

Melsonby Methodist Primary School

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Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2020

Friends of Melsonby School

It was great to meet with the parents who are involved in the FOMS, at a time when school funding is being fiercely debated and usual revenue streams are being cut off. It was fantastic to hear the thoughts of a committed group of parents who are dedicated to improving funding for the children in school. The FOMS has had phenomenal success during previous years and has provided extra resources that all children have benefitted from. It currently appears that we will be unable to hold a Christmas Fayre but already there are plans in place to provide alternative suggestions. WATCH THIS SPACE! Thank you to everyone who is involved or who has supported the FOMS over the years.

In what has been an extremely challenging half-term for everyone, I would like to sincerely thank parents, pupils and the whole Melsonby staff TEAM for ensuring we have managed to remain open and provide everyone with some much needed stability. I am under no illusions that the rates of infection are spreading in our local area but we feel that we are better prepared for any bubble closures and that by working together we can support each other.

I hope everyone manages to have a restful half-term and is able to spend time with their family and friends guidelines allowing!

Many thanks
Mr Linsley

(I would normally finish with a Sunderland based comment but since I've stopped mentioning them they appear to be doing quite well!)

Applying for a Primary School place for September 2021

If you have child (born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017) you will need to apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception in September 2021.

The information you need to apply for a primary school place is available at

www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2021

Bonfire Special Lunch – Thursday 5th November



We shall be holding a "Bonfire" themed lunch on Thursday 5th November. Sarah will be serving a hot dog banger in a homemade bread finger, baked potato wedges, a fountain of baked beans and vegetable sticks followed by toffee apple crumble cake for dessert.

If your child normally brings a packed meal and would like to have the Bonfire Special lunch please let Miss Rush know by Monday 2nd November. The cost is £2.75 and is payable via Parent Pay.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

We will once again be supporting the Children in Need appeal on Friday 13th November.

We shall be having a non-uniform day and we would like everyone to dress up in spots, stripes or brightly coloured clothing. We kindly ask for a suggested donation of £1 in aid of this worthwhile cause. Many thanks.



Reminders

FINAL REMINDER - 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**

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 sweatshirt and trainers.

Water bottles

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school every day to keep hydrated during lessons. Your child's water bottle should contain **plain water only**. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for Diaries

Dates	Events	
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	
Thursday 5 th November	Bonfire Special Lunch	
Friday 6 th November	Flu immunisation for pupils who have been registered	
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need – non uniform day	
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch	
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Party	
Friday 18 th December	End of term	
2021		
Monday 4 th January	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 5 th January	School re-opens to pupils	