

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Another week and another set of guidelines. I would like to start by thanking parents this week for their support and understanding. It is a challenging time for schools but also for the wider community with uncertainty over jobs and rising infection rates. Attendance at school has remained positive and we are doing everything we can to ensure we protect our 'bubble' and ensure children have the opportunity to thrive in a learning environment that supports and encourages them to achieve their best. It has been lovely to watch them settle back into school life and engage in the different learning opportunities provided. We are hoping to offer a structured Parents Evening after half-term - hopefully face to face if guidelines permit.

Online

The school has been working hard to ensure we are prepared for any circumstances that may see bubbles closed and have invested in Microsoft TEAMS as a platform for pupils to engage in online learning with Teachers if needed. Teachers and pupils will be receiving training on this during the half-term. Please watch out for a questionnaire next week that we would like you to complete to give us a better idea about the facilities you have at home to support your child in online learning.

Local and National Updates

There are a number of updates attached to the letter from North Yorkshire County Council and the NHS that we have been asked to distribute - please make the time to read them and take note of any advice provided.

Finally

It was great to see the Great British Bake Off return this week there was a collective in-take of breath in the Linsley household when the Pineapple upside down cakes were knocked on the floor! I'm not too sure about the showstopper challenge to make a person's head but I was interested in Battenberg - a childhood favourite! It has inspired me to have a go this weekend (or just buy one)! I'll let you know how I get on! Feel free to share any pictures of your baking success stories and we'll put them in the newsletter next week!!

Many thanks for your continued support
Mr Linsley



Change of date for school photographer

The school photographer's visit to take individual photos has changed from **Wednesday 21st October to Tuesday 13th October**. Please note that due to current circumstances, Richard is unable to do photographs with any pre-school siblings.

Friends of Melsonby School

Friends of Melsonby School AGM meeting, Sunday 11th Oct, 8pm virtual via Zoom. Everyone is welcome, we are always looking for more parents to join the Friends committee. If you are interested please email Carla.jackson1@gmail.com

Reminders

School Meals

All dinner monies must be paid in advance via Parent Pay. Lunches are free for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 and £2.75 per day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Parent Pay

Please could we remind everyone that your Parent Pay account 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.

PE

On Wednesday's children need to come to school already dressed in their PE kit. Shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms, PE T-shirt and school jumper and trainers.

Flu Immunisations

The Childhood Flu Immunisation Team will be in our school in November to administer the immunisations (nasal) to children from Year Reception to Year 6. Please follow the instructions to register your child/ren as per the email that was sent out on 17th September.

Secondary School Applications – September 2021

All parents of pupils in our current Year 6 were issued with North Yorkshire County Council application letters on 11th September via e-mail. Please note that the deadline for your preferences is **31st October 2020**.



Dates for Diaries

Dates	Events	
Wednesday 30 th September	Deposit due for KS2 Residential visit to Robinwood - June 2021	Year 3 parents
Sunday 11 th October	Friends of Melsonby School AGM meeting, 8.00pm via Zoom	
Tuesday 13 th October <i>*new date*</i>	School Photographer to take individual pupil photographs	
Sunday 18 th October	Deadline for consent form for flu immunisation	
Friday 23 rd October	School closes for half term	
Saturday 31 st October	Deadline for applications for a secondary school place 2021	Year 6 parents
Monday 2 nd November	School re-opens after half term	
Friday 6 th November	Flu Immunisation	
Friday 18 th December	End of term	