

Melsonby Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

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Friday 17th January 2020

I would like to thank the school community for the warm welcome I have received since becoming Acting Executive Headteacher in January. I have had an enjoyable two weeks as I've started to get to know staff and particularly pupils and parents further. Despite being unable to open the door on my first day, locking staff out and finding out there is a Newcastle fan in school I have really enjoyed my time at Melsonby.

Currently my timetable is very flexible across the three schools but I will always be at Melsonby as a general rule on Friday afternoons. The school celebration assembly is an important part of the week where we can come together and share in the achievements pupils have had throughout the week. Parents, family and friends are always welcome to join us. I hope to share a more regular timetable with you all as the term progresses however I am currently enjoying the opportunity to experience different aspects of school life throughout the week. This week I have had the pleasure of watching pupils enjoy a visit from Florence Nightingale, research work on National Parks and facts about the Crimean War. I have been impressed by the learning opportunities provided by teachers in English and Maths lessons and the keenness of pupils to engage in their learning.

I have explained to pupils how much I value manners, politeness and a willingness to listen to teachers and do their very best. These attributes are very much in evidence throughout the school as is the commitment to Christian faith and the values of encouraging curiosity and fostering resilience.

I would like the opportunity to get to know parents better and understand their thoughts and opinions about the school in order to move forwards together throughout the rest of the year. I would like to invite parents to a coffee afternoon on Thursday 23rd at 2:30pm in the school hall. If you are unable to make this but would like to chat please feel free to make an appointment at the office.

Many Thanks
Mr R Linsley

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A visit from Florence Nightingale

What a fabulous start Class 1 have had to their new topic.

This week we were lucky enough to have a surprise visit from Florence Nightingale! She wandered into our classroom after taking a wrong turn along the corridors of St Thomas's Hospital. She very kindly stayed and told us all about her life as a child growing up in a wealthy family and how she longed to be a nurse. Florence studied hard and eventually was asked to go to Crimea in Russia to nurse the wounded soldiers during the war. She described how dirty the hospital was and how the conditions spread germs and caused the soldiers to become worse not better! Her hard work with her team of nurses made the hospital a clean and safe place where the soldiers could be nursed back to health.

We were fascinated to see her in real life and she answered many questions for us including "How it felt to see the wounded soldiers" and "why she wanted to be a nurse."

Thank you for visiting us Florence!

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.

Whole School visit to Beamish

Just a reminder that we will be taking all children to Beamish Museum next Thursday, 23rd January. We are aiming to arrive back at school for approximately 3:45pm. Consent forms need to be returned to school and payments made via Parent Pay by **Tuesday 21st January**. Thank you.

Forest School – Years 3, 4 and 5

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

- Friday 24th January
- Thursday 30th January
- Thursday 6th February
- Thursday 13th February



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Dates for Diaries

Swimming every Monday until 23rd March

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

Dates	Events	
Thursday 23 rd January	Whole School visit to Beamish Museum	Letter sent out on 15/01/20. Return of consent form and payment by 21/01/20.
Thursday 23 rd January	Coffee Afternoon – 2:30pm	
Thursday 23 rd January	FOMS meeting – 3:30pm	
Wednesday 12 th February	FOMS Film Night	More information to follow
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	