm – everyone welcome



Dates	Events	
Wednesday 12 th February	FOMS Film Night	Please book with a donation of £2 by Friday 7 th February
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term	
Monday 24 th February	School re-opens after half term	
Friday 6 th March	Visit from West End in Schools 1:30pm	
Monday 23 rd March	Last swimming session for this term	
Wednesday 25 th March	FOMS Easter Coffee Morning 9:30 -11:00am	More information to follow
Friday 3 rd April	End of Term	
Monday 20 th April	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 21 st April	School re-opens to pupils	