

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 2nd October 2020

Bake-Off, Write-Off!!

I had a disappointing first foray into cupcake baking as you can see from the pictures! On the positive side I did buy a packet of Mr Kiplings Mini Battenbergs and they were much nicer!



We continue to have no positive cases in school although as infection rates continue to increase it is important we remain aware of the health and safety protocols. My thoughts and best wishes are with you all and your families. Your children continue to bring joy and enthusiasm. We continue to assess where they are and make plans to ensure we are able to support them effectively in their learning.

Take care and stay SAFC - I mean safe.

Mr Linsley

A message from the Federation Governing Body

Executive Headteacher (EHT) Recruitment Update

Our EHT post was advertised on 28 August in the Times Education Supplement, the DfE website and the NYCC Vacancies website. Applications have been made online with a closing date of Sunday 27 September.

Shortlisting is taking place this week.

We cannot follow normal recruitment procedures because of Covid-19; we need to ensure the safety of the children and staff and we cannot therefore interview in the usual way on school premises. All parts of our Interview panel's work will be conducted online, not face-to-face. Some 7 or 8 headteacher appointments in North Yorkshire have already been completed this way.

Candidates will be able to access a photographic tour of the two schools.

With HR advice and using Microsoft Teams or Zoom, we plan to include in our final 2-day Assessment Event (12-13 October) the full menu of interview exercises including a Pupil Panel.

Stuart Priestley
Chair of Governors

Harvest Celebration

On Friday 9th October we will be holding our Harvest Celebration. Sadly due to the current restrictions we are unable to invite parents and friends into school to join us in giving thanks. If anyone would like to donate an item of tinned food, there will be a collection box at the school gate from Monday 5th October. All donations received will be given to Storehouse Foodbank, Richmond. Thank you.



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

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.

Community Harvest Festival Celebration



The children have been very busy and have worked so hard to create a wonderful display as part of the Community Harvest Festival Celebration at Stanwick St John Church on Sunday 4th October, 2.00-4.00 pm.

Please do pop along to have a look if you can.

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	
Friday 9 th October	Harvest Celebration	
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 at 11.00am for pupils who have been registered	
Friday 18 th December	End of term	