

Melsonby Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

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Heads Up!

I would like to thank everyone for their support during the first half-term of my role as Interim-Executive Headteacher. It has been a pleasure getting to know staff, governors, parents and pupils of this lovely school. I have enjoyed getting stuck into my new role and I'm looking forward to the forthcoming terms and helping support learning and building on the curriculum opportunities provided for pupils.

Parking

A number of parents have caught me about the increasing number of vehicles parking on the yellow 'zig-zags' directly outside of the school. I appreciate that parking close to school can be tricky but please respect the yellow lines and do not park on them. Children can exit at speed through the gate on bikes and scooters and I would not want any accidents to happen. I have contacted the local PCSO and requested they complete some random spot checks, as will staff. Pupils in the school council also raised the issue of speeding in the village particularly past the school and are concerned that vehicles don't adhere to the speed limit, this is also something they want to raise with the Parish Council and local PCSO.

I enjoyed watching the end of Toy Story 4 with pupils at the film club on Wednesday night - it was a lovely event and huge thanks to the 'FOMS' for organising it!

I would like to wish everyone a happy half-term and a special Valentine's Day. My gift of tickets to watch Sunderland away at Coventry wasn't very appreciated!

Thanks for your continued support.

Mr Linsley

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

Catering Photography

A representative from Marketing Services at North Yorkshire County Council would like to come into school at lunchtime on Tuesday 25th February to take some photographs to promote school meals. The photo session will cover kitchen preparation, food service and children enjoying their lunch. This is fantastic recognition for Sarah and her super school meals!

We still have a few outstanding NYCC Photography and video consent forms. Please could they be completed and returned to Miss Rush on Monday 24th February. Thank you.



A message from The 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.



News from Class 1

We took part in the RSPB's Big Schools Birdwatch. We went outside armed with binoculars and clipboards to observe and note down all the birds we could find.

We saw lots of blackbirds, pigeons, crows, jackdaws and a woodpecker. We were really excited when we saw a robin as that was our favourite bird!

We then counted our results and entered them into the RSPB website. The blackbird was the most popular bird we saw and we discovered, as we entered our results that it was the most popular bird nationally in 2019.

We would really like to see more birds visit our area so we made bird feeders and hung them around our play area.

We can't wait to see if the birds have been enjoying them!



News from Class 2



During their last Forest School session this term, pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed toasting marshmallows on sticks that they had whittled and drinking hot chocolate. Taking inspiration from the natural world, they talked about what they would 'stick' with, what 'rocked' and what they would 'leaf behind' from their Forest School experiences. Some suggestions were 'sticking with getting outdoors and spending less time on the tablet', 'sticking with making more crafts from things in nature' and



'sticking with caring more for wild places'. Everything 'rocked' and they would like to 'leaf behind' old arguments. Sounds like some useful lessons have been learnt!

A message from the School Student Council

Attention all food fans

The school student council have decided to solve a problem- we don't want to be hungry anymore!
Snacks are coming to Melsonby School!

We will have:

- Crackers
- Cheese
- Rice Cakes
- Pressed fruit bars
- Anything Mrs Simpson considers to be healthy!

It will be 30p a snack and the school council will run the store at morning break. If you don't bring money don't expect to get a snack!

This is going to run for half a term (this is our trial period.) Use it or lose it!
Thank you.

Dates for Diaries

Swimming every Monday until 23rd March
Celebration Assembly every Friday at 3:10pm – everyone welcome



Dates	Events	
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 Bringing Books to Life, 1:30pm	
Thursday 12 th March	Reward visit to 4Motion, Darlington 1.30-3.30pm	Letter to follow after half term
Thursday 19 th March	Parents' Evening, 3.40-5.40pm	
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	